



IPO – Increasing People Opportunities is an Italian non-profit organization committed to operate in the area of sustainable management of natural resources and related health researches and income generating activities for development. IPO is sensitive to environment biodiversity and cultural diversity, to an harmonic and compatible human pressure. IPO is working in Ethiopia for the project Managing dryland natural gum and aromatic resin production to integrate pastoralists sustainable economic benefits with desertification control and biodiversity conservation, now in progress within the framework of the EU-funded FS project in Somali and Oromia Regional States.

IPO is specialized in income generating activities based on distillation of several endemic aromatic plants. IPO work with local cooperatives to give them tools and know-how about distillation process and the production of essential oils to sell in the export market and through the fair trade channels.

IPO has developed a local-built new distillation unit, easy to install and operate, maximizing fuel-consumption, avoiding firewood and keeping an high rate of condensation and high-quality essential oil produced exclusively with stainless-steel machinery. IPO is involved also in distillation training for the COOPI Addis Ababa vocational project IPO is carrying out a research project on a comparative investigation on the antifungal properties of indigenous wild tyme with locally distilled essential oils.

Actually IPO is supporting the following cooperatives and communities:

Site name	Name of cooperative	Type of gum produced	Membership fee/person (kg)
Ayinle	Halgan	Foah	10
Bokolmayo	Al-amin Bokolmayo	Molmol	10
Chereti	Al-amin Chereti	Abakhadi (essential oil)	-
Hargele	Ayen Beden Hargele	Molmol	20
		Abakhadi	10
Habaltiri	Nasib Beden Habaltiri	Abakhadi	30
Melka guba /Bulbul*	Waldaa Ancha Badadaa	Ancha gurracha	10
Galgalu	Tawakal Agarsu	Agarsu (<i>uur</i>)	20
Chilanko	Agarsu Chilanko	Agarsu (<i>uur</i>)	20
Kadaduma	Agarsu Liban	Agarsu (<i>uur</i>)	20
Moyale	Not established	Agarsu (essential oil)	-

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Distillation training, Addis Abeba vocational project



Distillation training, Chereti EU-FS project



IPO distillation unit stainless steel prototype



Women empowerment through cooperative creation



Distillation: women opportunity



Filtu Workshop 'Form Tree to Market'



Filtu 'House of Council', Workshop gathering: from Moyale to Gode



Women at work: filling the gap from lowland to highland, experience transferring



Cleaning, sorting and grading to make oleo-gum resins ready for international markets