




Women and Food

Climate change



Ethiopia Recovering degraded land

Climatic changes threaten to significantly increase hunger and malnutrition. WFP works with governments and communities to help them adapt to a changing climate and cushion the impact of natural hazards. In Ethiopia, WFP helps poor farmers manage land better, so that it becomes more productive. The MERET project has provided people with food assistance in return for work in environmental programmes, such as reforesting barren hillsides, restoring springs and rainwater ponds, rebuilding agricultural terraces and building feeder roads.



“The well gave me access to water and changed my life”.

Hiwot Gebre-Tsadka is a single mother of three in the Abraha Atsbaha region. Until a few years ago, the land was covered by sand and unable to provide people with a living. Through MERET, villagers built terraces and dams to stop water from carrying away top soil. Then they helped Hiwot build a well outside her house allowing her to grow fruit and vegetables. “The money I received from selling guava and lemon allowed me not only to send my children to school but also to build a house,” she said. She has grown and earned more each year.



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