

# The Role of Women in Enset Value Chain the Cause of Dawuro Zone, Snnprs, Ethiopia

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#### Abstract

In Dawuro zone Enset were produced in 184 kebele and 141,188 household consume used it as main food source. Annually 843,904, 05 quintal kocho and bulla on average from 42,194 ha of Enset farming land produced and the average volume of kocho and bulla produced per ha is 2000.06 quintal. In the zone 80 varieties of local Enset cultivars and out of this 44 cultivars grouped in to male Enset type and 36 are female Enset type based on their kocho, bulla and fiber productivity and quality. While the area potential is not known it may needs intervention on Enset varieties classification on its kocho, bulla and fiber qualities and its importance on family food self-sustainability level related with short period harvesting varieties. To these end 315 sample Enset producers, non-producers and different level traders identified from 30 kebele of three woredas. Based on the finding the area potential is affected by family size, education level, source of income, volume of bulla and kocho produced from single Enset, market center distance, extension access, land size, significantly at 1% and choice of staple food plant at 10% respectively

**Keywords**: Enset, area potential, kocho, bulla, fiber and Enset verities classification

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Enset is one of the most important staple food plants in southern, south eastern and south western Ethiopia. Dawuro zone is one of the zone in which the largest share of the total population depends on Enset plant for their food for the level of consumption in household and for marketing. Enset plant grown in all of the zone at different agro-ecology and the large share is located in high and middle altitude (Dega and Woynadega) and the fewer shares located in low altitude (kola). Enset plant in the zone considered as an indication of individual household's source of wealth and main source of food that secure an individual farmer household family in food self-sufficiency. If an individual farm household has a potential Enset plant (productive and well managed) by using indigenous knowledge, it grants the household income be secured rather expending for food crop purchase. The community in the zone assures that, an individual's specially farmer house hold who has a sufficient Enset plant or at least 0.25 hectare and above holder, is food secured household at family level and if the household head holds two and above cattle including the above introduced level of Enset plant, men shined as food secured at household level and economically strong in the community and even has full right to get couples to be married. Even though the social and economic value of the Enset plant ownrity at household level is too high in the community, while the role of men and women in Enset planting, and farm management has no clear demarcations between man and women for the long period of time with related to indigenous knowledge and regulations, but processing, storage and marketing activities has a clear demarcation between man and women in the community. The work load in the area performed by women groups such as farm management (duping animal dug and west materials between plants) processing, storage, transporting and marketing activities handled by women groups and it is culturally taboo for male group to process, store, and transport to market place and selling the Enset produce, therefore, it creates miserable conditions for women in participation and achievement of education and other public and political issues. In addition to that women use very poor and manual tools to Enset processing and transporting, which consume much working time and face them tedious work load, that affect their efficiency and success in the community with compared to man. Even though, the plant play dominant role in its staple food supply, its production and management activates in the area looks like given week attentions by the responsible body and stockholders. Its agronomy practice is all in all depends on indigenous knowledge and skills and there is poor extension supply in the community, that results less productivities for each specific plant and affecting by disease and it needs special attentions. In the area there is no research and development programs related to Enset plant productivity improvement and its value addition process on one hand and reduction of Enset plant attacking disease and its causes and impacts on anther hands. Resource owning and decision making power varies between man and women in the society and it inclines toward to man and it creates biased resource shear and own right. The area potential and the volume of produce at household level is not known and its economic value and food securing capacity within low production, processing and marketing cost is yet not considered scientifically. Currently food non security and shortage is the main problem of the country, whereas Enset plant can give high quantity and quality produce within small household farm land with least cost of production, technology and less skilled manpower and can reduce the problem of food shortage in the region as well as throughout the country, if its production and processing activities supported by scientific research and development program. Ethiopia has the capacity to produce more



from Enset plant to be self-food secured, which can help as one of the best food ingredient to supply for fully give every person the daily requirement of the balanced diet. The main problem in Enset producer household is the inability to produce at a commercial scale and the loss of its product during processing, the improper storage of the final produce before consumption and lack of knowledge about nutrition (Clark, 2006). Even though there is enough food, the people are not accustomed to vary their meal to fulfill the nit nutritional requirement. This is due to the lack of knowledge of the people on the balanced diet, the lack of income to purchase foods, and to use different raw materials as a source of food. Now day industrialization is growing at a much faster rate and among this, food and beverage processing industries cover most of the percentages (Asres and Omprakashr, 2014). Enset plant is very important to supply industrial row materials as input and the zone has huge potential as compared to others in the regions. The plant naturally resist drought, improve soil fertility and it has wet holding capacity compared to other plants. Therefore, giving due attention on this plant helps to solve food security problem at zonal, regional, country level and can generate reasonable income for producers, local traders, wholesalers and consumers. To perform well and to obtain sufficient processed food row material from Enset plant, it is mandatory that improving its production and processing activities by supporting gender sensitive value chain is very important.

More than 20 percent population of the country, concentrated in the highlands of southern and south eastern Ethiopia, depend upon Enset for human food, fiber, animal forage, construction materials, medicines, means of earning cash income and insurance against hunger. Kocho and bulla processing equipment design is very crucial to upgrade the traditional processing towards modern style where might turn the value added kocho and bulla based on product for domestic as well as export market. The whole plant design focused on transforming the traditional, which is unhygienic and tiresome, too efficient and quality guaranteed industrial level. Using Enset plant as raw material kocho and bulla flour is produced for large scale industry which is easy to handle and use (Asres and Omprakashr, 2014). Therefore Dawuro zone is one of the outstanding Enset plant accommodated Zone in Ethiopia and its resource potential is yet not known in the country. The role of female in Enset processing, marketing, the work load of female yet not studied the area potential with its drought resisting and food security sustaining potential is yet not analyzed scientifically.

#### 1.1. Statement of the Problem

Enset is being the oldest staple food crop in Dawuro zone and its genetic diversity yet not studied and its historical back ground when, the plant was started as source of food vegetal is not yet scientifically identified. In the zone more than 90 % of the total population depends on Enset plant for their home consumption and marketing as main food crop while, the area potentials is yet not studied scientifically. Except indigenous knowledge, Enset affecting disease and factors such as wild animal, more rat and Enset bacterial wilt, and its preventive techniques is not yet studied in the area. The plant play main role in income generating potential for female groups than male and in its production, processing and marketing channel the role of male and female is not scientifically investigated so far. Market channel of the area is not assessed and the role of actors in the chain is not identified. Therefore, current study was address to fill the gap of knowing of Enset potential of the area, its economic value and how the smallholder farmers were sustain their household food self-sufficiency by collectively and individually from Enset production were addressed. In addition, what factors affect the Enset value chain, who acts what or chain actor's role and the intervention mechanism needed in the area to sustain the value addition of Enset produce and its market channel analysis have been addressed to fill the gap.

#### 1.2. General Objective

To analyze the value chain of Enset plant, and the significant role playing capacity of women in the channel

#### 1.3. Specific Objectives

- 1. To assess the role of gender in Enset production, processing and marketing value chain
- 2. To identify the market channel of Enset produces (kocho and bulla)

## 1.4. Research Questions

- 1. How much area of cultivable land covered in Enset plant in the zone (Woreda?) per household?
- 2. How much Kg of processed kocho and bulla obtained from a single matured Enset plant?
- 3. How many birr does one Kg processed kocho and bulla soled?
- 4. In Enset production, processing and marketing chain, holding the large share of workload and responsibilities belongs to whom?
- 5. Is there any government and non-governmental institution which support Enset production and processing chain?



#### 1.5. Scope and Limitation of the Study

The scope of this study covers three woreda out of five in the Zone and it can creates information foundation for farther analysis for interested scholars. It helps producers, how to increase productivity and self sustain in household food supply, increasing economic value or household income generating capacity improvement techniques, and awareness creation about Enset produce value addition techniques. Enset plant disease is the main factor to reduce productivity and species in the area and this study may reason out the role of each actor in the chain. Apart from this the local, regional and federal government may benefited by using the study to understand the area potential, the capacity of Enset plant to alleviate drought and its impacts, in the community, regional level and through out the country. The study finding may help for all interestd governmental, non governmental organizations and individual stockholders as information to improve Enset production and productivities in the area and its value addition to benefit the producers, traders and consumers. Market channel analysis of the produce in the study helps producers, local traders, distributers and final consumers as information source by identifying the destination market, because there was no scientific studied conducted in the area yet. Its limitation is related to budget constraints and time limitation, only 30 potentially Enset producing kebeles are included in the study and it does not cover all of the woredas in the zone and as wall as extra woredas from the regions, while, the study is very important if it handled with regional level, because currently food shortage in the country is main problem as result of weather condition disturbance whereas, Enset plant can resist any drought factors not less than two years and within bad weather condition the plant is productive and also without artificial fertilizers (by using household disposal) the plant can increase productivities and soil fertility in advance. Therefore, it needs important attention on the plant productivity improvement through extension communication, area diversification (non Enset producer regions) and awareness creation to its value addition is very important points to this study to alleviate food shortage in the area and in the country.

#### 1.6. Significance of the Study

In the study area more than 90% of the total population of the zone staple food sourced from Enset plant and until today the Enset plant producer household's doesn't starved in the zone as compared to non-producers. They protected from drought and food shortage problem occurrence as result of the Enset plant existence. It generates income for female group by large and also it boosts to supply household head food self-sustain in the community. Its economic value and value addition processing actor's role yet not identified clearly, it may affect the area potential in one hand and the role of gender in anther hand. Therefore, Current study can help as source of information for conducting farther scientific research and can encourage the actors in the channel by supplying sufficient information.

## 1.7. Organization of the Study

The remaining part of the research thesis organized in to five chapters. The logical foundation of the theoretical and empirical literature of Enset value chain analysis are well discussed in chapter two and chapter three discusses about method of data collection and its methodology design. Then chapter four shows as results and its dissection based on chapter two and three. Chapter five includes conclusion and is the final chapter, it depicts conclusions and policy implications based on the research findings

#### 2. LITERATURE REVIEW

#### 2.1. Theoretical Review

Historically Enset plant is believed in the community that the oldest vegetal in the zone and the ancestors of Dawuro people may be firstly engaged farming system was Enset planting. As result of its originality, the Dawuro ethnic group communally shared and practiced for long period of time that in the family male (son aged above 10 year), traditionally his father give a piece of land for son, order to plant Enset in year based farming system in backyard and the son following his father instruction and practice Enset planting at least 6 and at most 8 years. Hence the boy become owner of sufficient Enset plant together with few cattle, and aged in between 17-20 years, forced by his family to be married because owning sufficient Enset plant with few cattle warrants individual farmer household head recognized to be married in the community. Following this tradition Enset plant used as minimum requirement for marriage and household head status in food self-sustaining level in the community. Enset in Dawuro have been several economic and social functions, such as construction material, source of food and feed, cooking material, local beds, meal dish, roof shelter for time being and permanently constructed housings, income source, criteria of social recognition for farmer household head and cultural acceptances, traditionally one of soil fertility preserving system, and shed for drought season for animal and human being. Therefore, the plant tied with the blood of the community for too long life span. Enset is more productive and drought tolerant perennial crop as compared to annuals, in the zone and "a number of scholars identified its functions as a staple food for about 20 million people in the Southern Ethiopia. According to



thematic area research of Dilla University research and dissemination "Enset plant has many farmer varieties that vary in their corm (hamicho), bulla and Kocho qualities, which are disappearing partly by factors like wild animal pests such as porcupine and more rats. Moreover, useful varieties are highly susceptible to diseases such as Enset bacterial wilt, mealy bug as well as global change in climate. The shortage of farmland per household has reduced livestock size, which in turn has influenced the home garden soil fertility because livestock are sources of organic fertilizer, manure. Therefore, many varieties that are reputed for their hamicho and bulla qualities as well as fast fermentation (Gama in indigenous knowledge) are disappearing many area of southern region while in Dawuro zone; still more than 80 Enset local Varity cultivars exists by passing the challenges. Furthermore, many young farmers with very small plots of farmland were found planting fast growing annual crops than Enset currently and it may harts the Enset plantation unless managed properly. In order to estimate future genetic erosion as well as to preserve this agro biodiversity, there is a need to conduct the diversity and management of existing Enset indigenous cultivars in terms of local knowledge of Enset producers in the area as well as the genetic investigation based on local knowledge is very important.

#### 2.2. Empirical Review

Enset product as a human food was used in the considered households up to 100% level, regardless of the other values of the plant (Dereje, 2009). This urges us to say that this crop have a great importance in the living and culture of the society who grow it. This is without forgetting the complemented value of the other crops in the farming activities, the annual and perennial crops. The Author concluded that there is a limitation of feed sources in quality as well as quantity during the dry period of a year, which has a negative consequence in the livestock production. In dray season most places of the country the farmer practice is to supplement the animals with the crop residues and hay still which result sub-optimal level of nutrient intake. He considering the chemical composition and its mineral content, the Enset leaf can be used as a supplemental feed resource for cattle growers.

Enset (*Enset ventricosum*) is a multipurpose crop and a staple food for about 15 million people in the southern nation nationalities and peoples region. It produces the highest dry matter yield in space and time as compared to other crops in the country Tesfaye, 2013.

Enset Produced in Amaro woreda mainly for household consumption and a small proportion for sale 10 to 20 bigger Enset plants per year consumed/HH. *Enset* covers 61% (8331 ha) out of the total allocated for perennial crops 13,629 ha. The estimated output obtained from Enset production, in the woreda is 42,000 qt of "kocho", 16,500 qt of bulla 4100 qt of fiber per year. Owning a large plantation of *Enset* is a criterion for a woman getting engaged/married (Demekech, 2008).

The function of Enset plant is *Hamicho* the boiled *Enset* corm of usually a younger plant, *Kocho* bulla of fermented starch obtained from the scraped leaf sheaths and grated corm (underground stem) the scraped leaf sheaths, peduncle and grated corm provide *bulla*, which is the white-colored starch concentrate obtained from Enset plant (Demekech,2008).

Enset is very important for food security, especially for women and children who rely heavily on it. The plant can keep producing during long droughts, provides animal fodder in the dry season and protects the soil. That is why cultivation of Enset is an essential element in local households' resilience towards degradation and climatic extremes. Besides, Enset is a very effective crop in storing carbon. Enset is an indigenous multipurpose plant on which more than 15 million people from South-western Ethiopia rely for subsistence. However, the Enset-based farming system severely threatened by bacterial wilt (Xanthomonas). Moreover, income from Enset is low for lack of optimized post-harvest treatments (Feleke, 2015).

Enset is cultivated in subsistence farming systems with little connection of the Producer with the market, low prices, and production mainly for personal use. Due to intense soil tillage Enset has a positive impact on soil fertility and microclimate, and shows soil preserving capabilities. Systems with Enset are integrated production systems, whose different production lines correspond with each other. These systems respond much better to ecological or structural changes than systems which have only one or very few production lines.

## 3. METHODOLOGY OF THE STUDY

#### 3.1. Description of the Study Area

#### 3.1.1. Dawuro Zone

Dawuro lies in between 60 36' to 70 21' north latitudes and 360 68' to 370 52' east longitudes. The Gojeb and Omo rivers circumscribe and demarcate Dawuro from northwest to southwest in a clockwise direction. Dawuro shares boundaries with Konta Special Wereda in west, Jimma zone (Oromiya Region) in northwest, Hadiya and Kambata-Tambaro zones in northeast, Wolayta zone in east and Gamo-Gofa zone in southeast. Dawuro has an area of 4,436 km square it has five Woredas, and one Town administration namely Essara, Tocha, Maraka, Genabosa, Loma and Tarcha Town Administration.

The landscape of Dawuro is mostly mountains, plateaus, deep gorges and low land plains. Some of the



mountains are Essara, Shasho, Sharo, Gugi, Gazo, Gumati, Hayo, Athso saddle mountains, Hathsinga and Gulo. The plateau cover areas extend from Gora upland in Loma Wereda to the border of Konta Special Wereda in east-west direction and from Waka town to the confluence of Zigna, Mansa and Omo rivers in north-south direction of Essara and Tocha Woreda. The altitude of Dawuro ranges, from 500 meter around the confluence of Mansa and Omo rivers in special area Bona-balala of Adabacho kebele in Essara Woreda to 3,000 meters above sea level (a.s.l.) at Tuta in Tocha Wereda. Thus, Dawuro exhibits climatic variations from lowland to highland.

Dawuro enriched with a variety of trees and plant species and natural vegetation/forest. For instance, Chabara-Churichura National Park, natural forests along Gojeb and Omo rivers valleys and other bigger rivers in the zone such as Mansa, Zigna and Gelo revisers in Essara and Tocha Woreda contain a large number of natural vegetation that is important for bio diversity farther investigations. Dawuro also endowed with perennial rivers whose springs are the highlands aforementioned. Some of the bigger rivers include Buk'a, Shata, Wuni and Zayiri in Mareka Woreda, Wogayi, Zigna, Dibisa, Yarda, Chawa, Shepa in Tocha Woreda Zo'a, Kotoro, Panta, Koma, in Genabosa Woreda, Karethsa hatsa, Mawula, in Loma Woreda, and Mansa, Dalta, Gelo, Sumbursa, Dema, Chawa, Solantya, Banja, and Chofere small lake in Bubayilga, which is found in research conducting Woredas of the zone. All these rivers and others of Dawuro are tributaries of Gojeb and Omo rivers. Dawuro people belong to Omotic family. The language of Dawuro people is Dawurotsuwa (in Latin orthography). Since 2016, Dawurotsuwa has been serving as a medium of instruction in school from grade1 through 10 grades as a subject and oral communication in the Zone's different government offices. In 2014, the population of Dawuro nationality estimated to be 600,121 according to annual statistical abstract of CSA and reported by BoFED of SNNPRS and its population density is 135.28 people per square kilometer. While, Dawuro were been not well known by most Ethiopian and western scholars until now while, the nation endowed in its remarkable history and fascinating culture and their heritages. Among the heritages, two amazing ones are the king Dawuro (kawo Hlala) Great defensive Walls and the longest woodwind musical instrument in the world locally called "Dinka" (4 to 5 meters long, and four in number) are the main one.

Dawuro had been a highly centralized powerful independent Kingdom, until Emperor Menelik incorporated it into Modern Ethiopia in 1891. The area under cultivation estimated to be 100,395 ha of the total 446, 082 ha area of the Zone according to the zonal agricultural department unpublished data. The dominant crops growing around the study area are Enset (Enset ventricosum) maize (Zea Mays) coffee (Coffea arebica) wheat (Triticum aestivma) barley (Hordeum vulgare), pea (Pisum sativum), bean (Phaseous vugaris), potato (Solanum tuberosum), Tomato (Lycopersicum esculentum L.), onion (Allium Cepa .L) and different fruits and root and tuber crops as well as spices and herbs according to Dawuro zone agricultural department socioeconomic data and own survey interview and practical observation in research conducting zone.

In Dawuro zone Enset plant is produced in all of the Woreda while its production potential varies based on the topography and size of land holding level of producer farmers. Except the mentioned points, all production, processing, postharvest management system, topography and culture of Dawuro people are almost all similar throughout the zone. The similarity of people in all activities leads to conclude that the research conducting Woredas results and outcome can represent other woredas in the zone. While the resource potential and utilization varies from Woreda to woreda due to different reasons. This research focused on Essara Maraka and Tocha Woreda, which is representative of the remaining woredas in the zone, because it covers the large share of Enset plant production processing and marketing in the zone.



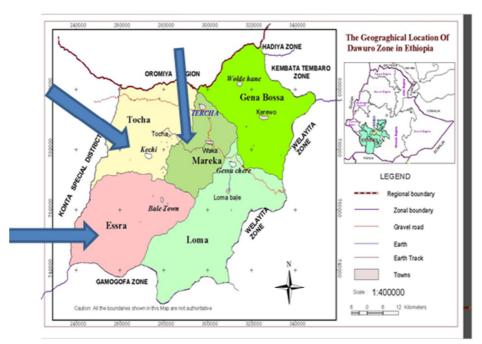


Figure 3 Map of Dawuro zone and the study area, Essara, Tocha and Maraka Woreda Source: Dawuro Zone planning and finance department

#### 3.1.2. Mareka Tocha and Essara woreda

Maraka, Tocha and Essara woreda is located 17 km, 37 km and 79km from Dawuro zone capital Tarcha town. Both three woreda has three agro-ecology named as Dag (high altitude), Woynadega (middle altitude) and kola (low altitude). Enset grown in both of the agro-ecology and the potential level varies based on agro ecology in the woreda. All the woredas share boundary and similar Enset culture each other. Enset were produced in the zone each of 184 kebele and 141,188 household as main food source plant. Enset produced both urban and rural area of Dawuro zone intensively. Refer table 1.

Table 11 Enset producer household head in Dawuro zone distinguished by woreda level

Name of	No of	f Kebele	;	Househo	old head by		population			Potential
woreda	R	U	total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	Coverage/ha
Tocha	35	3	38	23, 873	4,828	28,701	56,437	53,221	109,658	8,400
Mareka	35	4	39	27,538	4,384	31,922	61,317	21,236	82,553	9,000
Loma	36	4	40	24,812	3,553	28,405	54,032	51,317	105,349	15,000
Genabosa	34	3	37	23,666	3,841	27,507	55,113	51,809	106922	1,357
Essara	28	2	30	21,544	3,109	24,653	39,283	36,864	76,147	8,437
total	168	16	184	121,473	19,715	141,188	266,182	214,447	488,629	42,194

Source: Dawuro zone agriculture and natural resource department socio economy data, 2016

**Note:** the research conducted zone produce annually 843,904, 05 quintal kocho and bulla on average from 42,194 ha of Enset farming land of the zone. R and U in the table indicate rural and urban kebele in the zone. The average volume of kocho and bulla produced per ha is  $\frac{843,904,05}{42,194} = 2000.06$  quintal.



Table 12 Male type Enset in Dawuro zone eminent by local naming, its benefit and disease susceptibility

No	Local name	Tenacity of utilization	Grouped lo	Grouped locally		nature	on
		-	Male	Female	susceptibility disease		
1	Maziaya	Kocho and fiber	✓		Wilt resistant		
2	Yesha maziaya	Kocho and fiber	✓		Wilt resistant		
3	Shododinya	Kocho, bulla and fiber	✓		Wilt resistant		
4	Badadiya	Kocho, bulla and fiber	✓		Partial wilt resis	tant	
5	Boza	Kocho, bulla and fiber	✓		Highly susceptil	ble	
6	Shucha	Kocho, bulla and fiber	✓		Highly susceptil	ble	
7	Aregama	Kocho, bulla and fiber	✓		Highly susceptil		
8	Agina	Kocho, bulla and fiber	✓		Highly susceptil	ble	
9	Shasha	Kocho, bulla and fiber	✓		Highly susceptil		
10	Lochingia	Kocho, bulla and fiber	✓		Highly susceptil	ble	
11	Nakaka	Kocho, bulla and fiber	✓		Highly susceptil		
12	Gena	Kocho, bulla and fiber	✓		Highly susceptil		
13	kotinia	Kocho, bulla and fiber	✓		Highly susceptil	ble	
14	Aguntha	Kocho, bulla and fiber	✓		Highly susceptil	ble	
15	Amiya	Kocho, bulla and fiber	✓		Highly susceptil	ble	
16	Shamara	Kocho, bulla and fiber	✓		Highly susceptil	ble	
17	Komeniya	Kocho, bulla and fiber	✓		Highly susceptil	ble	
18	Ganaga	Kocho, bulla and fiber	✓		Highly susceptil	ble	
19	Budunthowa	Kocho, bulla and fiber	✓		Highly susceptil	ble	
20	Gudareta	Kocho, bulla and fiber	✓		Highly susceptil	ble	
21	Mataka	Kocho, bulla and fiber	✓		Highly susceptil		
22	Hoendiya	Kocho, bulla and fiber	✓		Highly susceptil		
23	Thexla	Kocho, bulla and fiber	✓		Highly susceptil		
24	Sanga	Kocho, bulla and fiber	✓		Highly susceptil		
25	Tuzuma	Kocho, bulla and fiber	✓		Highly susceptil	ble	
26	Ocha	Kocho, bulla and fiber	✓		Highly susceptil	ble	
27	Barejeya	Kocho, bulla and fiber	✓		Highly susceptil		
28	Wolbakuwa	Kocho, bulla and fiber	✓		Highly susceptil	ble	
29	Bossa	Kocho, bulla and fiber	✓		Highly susceptil		
30	Gia	Kocho, bulla and fiber	✓		Highly susceptil		
31	Hala'maziya	Kocho, bulla and fiber	✓		Highly susceptil		
32	kartiva	Kocho, bulla and fiber	✓		Highly susceptil		
33	Gomaraboza	Kocho, bulla and fiber	✓		Highly susceptil		
34	Shushaliya	Kocho, bulla and fiber	✓		Highly susceptil	ble	
35	Yoyowa	Kocho, bulla and fiber	✓		Highly susceptil		
36	Garjimachiya	Kocho, bulla and fiber	✓		Highly susceptil		
37	Kuruwa	Kocho, bulla and fiber	✓		Highly susceptil		
38	Okasheboza	Kocho, bulla and fiber	✓		Highly susceptil		
39	Bukura	Kocho, bulla and fiber	✓		Highly susceptil		
40	Shemiya	Kocho, bulla and fiber	✓		Highly susceptil		
41	Goshatiya	Kocho, bulla and fiber	✓		Highly susceptil		
42	Sedeba	Kocho, bulla and fiber	✓		Highly susceptil		
43	Sessa	Kocho, bulla and fiber	✓		Highly susceptil		
44	Okashiya	Kocho, bulla and fiber	✓		Highly susceptil		

Source: own survey results on Essara, Tocha and Mareka woreda, 2016.

NOTE: - susceptibility nature on disease is identified by locally by indigenous knowledge during current research survey period by local respondents 2016.



Table 13 Female type Enset in Dawuro zone eminent by local naming, its benefit and disease susceptibility

No	Local name	nset in Dawuro zone eminent by local nam Tenacity of utilization		d locally	susceptibility nature on
_		,	Male	Female	disease
1	Arkiya	Kocho, bulla, hamicho and fiber		✓	Highly susceptible
2	Agina	Kocho, bulla, hamicho and fiber		$\checkmark$	Highly susceptible
3	Yaka	Kocho, bulla, hamicho and fiber		$\checkmark$	Highly susceptible
4	Bukunia	Kocho, bulla, hamicho and fiber		$\checkmark$	Highly susceptible
5	Suitya	Kocho, bulla, hamicho and fiber		$\checkmark$	Highly susceptible
6	Pusiya	Kocho, bulla, hamicho and fiber		$\checkmark$	Highly susceptible
7	Adinona	Kocho, bulla, hamicho and fiber		$\checkmark$	Highly susceptible
8	Nakaka	Kocho, bulla, hamicho and fiber		$\checkmark$	Highly susceptible
9	Sanqa	Kocho, bulla, hamicho and fiber		$\checkmark$	Highly susceptible
10	Musuwa	Kocho, bulla, hamicho and fiber		$\checkmark$	Highly susceptible
11	Musoarkiya	Kocho, bulla, hamicho and fiber		✓	Highly susceptible
12	Balla arkiya	Kocho, bulla, hamicho and fiber		$\checkmark$	Highly susceptible
13	Chicha	Kocho, bulla, hamicho and fiber		$\checkmark$	Highly susceptible
14	Kataniya	Kocho, bulla, hamicho and fiber		✓	Highly susceptible
15	Utula	Kocho, bulla, hamicho and fiber		$\checkmark$	Highly susceptible
16	Sirara	Kocho, bulla, hamicho and fiber		$\checkmark$	Highly susceptible
17	Qordiya	Kocho, bulla, hamicho and fiber		✓	Highly susceptible
18	Goshindiya	Kocho, bulla, hamicho and fiber		$\checkmark$	Highly susceptible
19	Borgodiya	Kocho, bulla, hamicho and fiber		✓	Highly susceptible
20	Gusuriya	Kocho, bulla, hamicho and fiber		✓	Highly susceptible
21	Kirchantiya	Kocho, bulla, hamicho and fiber		✓	Highly susceptible
22	Koziya	Kocho, bulla, hamicho and fiber		$\checkmark$	Highly susceptible
23	Madiya	Kocho, bulla, hamicho and fiber		✓	Highly susceptible
24	Tiriya	Kocho, bulla, hamicho and fiber		$\checkmark$	Highly susceptible
25	Tuluwa	Kocho, bulla, hamicho and fiber		$\checkmark$	Highly susceptible
26	Shema	Kocho, bulla, hamicho and fiber		$\checkmark$	Highly susceptible
27	Shelkuma	Kocho, bulla, hamicho and fiber		$\checkmark$	Highly susceptible
28	Kekeriya	Kocho, bulla, hamicho and fiber		$\checkmark$	Highly susceptible
29	Shuchamaziya	Kocho, bulla, hamicho and fiber		✓	Highly susceptible
30	Yilga arkia	Kocho, bulla, hamicho and fiber		✓	Highly susceptible
31	Yilga	Kocho, bulla, hamicho and fiber		✓	Highly susceptible
32	Macha gena	Kocho, bulla, hamicho and fiber		$\checkmark$	Highly susceptible
33	Utula arkiya	Kocho, bulla, hamicho and fiber		✓	Highly susceptible
34	Akacha	Kocho, bulla, hamicho and fiber		✓	Highly susceptible
35	Gomara	Kocho, bulla, hamicho and fiber		✓	Highly susceptible
36	Kartiya	Kocho, bulla, hamicho and fiber		✓	Highly susceptible

Source: own survey results 2016.

NOTE: - susceptibility nature on disease is identified by locally by indigenous knowledge during current research survey period

#### 3.2. Methods of Data Collection

The data was collected by conducting survey on each of three woredas and during the survey period each producers and traders were contacted to obtain appropriate information about Enset plant production, processing and marketing techniques of producers, local bulla and kocho collectors, local trades, wholesalers and consumers.

## 3.2.1. Informal Survey

The purpose of this survey is to get firsthand information and better insight about the area to plan effectively and to conduct the subsequent formal survey. In this survey, the relevant institutions and their experts who work on as an expert on root and tuber crop consulted using procedural checklist. In addition free informant interview on focus group discussion have been also undertaken to gather relevant information that can be used for appropriate site selection and designing of relevant questionnaire for the subsequent formal survey. Focus key informant organizations experts used in free discussion at this point are, Dawuro zone agriculture and natural resource department, Mareka, Tocha, and Essara woreda agriculture and natural resource office experts, and randomly selected 4 individual Enset producer households from each kebele are interviewed for free information

#### 3.2.2. Formal Survey

After completing the informal survey and getting all of the relevant data inputs, the formal survey was



commenced by purposive selection of 30 kebeles (28%) out of the 107 kebele in the three Woreda based on the Enset grown potential of the area. For actual survey data collection, 10 enumerators who have direct relation to the community, with batter working experience in the kebele and first degree holders in field of agriculture and natural resource, selected by researcher and has been trained on the content of the questionnaire and the type of data required to be collected. After creating clear understanding for the enumerators, the questionnaire was pretested using a pilot survey in 4 kebele before the actual work started under the supervision of the researcher for three days. Then necessary readjustment were made and the field survey conducted by the enumerators under the supervision and practical survey performing of the researcher.

Table 14 Purposive and simple random Sample selection design

woreda	No of	Total	sample	Non	Sample	less	Total	Sampling
	kebele	producers		producers		producers	sample	method
Essara	10	28,825	50	15,256	50	46,538	100	SRS
Maraka	10	28,026	50	15,000	50	45,000	100	SRS
Tocha	10	28,425	50	15,512	50	45,769	100	SRS
Total	30	85,276	150	45,777	150	137,307	300	

Source: own survey finding, 2016. \* SRS indicates simple random sampling \*total produce, less producers and non-producers household average number is based on Dawuro zone agriculture and natural resource department socioeconomic data.

Purposively identified potential Enset producers kebele from three woreda are 30 and the potential Enset producer households in those three woreda are 85,276 and 183,076 are less potential and non-producers. Out of this, 1,200 household producers and non-producers were selected equal proportion (600) each and 300 sample selected by simple random sampling techniques and interviewed from 30 kebeles by using a semi structured and structured questionnaires 15 traders ( local collectors at village level, local traders at woreda level and whole sellers at regional retailers) are selected purposively by traders proportion in area based, because the total population of kocho and bulla traders is not identified as legally traders level and it makes the data clarity bias un less taken purposively. Therefore, 5 respondents selected from each group in currant research.

## 3.2.3. Secondary Data Collection Methods

Secondary data was collected from different sources such as annual reports, research thesis, books and magazines of different organizations.

#### 3.2.4. Sampling Methods

In addition, to find sample size criteria, for specifying a sample size of the study area and to determine the appropriate sample size, the level of precision (sampling error is  $\pm 5$ ) and confidence is 95% confidence level that is, 95 out of 100 samples will have the true population value within the range of precision specified.

Therefore in this research the sampling technique is used Yamane, (1967:886) provides a simplified formula to calculate sample sizes. The formula used to calculate the sample sizes is A 95% confidence level and P=0.05 assumed. Then the formula used is

$$n = \frac{N}{1 + N(e)2}$$

Where n is the sample size, N is the population size of Enset producers and non-producers, and e is the level of precision. When this formula applied to the above sample of Essara, Tocha and Maraka woreda purposively selected 1,200 Enset producers and non-producers or 600 each, we get:

$$n = \frac{N}{1 + N(e)2} = \frac{1,200}{1 + 1,200(0.05)2} = 300$$

Therefore, in the current research, 150 household Enset producer farmers and 150 non-producers have been interviewed from 30 kebele of three woredas to identify the volume of kocho and bulla produced per household to consumption, market supply (to sale) and to know family level food security level between backyard product consumers and those of purchasers with in comparison of annual expenditures on kocho and bulla.

## 3.3. Method of Data Analysis

Qualitative and Quantitative descriptions by using frequency and percentage were employed to describe the Enset production processing and marketing and actors along the chain. Descriptive statistics was used to explain that the socio demographic characteristics of the actors, mean, standard deviation and percent etc. in the channel. Market concentration was calculated by C4 (the first four markets) the regression analysis takes place OLS (leaner regression) by using STATA and SPSS software version 12 and 20 respectively.

#### 3.4. Gender Analytical Tool Was Used

In current research the three-step framework form of Gender Analysis such as Questions about roles and



activities of gender (WHO DOES WHAT? or What do men and women do, and how and where do they do it?, questions about access and control WHO HAS WHAT? (Who has access to and control of knowledge, resources, services and decision-making?) and questions about the influencing factors WHY? (What is the social, political and/or economic situation that explains the answers to the above questions? and what are the crosscutting issues? Between male and female in Enset producing farmers analyzed in detail.

#### 3.3.1. Model Specification for Analysis

Linear regression analysis and Heckman sample selection (tow-step) was used in the research to assess the association between two or more independent variables and a three continuous dependent variable. Because the independent variables are three and the dependent variables are more than three as the survey data.

The independent variable was used in this research was volume or potential of Enset produced and marketed per household in quintal or 100 kg, Enset used as steeple food and gender role. The produced amount of kocho and bulla in house hold is consumed and partially sold. The objective of producer is to sustain household food demand supply and to generate income as one of main source. The independent variables are more than tow and the appropriate model is liner regression and Heckman simple selection model. The linear regression equation for analysis used is that:

$$yi = \beta o + \beta 1X1 + \epsilon 1$$

yi = is the dependent variable that is the volume or potential Enset plant produce of kocho, bulla and fiber produced in the area per each household level and it measured by 100 kg and xi = is the independent variables. The coefficient  $\beta$  is the intercept while,  $\beta$ 1 is the slop coefficient that is yi changes by  $\beta$ 1 units for every unit change in xi

$$\frac{dy_i}{dx_i} = \beta_1$$

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \beta_2 x_{i2} + ... + \beta_n x_{in} + \varepsilon_i$$

Where (i = 1, 2, 3...17)

yi = the total volume of kocho, bulla and fiber produced in the area

xi1 = is the land size of households own in the area

xi2 = is the annual increase on Enset plantation per household farmer

xi3 = is a single Enset plant produces or output of kocho

xi4 = is a single Enset plant produces output of bulla

xi5 = is the amount of fiver from single Enset plant produced obtained

xi6 = is the Age of farm household participating on Enset production and marketing

xi7 = is the family size of Enset producer household head

xi8 = is the education level of Enset producer household head

xi9 = is the Number one ranking staple food crop in Dawuro zone

xi10 = is the annual average consumption of Enset produce per household

xi11 = is the parches price of kocho and bulla for non Enset producers

xi12 = is the more actors in planting Enset in producer farm household

xi13 = is chopping Enset to processes kocho, bulla and fiber

xi14 = is the kocho and bulla quality identification locally

xi15 = is the amount of kocho and bulla supplied to market to sell per household

xi16 = is processing kocho and bulla by household

xi17 = is brad benders from kocho

## 3.3.2. Definition of Variables

The independent variable was used in this research was volume or potential of Enset produced and marketed per household in quintal or 100 kg per single plant, Enset used as steeple food and gender role. The independent variable independently defines about Enset potential of the area. The produced amount of kocho and bulla in house hold is consumed and partially sold.

#### 3.3.3. Dependent Variables

**Land size of households (LAND):** it is continuous dependent variable and measured by number of ha farm land owned by farmer household head. It was hypostasized to know the farm land size impact on annual increase on Enset plantation per household Level.

Annual increase on Enset plantation per household farmer (Planting): it was continuous dependent variable and measured by number of Ha Enset planted per household and it was hypothesized to know how much ha farm land covered by Enset plantation per year per household and the level of plantation progress in the area.

A single Enset plant produces or output (Kocho): it was continuous dependent variable measured by kg and it was hypothesized to know how much kg kocho a single Enset plant produce has been obtained and to measure



the quantity of kocho, bulla and fiber per Enset plant.

A single Enset plant produces output (Bulla): it was continuous dependent variable measured by kg and it was hypothesized to measure the volume of bulla produced from a single Enset plant

Amount of fiber from a single Enset produced or obtained (Fiber): it was continuous dependent variable and measured by kg and it was hypothesized to know the volume of fiber obtained from a single Enset plant

Age of farm household participating on Enset production and marketing (age): It is a continuous variable and measured in years. Aged farmer household has better experience than the younger one on Enset production and marketing. Adugna (2009) who found that age of the household head have negative effect on the elasticity of onion supply to the market.

Family size of Enset producer household head (family): it was continuous dependent variable and measured by number of each family holds. It was hypothesized to know the positive link of family size on Enset producer farmer household because as family size increased the number of labour force in the family increased to produce Enset plant. According to Dereje Fekadu (2009), labour was an essential farm input that influences every farm activity. The labour that was available in the household can be categorised into children and adult labour. On average 46.7%, 47% and 63.6% of the labour was that of children, where the rest being adult labour, in the lowlands, mid-altitude and highland areas of Enset producers respectively.

**Education level of Enset producer household head (Educ):** it is dummy variable measured by in terms of whether the Enset producer house hold was educated formal education or not and measured by taking the value one for formal educated household head and zero for non-educated household head. Formal education enhances the information acquisition and adjustment abilities of the farmer, thereby improving the quality of decision making (Fakoya *et al.*, 2007). Therefore, this variable is hypothesized to influence volume of kocho, bulla and fiber produced per household, consumed and supplied to the market positively.

**Number one ranking staple food crop in Dawuro zone (Staple):** it is dummy variable measured by level of consumption chooses in the community ranking and it takes one if Enset is number one staple food plant and zero otherwise

Annual average consumption of Enset produce per household (Consume): it is continues variable measured by kilogram and hypostasized to know the amount of kocho and bulla consumed per household of producers and non-producers.

Parches price of kocho and bulla for non Enset producers (Parches): it is continuous variable measured by number of Birr expended to purchase a kg kocho and bulla for house hold consumption per year on average and market information. Muhammed (2011) who found that if wheat producer gets market information, the amount of wheat supplied to the market increases. It is also hypothesized that market information is related to wholesale marketing outlet and those kocho and bulla purchasers obtain market information they shift the market demand to chipper one.

More actors in Planting Enset in producer farm household (Plant): it is dummy variable measured by participant's level and it takes one for male participants and zero for female participants in Enset production.

**Chopping Enset to processes kocho, bulla and fiber (Chop):** it is dummy variable measured by taking value one for female participants and zero for male participants in Enset stem chopping.

**Kocho and bulla quality** (Quality): it is continues variable measured by high, middle low, and poor quality level and it takes number value of one up to four. If it is 1, high quality 2, middle quality, 3 low quality and 4, it is poor quality

**Kocho and bulla supplied to the market to sell per household (market):** it is continuous variable measured by kg and hypostasized to know the positive link of kocho and bulla supplied to the market per household producers with obtained income.

**Processing kocho and bulla by household (processing):** it is dummy variable and measured by level of participants and it takes one for female participants and zero for male in kocho, bulla and fiber processing. That was hypostasized to know the role of male and female in kocho, bulla and fiber processing work load share in the community.

**Kocho brad benders (Brad):** it was dummy variable and measured by level of participants and it takes the value one if the brad vender is female and it takes zero if it was male.

## 4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

This chapter presents the area potential in Enset production, volume of kocho, bulla and fiber produced per households, gender role in the area and it presents the findings from the descriptive, statistics and econometric analysis of the current study. The descriptive analysis made use of tools such as mean, percentage, and frequency distribution.

Econometric analysis was used to identify the determinants of the volume of kocho, bulla and fiber produced in the area from single plant particular and area potential level as general.



## 4.1. The Area Potential on Enset Plant and Amount of Kocho Produced (Obtained) Per Single Plant in Dawuro zone

The socio-demographic and econometric analysis of the current research conducted area indicate that, the Enset plant productivity and amount of kocho bulla and fiber production from a single plant is influenced by the land size of the household head owns, annual increase of the individual household Enset plantation capacity based on land size, age of the Enset producers, family size and the education level of the locality farmers.

Table 15 the main influencing factors to obtaining kocho, bulla and fiber from single Enset plant

Reg POT Land planting Kocho Bulla Fiber Age Family Education

Source	SS	df	MS	Number of	=	300
				obs		
				F(8, 291)	=	55.54
Model	43.2551537	8	5.40689422	Prob > F	=	0.0000
Residual	28.3315129	291	.097359151	R-squared	=	0.6042
				Adj R-	=	0.5934
				squared		
Total	71.5866667	299	.23942029	Root MSE	=	.31202

POT	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P>t	[95% Conf.	Interval]
Land	.2540019	.0332891	7.63	0.000	.1884839	.3195199
planting	0867635	.0364871	-2.38	0.018	1585755	0149514
Kocho	2135928	.0469286	-4.55	0.000	3059554	1212303
Bulla	4108203	.0914288	-4.49	0.000	5907658	2308747
Fiber	1912956	.1136817	-1.68	0.093	4150381	.0324469
Age	.1452514	.0680829	2.13	0.034	.0112542	.2792487
Family	.3253527	.0520675	6.25	0.000	.2228761	.4278294
Educ	.1030202	.0294474	3.50	0.001	.0450633	.160977
_cons	.790017	.1848479	4.27	0.000	.4262088	1.153825

Source: own survey finding, 2016

#### 4.1.1. Land Size of Household Head Owns

Enset plant is perennial crop it needs a piece of land at least 3 at most 5 years to be planted until the farmer harvest kocho and bulla from matured plant, while the land size owned by each farmer show as a great variation between farmers to farmers. Because, during the survey period of current research 300 household Enset producer non producer farmers responded that the large size or farmers who own more than 2 ha of land cultivate not less than 0.5ha Enset at their backyard and those farmers who owns less than 2ha covers their farm land blow 0.025ha. Therefore, the survey results in econometric analysis of table 4 show as the land size reduction significantly affect the amount of kocho and bulla obtained from a single plant per household at 1% significant level. The reason is that as land size small and small farmers planting Enset plant on the backyard become reduced and farmers give prioritization for annul crop than perianal crops, due to this reasons the volume of kocho and bulla production per household become reduced in the zone.

## 4.1.2 Annual Increase in Enset Planting per Household

In Dawuro zone even though the land size owned by individual household varies, the annual plantation was indicates reduction as the current research survey conducted respondents view. The main reason is individual farmers considers Enset is females crop and the income generated from the crop more benefiters are female. Therefore, farmers or male group demands to produce annual crop than planting Enset in their farm land. The farmers giving more attention on annual crop production rather than Enset plantation in the area because income generated from annual crops owned by male and male group give more emphasize on annual crop production than Enset planting in the zone. The current research survey data analysis in table 4 indicates the volume of kocho and bulla produce obtaining from single plant and as area potential is significantly affected by 1% level of annual Enset plantation reduction. While, Enset is the main food crop and it is very important perianal crop to resist drought and food shortage in the area and even throughout the country. Therefore, the responsible body may take a measure on appropriate extension approach on Enset plantation improvement in the zone. According to Tesfaye Abebe2013, Farm size is an indicator of wealth status of farmers and it has significant effect on area share of the dominant crops, Enset and coffee and there was a direct negative relationship between decreases in the share of Enset with farm land reduction. This finding related current research.

## 4.1.3. Amount of Kocho, bulla and fiber from a single Enset Plant Produced

The survey data analysis in current research in table 5 inducts out of the total respondents 80.7% agree that 120-150 kg kocho obtained from single Enset plant and 14% and 5.3% agree 60 -100 and 25 -50 kg respectively. The survey data finding indicates that Enset plant can supply sufficient food from single plant and within very few farm land producers (farmers) can sustain their food demand and even they can supply surplus produce for



market sufficiently. While, the amount of kocho bulla and fiber produced from a single plant is significantly affected by 1% level in producers or area potential that means due to agro ecology variation, Enset cultivars identification or grouping being "male or female" and producer farmer production and management potential the amount of kocho, bulla and fiber obtained varies from plant to plant and from area to area (high, medium and low altitude) respectively. In the some way 93.7% and 94.7of the respondents agreed that 5-10 kg bulla and 0.25 kg fiber produced from single plant. Refer table 6. Based upon the morphology and the type of use, farmers in North Omo tend to put Enset plants into two categories, "male-and "female". Usually all the Enset plants within a particular variety (as classified by farmers) are put into a single "sex" category, i.e. a variety is either male or female Alemue *et.al* 1991.

Table 16 A single plant produced kocho, bulla and fiber in Kg

variable	Measurement	Frequency	%	Valid %	Cumulative %
Kocho	25-50 kg	16	5.3	5.3	5.3
	60-100 kg	42	14	14.	19.3
	120-150 kg	242	80.71	80.7	100.0
	Total	300	100.0	100.0	
Bulla	5 kg	9	3	3	3
	5-10 kg	281	93.7	93.7	96.7
	> 10  kg	10	3.3	3.3	100
	total	300	100	100	
Fiber	0.5 kg	16	5.3	5.3	5.3
	0.25  kg	284	94.7	94.7	100
	total	300	100	100	

Source: own survey finding, 2016

## 4.1.4. Age of Enset Producer household Head

The survey data of current study analysis indicates that age level of Enset producers who Participates on Enset production ranges between 18-25 years old covers 1%, 25-30 years 21% and more than 40 years age covers 78% of the respondents. Due to the current study finding in Dawuro zone Enset plantation and obtaining kocho, bulla and fiber produce was reducing as age become younger and it depends on elder age groups. The reason is based on land ownrity level, most of the younger groups of people in the community have land less and some of them own very small plot of land. Therefore, the younger group emphasize on cultivating annual crops than the perennial crops in one hand they may not even plant Enset plant due to land shortage and they may depends on off farming activities for their livelihood. The age variation significantly affects at 5% the potential volume of kocho, bulla and fiber obtaining from single plant and as area potential level. These may result food shortage in the area unless managed properly by the responsible body because younger group of the population now a day out of the Enset plantation and land shortage is also crucial problem for youth group. Refer table 4 and 7 respectively.

Table 17 age of farmer HH head more participate on Enset production

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Age of respondents	Frequency	%	Valid %	Cumulative%
18- 25 years old	3	1	1	1.0
25-30 years old	63	21	21	22.0
> 40 years old	234	78	78	100
Total	300	100	100	

Source: own survey finding, 2016

## 4.1.5. Family Size of Enset Producer Household

According to current research, family size of Enset producers household determine the amount of kocho, bulla and fiber produced from Enset plant in several ways because Enset farming and processing needs more labour force and all of the activities depends on family labour in the community. The econometric data analysis and the descriptive statistics in table 4 and 8 indicates potential kocho, bulla and fiber producer household was that holds large size family can obtain more than small sized family. Fore stance those family who holds >5 family size covers 63% and > = 3-5 family member holder covers 35.3% less than 3 family members holders account only 1.7%. The survey results show as the large family holder household can participate in Enset production and processing in better performance and they obtain high volume of kocho, bulla and fiber. Because the activities performed in Enset planting, farm management like diffusing animal dung and house residuals through plant to plant, processing needs sufficient labour and in most rural household family labor plays significant role. Therefore, the number of family size increment significantly affects the volume of kocho, bulla and fiber production processing and marketing at 1% significant level. Therefore, it needs appropriate intervention for family labour replacing by improved technologically improved equipment's. Refer table 4 and 8 respectively.



Table 18 family size of Enset producers HH in Dawuro zone

Number of family size	Frequency	%	Valid %	Cumulative %
2-3 family members	5	1.7	1.7	1.7
3-5 family members	106	35.3	35.3	37.0
greater than 5 family members	189	63.0	63.0	100.0
Total	300	100.0	100.0	

#### 4.1.6. Education Level of Enset Producer

Education is the main factor to participate in any productive activities as general however, in Dawuro zone Enset producer farmers was affected significantly by the level of education that means educated household head is active enough to understand about the value of Enset and its output properly as compared to non-educated farmers. Therefore, education level of individual farmers significantly affects the volume of kocho, bulla and fiber production and marketing at 1% level. That means non educated household participate more Enset production, kocho, bulla and fiber production as compared to educated farmers. The reason is educated farmers in the community give more emphasis on annul crop production and marketing rather than Enset producing. More of educated farmers in the community are younger people and those individuals currently face either shortage of farm land or denying to plant Enset in their backyard due to annul crop seasonality and short period income generating capacity, and this leads in the area Enset resource currently exist only on the hands of older group peoples than the younger one. Therefore, unless managed properly may be in near future the Enset potential in the area reduced highly and the amount of kocho, bulla and fiber production, processing and marketing will be face serious problem and may result food shortage in the area.

#### 4.2. Food Self-Sustainability Level between Enset Producers and Non-Producer Household

The food self-sustainability level between Enset producers and non-producers in Dawuro zone by current research was measured by the intensity of income the respondents obtained and amount of expenditure on kocho and bulla purchase for annual consumption per household. Therefore, the amount of expenditure on kocho and bulla in each household depends on either the consumer obtain annual consumable amount of kocho and bulla from backyard farm or purchasing from local markets. Thus the econometric analysis of the survey data show that there were leaner relation between food self-sustainability level of consumers who purchase kocho and bulla from markets and who produce it on their backyard for consumption and sell. Thus the amount of money that the consumer who perches kocho and bulla from the producers is significantly affected by the income they obtain from off farming as compared to producers. Hence, Enset producer farmers are food secured at family level as compared to non-producers, because the Enset producer can supply sufficient kocho and bulla for household consumption and even they can supply surpluses produce for market and generate additional income for family livelihood as compared to non-producers.

Table 19 Regression analysis of Enset data

Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs	= 300
				F (4,295)	= 129.77
Model	47.8219604	4	11.9554901	Prob > F	=0.0000
Residual	27.1780396	295	.092128948	R-squared	=0.6376
				Adj R-squared	=0.6327
Total	75	299	.25083612	Root MSE	=.30353

Food	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P>t	[95% Conf.	Interval]
staple	.0507831	.0516369	0.98	0.326	0508402	.1524064
consume	.9355717	.0507216	18.45	0.000	.8357496	1.035394
purchase	1957803	.0292865	-6.68	0.000	2534173	1381433
Bulla	3169766	.04176	-7.59	0.000	3991618	2347913
_cons	1.009576	.1467333	6.88	0.000	.7207994	1.298353

## 4.2.1 Enset consumption as staple food crop in Dawuro zone

Enset production, processing, consumption and marketing in the zone is considered as naturally gift activity in the community, because the total population has similar idea about the Enset plant importance on food self-sustainability supporting capacity and its economic value. The current research survey data analysis beta coefficient indicate as 93% of the produce is consumed as staple food and this consumption rate show as it affects significantly at blow 1% level the volume of kocho and bulla produced and consumed per household positively. Therefore, the survey data analysis finding implies that Enset is the number one staple food plant in Dawuro zone as compared to other food crop and 67% of individual household consume 500kg kocho on average and 61% of the population expend on average 12.50 birr per kg. Therefore, as the current research finding the consumers who preaches kocho and bulla from local market face challenge due to price increase and they does not supply sufficient food for their family as compared to who obtain from their back yard. For



simplicity if the consumer consumes annually 500kg, the amount birr needed to parches it at local village market is 500\*12.50 = 6,250 birr expenditure was mandatory for household head. Whereas individual farmer household to generate sufficient revenue from off farm is too difficult and may cannot parches the required amount of kocho and bulla for their family, therefore, they face food in security problem at family level. Therefore, it may needs extension intervention by local and regional government. Refer table 9 and 10.

Table 20 Annually consumption level of kocho, bulla per HH and its price

Value	-	Frequency	%	Valid %	Cl. %
Annual consumed per	360 -480 kg	97	32.3	32.3	32.3
HH on average	480 - 500 kg	203	67.7	67.7	100.0
	Total	300	100.0	100.0	
Price of kocho	5-10 birr	24	8.0	8.0	8.0
	10-15 birr	184	61.3	61.3	69.3
	15-20 birr	89	29.7	29.7	99.0
	> 20 birr	3	1.0	1.0	100.0
	Total	300	100.0	100.0	
Price of bulla	15-20 birr	11	3.7	3.7	3.7
	20- 25 birr	172	57.3	57.3	61.0
	25- 30 birr	117	39.0	39.0	100.0
	Total	300	100.0	100.0	

Source: own survey result, 2016

#### 4.2.2. Price and pricing effect on Kocho and Bulla purchasers

The current study data analysis indicate that the price of kocho and bulla rapidly increasing in the study area and it results significant influence at 1% level on non Enset producers, because the income or the amount of money expended on kocho and bulla purchase was too much as compared to those Enset producer household and that results the non-producers household food security at family level become worth as compared to Enset producers. The pricing system in the area has no rule and regulation that means every kocho and bulla supplier to the market can decide the market price sole and the consumer has no right to set the market price or to bargain the marketing system rather than purchase it at village market. The pricing system and the rapid increasing price hinders the non Enset producers food security at family level and it needs pricing regulation at one hand and Enset productivity increasing at other hand in the community. In addition to this in local village market local kocho and bulla collectors (local traders) also aggravate the price increase and it results for local consumer miserable life, even though the producers exploited by traders price decision. Therefore, it needs important intervention by responsible body.

#### 4.3. The Role of Gender in Enset Value Chain

Enset production, processing and marketing chain of Dawuro zone was affected by several influencing factor. Some of them are working culture of the community, primitive or technologically non improved instrument application, poor market facility and pricing system, and income ownrity right in the household is some of it. Based on these factors, Enset planting, farm management, processing and marketing main activities hold on the shoulder of female than male in the community. Vale addition of kocho and bulla through processing significant role player in the community based on survey data analysis are female. In the same way Katie MacEntee *et.al* 2013, finding the labor divisions is based on culture and tradition and no one is involved in the processing except women." Many participants when asked about men processing Enset laughed at the ridiculousness of the suggestion Therefore, the econometric analysis of the survey data finding of current research concluded as follows.



Table 21	Gender role i	n Enset value	addition
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Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs	=	300		
				F(6, 293)	=	8.8		
Model	3.51292411	6	.585487352	Prob > F	=	0.0000		
Residual	19.4037426	293	.066224377	R-squared	=	0.1533		
				Adj R-squared	=	0.1360		
Total	22.9166667	299	.07664437	Root MSE	=	.25734		

Gender	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P>t	[95% Conf.	Interval]
Plant	.0808305	.0530451	1.52	0.129	0235673	.1852283
chop	2406217	.1232217	-1.95	0.052	4831336	.0018902
Quality	4344125	.117566	-3.70	0.000	6657934	2030315
Market	.6281301	.1053031	5.96	0.000	.4208837	.8353765
processing	1034116	.0852751	-1.21	0.226	2712409	.0644178
Bread	.3543249	.0971924	3.65	0.000	.1630411	.5456088
_cons	1.43032	.3100371	4.61	0.000	.8201383	2.040502

Source: own survey result, 2016

## 4.3.1. Chopping Enset

Chopping Enset and processing kocho, bulla and fiber from it was significantly affecting the volume of kocho and bulla obtained from single plant at 5% level. In current research data analysis value addition activities or chopping performed by female group and during this time female cut the Enset plant by knife and the outer stem coverage separated by small pieces, then the separated stanch locally known as "kashincha" was obtained from pseudo stem (the scraped leaf sheaths) locally call it "Morgiya, shedeya, geduwa" and "godetha uncha" which made from the inner or underground stem exasperated corm mixed together with fermented Enset yeast or locally called as "Gama" and finally it results processed kocho. Bulla is also obtained from chopped kashinch through wrapping and the white-colored starch concentrate is mixed with the very soften yeast of the fermented Enset gama and covered with leaf of Enset and stored in selective place at least 20 days and at most 4 months and above for consumption and marketing purpose. In such value addition activities female plays significant role. The kocho and bulla processing and its value addition by female group from poketha (separating the steam of Enset into different parts such as Morgiya, shedeiya giduwa and kashincha are indicated on value chain map figure 1 blow. Enset processing is carried out by women using traditional tools and the process is laborious, tiresome, and unhygienic. J. Terrence et.al, 1997.



Figure 4 the role of female in Kocho bulla and fiber processing value chain Source: own survey result, 2016

In kocho bulla and fiber production and processing value chain the role of female is significant in the chain. As we consider the value chain map of current study above, female change the Enset plant in to processed kocho, bulla and fiber by using indigenous knowledge they change Enset in to consumable kocho and bulla by passing very tedious work load and challenges. In kocho and bulla processing male doesn't participate in the community and it is also culturally taboo for male to participate in kocho and bulla processing. In Dawuro zone



there was/is no institution to support female group in kocho and bulla processing technology and capacity building activities. Therefore to add kocho and bulla volume in the area work load reduction for female group is very important in the area and it needs intervention by responsible body.

## 4.3.2. Kocho and bulla quality management

Kocho and bulla quality is significantly affected at 1% level in both female and male value addition activities performed starting from Enset plantation to until final kocho and bulla processed because the role of male and female was/is separately identified step by step. To increase kocho and bulla quality and volume, the role of male was identifying Enset cultivars varieties specially Enset cultivars categorized in female and male type locally, choosing appropriate Enset plantation season, protecting the plant from animal, big rat, Enset welt attack and appropriate farm management is the responsibility of male to increase its quality and volume of kocho and bulla from single plant in particular and in large volume from the area as general. While, the role of female in kocho and bulla quality management was/is related to the processing techniques such as appropriate chopping, removing non important stem from chopping, neatness of kocho and bulla storage (pissa), mixing appropriate ingredients plant species locally called as (Gama katiya) with "Gama" preparation and processing which is very important for fermentation inset corm (Gama) and appropriate mixing of kashinch and Godiya with the fermented yeast or Gama is very important for kocho and bulla quality. Therefore, both female and male is responsible for kocho and bulla quality increment and quality management in the area. Based on current research finding for kocho and bulla quality improvement and the amount of kocho and bulla obtained from single plant the active participation both male and female in Enset value addition is crucial and it is highly recommended that all the responsible body must encourage both sex participation and also it needs high attention on female group because more value addition duty is performed by female in the area. It was highly recommended that technology improvement on kocho, bulla and fiber processing instrument is very important to reduce the work load female in the zone. According to Asres et.al 2014, after completion of decorticating and grating, the leaf sheath pulp is spread on fresh Enset leaves covering the tank in the ground, after which the grated corm is spread on the processed pulp.

#### 4.3.3. Kocho and bulla marketing

Kocho, bulla and fiber marketing is significantly affecting the volume of kocho, bulla and fiber supplied to household consumption at 1% level. That means kocho, bulla and fiber marketing activities performed by female group than male and it is taboo for male group to sale the commodity to the market. The kocho and bulla marketing system in the area based on gender sensitive issue that is given more attention for female group and they perform sole in marketing activities. The amount of kocho and bulla purchased per household consumption is depends on the existence of female purchasers and sellers in the market and the consumers income states in the community. Therefore, the current research finding indicates that kocho and bulla marketing system of the area affected by female participants, while, loading and unloading kocho and bulla, transporting from village to woreda level market by pack animal is difficult for female group and it reduce the amount of kocho and bulla supplied to consumers. The culture of Dawuro prevents male participation on kocho, bulla and fiber marketing activities and even loading and unloading for transportation make serious problem in the area. The community consider except consuming the kocho and bulla output, all duties performed by female only and that results shortage of market surplus. Therefore, it may needs awareness creation for male groups in the community and capacity building for female group by organizing structured cooperatives.

Bulla is the permissive food product of Enset extracted from freshly decorticated pseudo stem mass. Bulla extraction is commonly practiced only in high altitude environment because the highland Enset cultivars has big stem as compared to lowland and the volume of bulla extracted from single Enset much more than others.

## 4.3.4. Kocho Brad Vender in Dawuro Zone

Kocho and bulla brad and other edible food item vending activities performed by female than male in the area and the processing activities requires much labour hence female has more responsibility to do so. Male group has no responsibility to prepare edible food item from kocho and bulla or any other food items. Therefore, female face challenging tidies duty in the family and the work load they face in the family significantly affect at 1% level the volume of kocho and bulla brad processed and vended by female group in the area. That is female participation in kocho and bulla processing activities is too high as compared to male and female are responsible to process it in the community. Due to current research data econometric analysis, the significant role player in kocho and bulla processing duty are female and they face serious challenges related to tides work load shouldering. Kocho and bulla processing activities affect the amount of brad prepared per household as edible food. Because female use very poor or non-technologically improved instruments and that hinders their processing capacity as well. Therefore, it needs serious attention for female group to reduce work load and to improve the kocho and bulla value chain development technology supply by government or any responsible body in the area.



## 4.4. Kocho and bulla marketing channel of Dawuro zone

Kocho bulla and fiber market channel of Dawuro zone in current research is depends on selling and buying activities performed by different participants such as local kocho, bulla and fiber producers and supplier to the local village market, local collectors from producers in village market, woreda level traders (Balle, Waka and Tocha markets), whole sellers, Wolaita Sodo town administration consumers, regional, central retailers and consumers. The kocho, bulla and fiber marketing channel of Dawuro zone actors or participants female and it needs intervention to improve the channel.

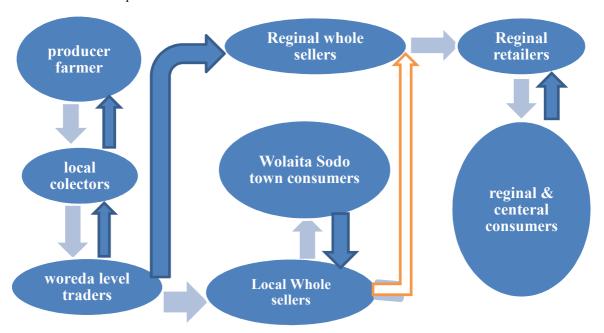


Figure 5 Kocho and bulla market channel of Dawuro zone Source: own survey finding, 2016

The current study finding in the figure 2 indicates that the market channel of the area is/was based on the amount of kocho and bulla supplied by local producer farmers and those producers doesn't decide the market price rather than local collectors and consumers. The local kocho and bulla market structure and activities performed in the marketing system more participant were female group and they cannot bargain the local collectors and consumers price decision power because they have no opportunity trading system at local level and they may exposed to local traders and consumers price exploitation. Female in the community face tedious challenges with related to reproductive and productive activities, poor or almost no technology application in

Enset production processing and marketing, that hinders their performance in trading capacity and efficiency development unless appropriate intervention mechanism take place.

Local kocho and bulla producers are female group and they supply to village market. They add value by processing it and sale to local collectors. Local collectors purchase from village market and they bulk it, grading, packaging in different quantity and selling to woreda level traders. The woreda level traders re bulk the produce and package it, grade it on its quality level, transport to local wholesalers and sell it. The local wholesalers bulk it, grade it and transport to Wolaita Sodo town administration wholesaler's sale it. The Wolaita Sodo wholesalers add value by grading, packaging in different quantity, and selling part of it to Wolaita Sodo retailers and part of it to regional and central wholesalers. Regional retailers distribute the produce for consumers in different quality and quantity level. Final the consumers can purchase the area kocho and bulla from retailers and consume it. Both transaction level fallow different price and pricing system and its price varies from place to place in the channel. Refer figure 3.

#### Conclusion and recommendation

Enset farming and processing needs more labour force and all of the activities depend on family labour in the community. The large size family can obtain more than small sized family kocho, bulla and fiber. Fore stance those family who holds >5 family size covers 63% and >=3-5 family member holder covers 35.3% less than 3 family members holders account only 1.7%. Therefore, the number of family size increment significantly affects the volume of kocho, bulla and fiber production processing and marketing level. It may recommended that technically improved kocho, bulla and fiber processing equipment supply by responsible body is very important because the processing activities need more labour.



In current study education level of individual farmers significantly affects the volume of kocho, bulla and fiber production and marketing at 1% level. That means non educated household participate more Enset production, kocho, bulla and fiber production as compared to educated farmers. The reason is educated farmers in the community are landless or own very small land and younger people. They give more emphasis on annul crop production and marketing rather than Enset producing. It may highly recommended that selective extension on awareness creation for educated group by government is very important, otherwise food shortage may happen in the area in near future.

The food self-sustainability level between Enset producers and non-producers in household level comparison by current research was measured by the intensity of income the respondents obtained and amount of expenditure on kocho and bulla purchase for annual consumption per household. Therefore, the amount of expenditure on kocho and bulla purchased annually by non-producer is too high as compered those of backyard farm producers. Therefore, it may recommend that non producers off farm income generating sources opportunity identification and supply by government is very important to prevent food shortage at family level in the area.

The current research finding indicate as 93% of the produce is consumed as staple food and this consumption rate show as it affects significantly the volume of kocho and bulla produced and consumed per household positively. Therefore, Enset is the number one staple food plant in Dawuro zone as compared to other food crop and 67% of individual household consume 500kg kocho on average and 61% of the population expend on average 12.50 birr per kg. It may highly recommended that in the area Enset based extension communication supply is very important to increase kocho, bulla and fiber productivity, because there is no Enset based extension communication as the plant importance.

In current research finding Enset planting, farm management, processing and marketing main activities hold on the shoulder of female than male in the community. Vale addition of kocho and bulla through processing significant role player in the community based on survey data analysis such as chopping, kocho, bulla and fiber quality management marketing and brad vending activities performer are female in the community. While, the role of female affected by working culture of the community and primitive equipment or technologically not improved equipment utilization for Enset processing. It may be highly recommended that female capacity building through technology and education intervention by government and any responsible body is important solution

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