



Ethiopian Civil Service University  
Office of the Vice President for Research and Community Services

A Brief Status Report  
On  
Engagement of Policy Makers and Other Stakeholders in Ethiopian Civil Service  
University  
(2020/2021 Academic Year)

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## **Introduction**

The Office of the Vice President for Research and Community Service (VPRC) is one of the four divisions of the university, and accountable to the office of the president. It is mandated to undertake thematic based research focusing on issues and challenges in the public service that can be an input to policy makers and practitioners in government and public sector. RCS division is also responsible for the leadership, coordination, and publication of research in the university. It is also assigned to mainstream community services. The Ethiopian Civil Service University, along with other senior universities in the country, has been categorized as a Graduate and Research University by the Ministry of Education. As a result, several interventions have been underway to further enhance facilities and performances in the area of research in the university.

## **Organizational Units and Resources**

The office of the vice president for research and community service (VPRCS) has organized six directorates and other support services, including Research and Publication Coordination office, two research centres, printing house, research resource center, and university-industry linkage directorate. In addition, 2 additional research centres and 1 research method institute is underway to be established under this division. The VPRCS has a total of 29 work forces, including senior researchers, with a PhD and above. In regard to finance, the VPRCS annually secures 5 percent of the current budget of the university, which amounts 20 Million Ethiopian Birr (ETB), and aims to enhance its share to secure 10 percent of the current budget of the university.

## **Performances and Accomplishments (2020/2021)**

For the last five years, more than 250 studies were conducted, of which a significant number of which has been published in the university journals. All published research articles is distributed to a number of institutions across the nation, including public sector organizations, policy institutions, think tanks and research institutions and universities. The VPRCS division annually prepares policy briefs based on research conducted by research centres and send to relevant public sector organizations, ministries, and institutions. Annual national research conferences are

conducted, with participants drawn from academicians from universities as well as practitioners and policy makers. The division also annually conducts workshops with stakeholders, in which participants are chief executives and senior advisors and officials from selected public sector organizations across the nation. The purpose of annual stakeholder workshop is twofold: first, to communicate key findings and conclusions of studies for policy makers and advisors; second, to identify key issues and problems worthy of research to be conducted

The following table depicts key statistics showing the performance of research and community service divisions in 2020/2021 academic year.

<b>SN</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Performance (2020/2021)</b>
1	National research conference	Number	1
2	National stakeholders workshop	Number	1
3	Policy briefs	Number	8
4	Journals	Number	4 <sup>1</sup>
5	Community services	Number	33
6	Number of research conducted by research centres	Number	21
7	Number of research conducted by university staff research grant	Number	42
8	Number of research projects conducted by external funds	Number	8

## Summary

In general, the Ethiopian Civil Service University has trained several thousands of graduates of civil servants and leaders of the public sector. It has also contributed to the formulation of better policy in the area of public service by conducting hundreds of studies on public sector issues. The university through VPRCS has given community services to government and non-government organizations, including to

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<sup>1</sup> Journal of African Development Studies (JADS), African Journal of Leadership and Development (AJOLD), Journal of Urban Development Studies (JoDS), Journal of Ethiopian Legal Studies (JELS)

schools and kindergartens. The 10 year strategic plan of the university also envisages further developing research facilities and undertaking capacity building programs.

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