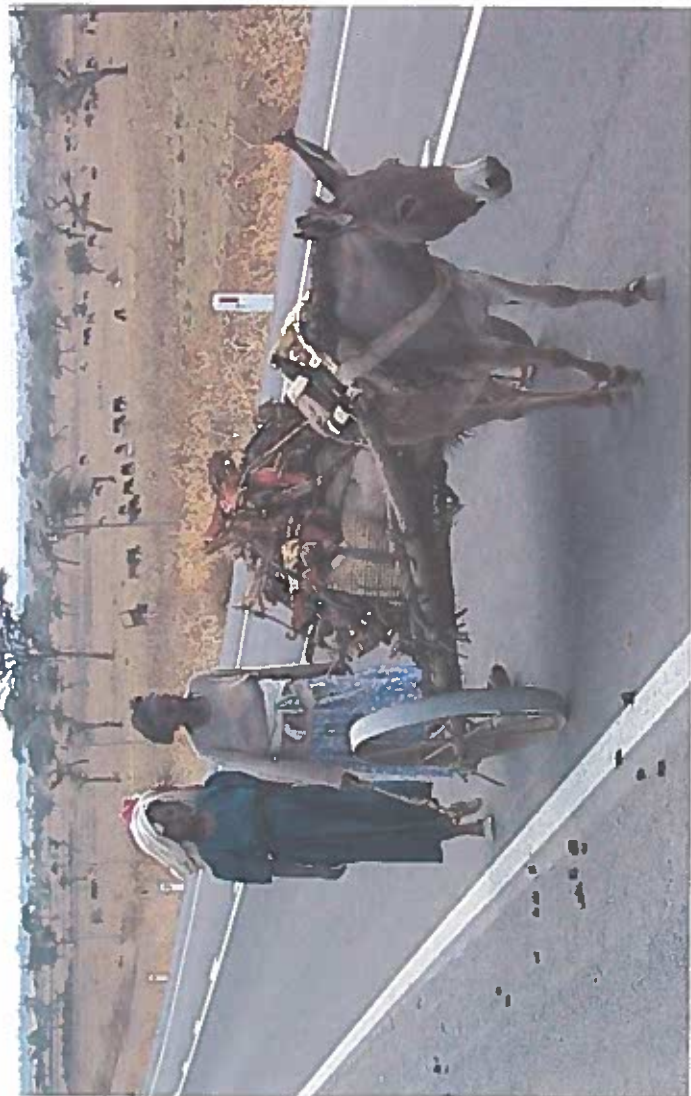


## The road out of poverty

Donkey ownership in Ethiopia can directly improve people's livelihoods, even the landless and the powerless. Donkey ownership diversifies income-generating activities and reduces labour burden within the household. Better health and welfare of donkeys extends their working life and improves the economic security of their owners. The DFID Livestock Production

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Photo by David Smith, Centre for Tropical Veterinary Medicine  
During the recent drought of 2002, two Oromo women collect roadside firewood, to supplement their income, using a donkey and traditionally built cart, Southern Ethiopia

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