

What do you see?



Location: Oromia, Ethiopia

Trenches are dug parallel to the contour lines. The dug earth is used to form a continuous bund just below the excavation.

The trench is segmented in order to stop lateral flow and to keep water in the system.

This way runoff is collected in the trenches. The water infiltrates in the ground and soil erosion is under control.

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## 17 - Contour trenches