



Fana Limat Multipurpose Cooperative Profile

Introduction:

Fana multipurpose cooperative is situated in May-kadra town, 28 km from Kafta- Humera, west Tigray zone. It was established in 1997 by 70 sesame and sorghum producing farmers, out of which 55 are men and 15 women. Currently, it has 2374 members (1733 men and 641 women) who are living in the 21 kebeles of May-kadra.

The cooperative is among the founding members of Setit Union, and is a key stakeholder in the May-kadra sesame business cluster. Its main business is buying and selling sesame. It collects sesame from its members and sells it to Setit union, the Tigray Marketing Federation and Sellit Hulling. Besides sesame sales and marketing, the cooperative offers a number of services for its members. It provides credit service for farmers during the peak production seasons such as ploughing, weeding, and harvesting. It also gives information about the local sesame market to members. By collaborating with development organizations it arranges training on improving productivity, management of post-harvest losses and storage. What is more, it provides agricultural inputs (fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides), and some construction materials (iron sheets, nails).

The cooperative has a capital of more than three million ETB, and has an office, store and loading car. It has 10 permanent staff members. Every year the cooperative shares its dividend with its members. Seventy percent is distributed to its members based on their participation whereas thirty percent has been invested in the cooperatives' overall performance.

Vision: to see improved livelihood status of the farmer members in particular and the community in general

Mission: to benefit farmers and the surrounding community at large by creating material and spiritual integration and by developing the self-confidence and self-governing behaviors of members

The objectives of Fana Multipurpose Cooperative are to:

- provide efficient and quality services such as agricultural inputs to the members so that members could lead a standard life
- create improved market situation by providing inputs and availing factory products;
- jointly solve problems which cannot be solved individually by integrating the knowledge, wealth and labor of the members
- provide input and other services for its members with reasonable price
- support members add value in their products so that they can get better price
- reduce the challenges and bankruptcies that they face individually and share the challenges together
- help the community use their knowledge and skill to develop their social and economic culture

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