

Feleg Multipurpose Farmers' Cooperative Union

Profile

Feleg Multipurpose Farmers' Cooperative Union is found in Asgede Tsibla woreda, Northwester Tigray zone. The union started its operations in the 5th of November 2009 with 15 primary cooperatives. Currently, the union comprises 21 farmers primary cooperatives. Its operation reaches up to 23 kebeles out of which 11 are producing sesame. When it was formed in 2009 the union had 687,500 ETB but at present it reaches a capital of 8, 441, 465.47 ETB this includes the physical assets- one big truck, one tractor with 110 horsepower and a standard warehouse with a holding capacity of 10,000 quintal. The union has 15 full time employees and five board members who run the management operations and overall activities.

The main services that the union provides to its member cooperatives are collecting and selling their produce mainly sesame, sorghum and finger millet. It also avails improved technology such as water pump, fertiliser, chemicals, car service, sugar, oil, coffee and other goods for its members and the surrounding communities. The union sells its members sesame produce either through Tigray federation or the ECX Sheraro branch delivery site. What is more, Feleg union provides input finance to its cooperatives.

In 2017, only 7,025 hectares of land was covered via sesame in the woreda. The union plans to encourage its member cooperatives produce more sesame using the improved sesame production technologies. It will do its level best to support farmers by availing inputs and improved technologies.

Vision: We envision a union that provides sustainable service to members and is competent with other cooperatives and unions operating in the zone and region.

Mission: To promote democratic decision making and implementation capacity of member cooperatives and equipping the union with all necessary facilities and qualified human resource thereby supplying different agri-inputs, industrial products, improved seeds, credit service

The objectives of the Feleg union are to:

- increase members' production and productivity by availing inputs and improved technologies
- supply demand driven industrial products at competitive price
- stabilise market prices
- aggregate/purchase and market members' produce by increasing the negotiation and bargaining capacity of the union
- increase the capacity and profitability of the union
- increase member satisfaction through better service and paying dividends regularly

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