



Gondar Agricultural Research Center (GARC)

Profile

Gondar Agricultural Research Center (GARC) is one of the eight research centers under the Amhara Regional Agricultural Research Institute (ARARI). It was established in July, 2004. Currently, GARC has a total number of 111 staff members; of which 50 are researchers, 19 technical assistants, and 42 supporting staffs.

Research and overall agricultural activities at GARC is organized in five directorates, namely, crop, soil and water, forestry, livestock and socioeconomics. The center, in collaboration with other regional and federal research centers, performs research activities targeting to meet regional bureau of agriculture and rural development office plan and its food security strategy in north Gondar zone.

North Gondar administrative zone is the mandate area of the center. Its research activities covers 20 woredas of the zone including the woredas in the low land area such as Tach Armachiho, Metema, Mirab Armachiho, Quara, and Tegede. These woredas are well known for their sesame production.

GARC strives to generate and scale out appropriate agricultural technologies including sesame and sorghum that contribute to sustainable agricultural productivity, competitiveness, economic growth, food security and poverty eradication.

Regarding facilities, GARC has new office building with library and multipurpose hall in Gondar town.

The Center works in close collaboration with Government and non-government organizations such as Sesame Business Network (SBN) Support Programme, International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) etc.

Vision:

GARC aspires to see improved livelihood of the society in the region through use of technologies generated and adopted by the institute.

Mission:

To generate crop, animal, soil and water & forestry technologies which are suitable to different agro ecologies so as to achieve food security, self-sufficiency and to bring sustainable change in the livelihood of north Gondar community.

Objectives:

- to generate appropriate agricultural knowledge, technologies and information that contribute to the enhanced and sustainable agricultural productivity, competitiveness, economic growth, food security and poverty reduction.
- to enhance technology uptake through its outreach program and starter technologies supply.
- to increase production and quality of different technology contributing to food security and self-sufficient in different agro-ecologies of north Gondar community.

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