

Hidase Gideb Farmers' Cooperative Union Profile

Hidase Gideb Farmer's Multipurpose Cooperative Union is found in Tselemti town, Northwestern Tigary and operates in almost all kebeles of the woreda. It was first established in the 18th of September 2012 and it has got its legal recognition in the same year. Hidase Gideb Union has started with eight primary cooperatives and the number of member cooperatives gradually reached 22, in 2017. Five out of these 22 cooperatives produce sesame. The union has 14 employees who run overall activities of which 11 are fulltime while the remaining three are contract base employees. It has a capital of 1,090,000 (one million and ninthly thousand ETB).

Among the major activities that the union does are: availing agricultural inputs such as chemical fertiliser, quality seed and herbicides to farmers in the woreda; collecting the produce of its members and selling it in better markets; availing different kinds of goods such as oil, sugar, teff, rice, detergents, corrugated iron etc. to the local communities in the woreda; organises training sessions for the managers and accountants of its cooperative members.

Very recently the union has bought animal feed mixer but it has not yet started functioning. In the future, the union plans to continue supporting its member cooperatives in improving their production and it also plans to search for better markets for its members produces.

Vision: We envision to improve the livelihood of members in the woreda by availing improved technologies that help to increase production and productivity thereby ensuring food security of members.

Mission: Strengthening the capacity of the union by increasing its membership base and performing business activities that are beyond the capacity of its member cooperatives in cost effective manner.

The objectives of Hidase Gideb union are to:

- provide market information to member cooperatives to enable them to timely supply demand-driven inputs to members and effectively perform output marketing to stabilize market price
- provide effective and efficient services to members and non-members.
- create strong linkage between the cooperatives and the union
- create linkages of member and non-members through business transaction
- build capacity of cooperative management

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