



Kafta-Humera Sesame Production and Sales Cooperative Profile

Kafta-Humera Sesame Production and Sales Cooperative (KHSPSC) is situated in Humera town, western Tigray zone. The cooperative was licensed in May 2012. Currently, it has 120 autonomous farmer members who are individually licensed as agricultural commercial investor farmers around Humera. The members have a total land size of 40,000 hectares and 275 tractors with implements. The annual sesame production capacity of the cooperative members reaches from 20,000 - 25,000 Metric tons.

KHSPSC supplies the whitish typical Humera type sesame seed to the international market. In between 2013 and 2015 the cooperative exported 48,210 quintals sesame seed. As investor cooperative KHSPSC is relatively in a better position to play a forerunner role for other cooperatives in the area.

KHSPSC is striving to support its member farmers by certifying their product. Last year, it has got organic certificate from Germany and exported 11,400 quintal sesame to Israel. It is also working to increase its members. It encourages its members improve the productivity and quality of sesame. It is working to have reliable international buyers. What is more, the cooperative wants to work with companies which can cooperate in joint venture form so that it can start value addition activities locally.

The cooperative has its own office and store. It has 12 member of general assembly, five member of board of directors and five employees including manager, finance and admin, assistant admin, secretary and warehouse control.

The objectives of the cooperative are to:

- introduce Humera type sesame seed to the international market
- help investor farmers improve the productivity and quality of sesame and get premium price in the world market
- introduce improved production technologies which could help farmer members improve their sesame product
- create better market opportunities for its member investor farmers
- collaborate with governmental and non-governmental organizations and build the capacity of its members in particular and the cooperative at large
- develop the capacity of the cooperative by building modern warehouses, planting cleaning machines and buying other machineries
- reduce the financial problems which mainly occurs during weeding, harvesting and other stages of the sesame production
- reduce informal money lending system in the sesame sector
- create job opportunities in the area

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