

Kokit Farmers' Multipurpose Primary Cooperative Profile

Kokit Farmers Multipurpose Cooperative is situated in Metema woreda, north Gondar zone in Amhara region. It was established by 233 farmers (219 male and 14 female) in Kokit kebele in December 1994 (which is in December 23, 1987 EC). Till October 2013, it has 2201 members, out of which 1445 males and 756 are females. There are 1851 households in Kokit kebele. Out of this number 333 are female households. Among the different activities that Kokit cooperative performs, collecting sesame and sorghum from its members and selling it out to the Metema union is the major one. Almost all members produce sesame and sorghum as major crops.

The cooperative is one of the most successful multipurpose cooperatives in the region. It is always profitable and gives out dividend to its members. Ever since it has established in 1994 the cooperative audit its balance yearly and it has got profit every year. In addition to sharing out its profit or dividend for its members the cooperative provides credit service for its members every year. It always buys the products of its members. For its outstanding achievements, the cooperative has got different kinds of prizes every year. 6 cups, 1 millennium logo, 2 computers with printers from the country's prime minister, 16 certificates and one radio.

It has been led by employed workers. It has ten full time and two contractual base employees. It has got its own office and warehouse.

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 farmer members

The main objectives of the cooperative are to:

- 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 new knowledge and skill to develop their social and their economic culture

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