

Metema Yohannes Multipurpose Farmers' Cooperative

Profile

Metema Yohannes Multipurpose Farmers' Cooperative is located in Metema Yohannes town, which is on the border of Sudan in north Gondar zone. The cooperative was established in 1997. The founding members were 37 (28 men and 9 females) farmers. Currently, it has 540 members, out of which 428 male and 112 females.

The cooperative is one of the active members of Metema- Yohannes Kokit sesame business cluster. The main business of the cooperative is collecting sesame and sorghum from its members and selling through the Metema union for which it is a member. It shares the dividend for its members. Apart from marketing sesame and sorghum, the cooperative provides credit service to its members who are living Metema-Yohannes Kebele.

The cooperative has six regular employees. It has two relatively small stores for sesame and sorghum: one with a holding capacity of 600 quintals near its office; the other store which is in the market center can hold up to 450 quintals.

The cooperatives future plans are to: collect more sesame from its members; provide their members some goods such as sugar and oil with a reasonable price; it has also a plan to buy tractor.

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 objectives of the 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 that they face individually and share the challenges together
- help the community use their knowledge and skill to develop their social and their economic culture

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