



## Shinfa Shikuria Farmers Primary Cooperative Profile

Shinfa Shikuria Farmers Primary Cooperative is located in Shinfa town, Metema woreda which is 54 km away from Gendawuha on the road to Quara. The cooperative started its operation in 1997 but legally licensed in 2000. It was founded by 43 farmers, 42 men and one woman members. At present, the cooperative has 901 (636 men and 265 women) members who are living in Shinfa Kebele.

Shinfa Shikuria cooperative is a key stakeholder in the Shinfa sesame business cluster. Almost all its members produce sesame and sorghum as major crops. Among the different activities that Shinfa Shikuria cooperative performs, collecting sesame, sorghum and cotton production of its members and selling it to the Metema Union is the major one. In addition to this, the cooperative provides credit service for its members during peak agricultural production seasons such as ploughing, weeding, and harvesting. Moreover, it provides agricultural inputs such as pesticides and herbicides.

The cooperative has six regular workers including the manager and finance.

**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:

- provide efficient and quality services such as agricultural inputs to the members so that members could lead a standard life
- create improved market situation by providing inputs and availing factory products;
- 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

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