

Tekeze Multipurpose Farmers' Cooperative Union

Profile

Tekeze Multipurpose Farmers' Cooperative Union is situated in Tahtay Adiyabo woreda, North-western Tigray zone. It was established in the 10th of June 2009 with four cooperatives which had 3,228 (2,489 males and 739 female) members and a total capital of 150,000 ETB. At present, it has 15 primary cooperatives with a total of 11,016 members (7, 136 males and 3,880 female). Its capital reaches 4.2 million ETB. The union has two tractors each with 110 horsepower; one medium size truck with a holding capacity of 60 quintal and a modern warehouse with a holding capacity of 10,000 quintal. It has 13 employees and 17 board members out of which five are main principal board member.

The union operates in four urban and 17 rural kebeles. All cooperatives in the seven kebeles produce sesame. Among the services that the union provides to its members are: availing chemical fertiliser, herbicide, quality seed, water pump, tractor renting service to smallholder and commercial farmers in reasonable price. It also supplies sugar, oil, teff and other consumable goods for almost all the 21 kebeles. The union collects its members sesame and sells it via Setit Union; it sells its members sorghum produce by searching for better markets.

In 2017, the member cooperatives covered 18,401-hectare land with sesame. Tekeze union has a plan to buy sesame cleaning machine; start cattle fattening and build a modern warehouse with a holding capacity of 30,000 quintal. It also has a plan to put on its own office building.

Vision: envision to create strong member cooperatives that are capable of enhancing the economic and social wellbeing of their members and the community

Mission: To mobilize the financial and non-financial resources of members, marketing of members' output in a way that fetch better price and provide quality service to members

The objectives of the Tekeze union are to:

- supply different consumer goods and other services to members and the community at competitive price thereby solving their socio-economic problems that cannot be solved by primary cooperatives individually
- improve the quality of agricultural products to fetch better price and encourage farmers to produce quality products
- market the product of member cooperatives in better markets

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