



Genene Gezu Shiferaw

● WORK EXPERIENCE

07/08/2017 – 22/04/2021 – Addis Abeba, Ethiopia
AGRI-BUSINESS & VALUE CHAINS DEVELOPMENT ADVISOR – AICS - ITALIAN AGENCY FOR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION, ADDIS ABEBA OFFICE

Technical assistance to the following AICS projects:

- Inclusive and Sustainable Value Chains Development Project in Oromia – ISVCDO (AID 10718)
- Inclusive and Sustainable Value Chains Development Project in Oromia and SNNPR – ISVCDO-SNNPR (AID 11400)
- Technical Support for the Implementation of an Integrated Agro Industrial Park (IAIP) in Ethiopia (AID 10131)
- Improving the sustainability and Inclusiveness of the Ethiopian Coffee Value Chain through Private and Public Partnership (AID 11033)

Performed key activities are the following:

- Supervise and facilitate the Value Chain Projects towards the achievement of their objectives and targets
- Contribute during the planning, formulation and provide continuous Technical Assistance to the implementation of the AICS funded project “Inclusive and Sustainable Value Chains Development Project in Oromia – ISVCDO (AID 10718)”
- Technical assistance from AICS side in planning and for the implementation of component 3 of the ISVCDO-SNNPR project;
- Provide supervision for proper implementation of the bilateral agreement signed between GOE and GOI and cooperation projects between Italy and Ethiopia since 2011 at AICS.
- Play significant roles to maintain good relationship between AICS and project counterparts, such as Public authorities and institutions of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, International Organizations, and Development Partners;
- Participate in the ISVCDO-SNNPR Federal and Regional Steering Committee meetings in coordination with the assigned human resources from the Ministry of Agriculture, the Bureau of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and the FAO technical staff;
- Actively engaged in the monitoring and appraisal field missions and project review meetings with implementing partners of the ISVCDO and ISVCDO-SNNPR projects, according to the agreement and the respective Plan of Actions
- Continuous follow of the utilization of the soft loan to the Ministry of Agriculture and the Regional Bureau of Agriculture and Natural Resources of Oromia and SNNPR based on Project Document, the Global and the Annual Operational Plans
- Supervise and provide guidance to the Procurement activities performed at Federal and Regional Levels for the ISVCDO-SNNPR project for its alignment with the applicable legislations and the World Bank Guidelines;
- Compiling regular reports and also support project partners for preparing their Semi-Annual and Annual Reports on project progress and performance
- Representing AICS, participating to several sectoral and thematic working groups of Government-donor-private platforms (e.g. in Agricultural Sector DAG - RED&FS at MoA, Program for Country Partnership at MoTI, Wheat Stakeholders’ Platform at the ATA, Wheat Alliance in Arsi & Bale, Ethiopian Coffee Forum at ECTA, etc); served as co-chair of the Input and Rural Finance Task Force and also the co-chair of the Agricultural Growth Technical Committee in the DAG-RED&FS structure.

20/03/2015 – 06/07/2017 – Addis Abeba, Ethiopia
AGRI-BUSINESS & VALUE CHAINS DEVELOPMENT ADVISOR – AICS- ITALIAN AGENCY FOR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION, ADDIS ABEBA OFFICE

- Played a significant role in the need assessment, negotiation and formulation of the 30 Million Euro project “Inclusive and Sustainable Value Chains Development Project in Oromia – ISVCDO-SNNPR (AID 11400)”
- Actively organizing and participating to Technical Committee and Steering Committee meetings of the ISVCDO project with BoFEC and partners
- Responsible for the follow up of the “Italian Contribution to the Agricultural Growth Program AGP I – a Multi-

- Participation to Technical Committee meetings of AGP I representing AICS
- Taking part to the regular Joint Review and Implementation Support (JRS) missions to project implementation regions and zones; technical backstopping to implementing partners and producing lessons learnt reports back to office
- Taking an important role in the formulation of the 2.9 Million Euro project "Inclusive and Sustainable Value Chains Development Project in Oromia – ISVCCO" of AICS (AID 10718)
- Representing the AICS, actively participating to several sectoral working groups and donor platform meetings (e.g. RED&FS, Wheat Stakeholders' Platform, Coffee Forum, etc)
- Support AICS with regard to the negotiation process of new initiatives; the implementation of other on-going activities related to AICS agricultural, agro-industrial and rural development projects in Ethiopia and attend sector meetings whenever required by the AICS Addis Abeba Office or the Programme Coordinator.

25/07/2011 – 28/02/2015 – Addis Abeba, Ethiopia

REGIONAL CONSULTANT – OVERSEAS AGRONOMIC INSTITUTE (IAO), ETHIO-ITALIAN COOPERATION

- Smallholder farmer's capacitation through their institutions/cooperatives following Value Chains approach
- Capacity building of the extension program and participatory value chain development of the selected crops (Durum Wheat and Harennna Forest Coffee)
- Monitoring and supporting the strategic investments along the value chains targeted to farmers' institutions, extension service and the research system
- Spearheading the effort to improve the market linkages among actors of the Value Chains via Contract Farming arrangements
- Played the key role for the establishment of the "Durum wheat production and marketing model or the Farmers' Cooperative and Food Industries Linkage Model in Bale" www.ethiopianvaluechain.org
- Mobilization of development partners and technical backstopping to project implementing partners

30/08/2006 – 30/06/2011 – Addis Abeba, Ethiopia

PROGRAMME MANAGER – ETHIO-ORGANIC SEED ACTION (EOSA) - NGO SYSTEM

Coordination of different regional and international programs within EOSA (that were funded by USC Canada, DF of Norway, CGN the Netherlands, Italian Cooperation, etc)

- Technically serving as researcher and trainer to extension staff of woredas and zones, development agents, smallholder farmers and other partners
- Support interventions on seed supply system, watershed management, community seed banking, farmer field schools, participatory variety selection, value addition and income generation to farmers, youth and women groups
- Partnership management with several stakeholders, monitoring/supervision and technical backstopping and report writing (to donors and the local government)
- Facilitation of field days, seed fairs, workshops, conferences, panel discussions, and representation of the organization at local, regional and international level
- Key roles in baseline surveys or need assessments, project formulation, planning, budgeting, implementation, monitoring and evaluation processes.

11/09/1999 – 25/08/2006 – Bale - Robe, Ethiopia

AGRONOMIST RESEARCHER – OROMIA AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE - SINANA RESEARCH CENTER

- As department head, I was responsible for the plan, coordinate, monitor/evaluate the activities of Agronomy and Crop Physiology department
- Write research projects on crop management and seed production systems
- Compile relevant reports, submit to concerned authorities and publish as required
- Train and consult farmers and other stakeholders on proper use of different agricultural technologies
- Plan, monitor, and coordinate the production and distribution of basic and pre-basic seeds of improved varieties - to farmers and different stakeholders
- Manage the human resource (16 staff) and material resource of the department

● EDUCATION AND TRAINING

11/09/2001 – 05/07/2003 – Haramaya, Ethiopia

MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN AGRICULTURE (IN AGRONOMY) – Alemaya University

www.haramaya.edu.et

11/09/1995 – 03/07/1999 – Haramaya, Ethiopia
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN AGRICULTURE (IN PLANT SCIENCES) – Alemaya University

www.haramaya.edu.et

04/12/2000 – 15/12/2000 – Debre Zeit, Ethiopia
CERTIFICATE FOR TRAINING WORKSHOP - PRINCIPLES OF SCIENTIFIC WRITING AND PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT – CIMMYT Ethiopia and Ethiopian Agricultural Research Organization

25/04/2005 – 21/05/2005 – Ethiopia
CERTIFICATE FOR TRAINING - GENETIC AND ELECTROPHORESIS ANALYSIS OF STORAGE PROTEIN OF DURUM WHEAT – Ethio-Italian Development Cooperation & Ethio-Organic Seed Action, Sinana Research Center

www.iqqa.org

15/10/2005 – 27/10/2005 – Rome, Italy
CERTIFICATE FOR TRAINING - GRAIN QUALITY ASSESSMENT OF WHEAT – TRAINING OF TRAINERS – Experimental Institute for Cereals

www.crea.gov.it

17/08/2009 – 28/08/2009 – Hawassa
CERTIFICATE FOR TRAINING WORKSHOP - LOCAL CROPS AND VARIETIES: OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL SEED BUSINESS. TEAM TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR INTEGRATED SEED SECTOR DEVELOPMENT – Hawassa University & Wageningen International

www.wur.nl

01/02/2006 – 15/02/2006 – Sinana Research Center, Ethiopia
CERTIFICATE FOR TRAINING - WHEAT GRAIN QUALITY ANALYSIS: ON THE JOB TRAINING (TRAINER & COORDINATOR) – Ethio-Italian Development Cooperation & Ethio-Organic Seed Action, Sinana Research Center

www.iqqa.org

16/07/2007 – 20/07/2007 – Ethiopia
CERTIFICATE FOR TRAINING - PARTICIPATORY PLANT BREEDING AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FARMERS' FIELD SCHOOL (TRAINING, COORDINATOR) – Center for Genetic Resources, The Netherlands (CGN) and Ethio-Organic
16/07/2007 – 20/07/2007

www.wur.nl

06/10/2008 – 31/10/2008 – Ethiopia
CERTIFICATE FOR TRAINING - PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES AND SEEDS: POLICIES, CONSERVATION AND USE - INTERNATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM – Wageningen International, Mekele University, Debre Zeit Research Center & Ethio-Organic Seed Action

www.wur.nl

18/10/2009 – 25/10/2009 – Chennai, India
CERTIFICATE FOR TRAINING WORKSHOP - PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES AND SEEDS: POLICIES, CONSERVATION AND USE - INTERNATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM (FACILITATOR) – Wageningen International & M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation 18/10/2009 – 25/10/2009

www.wur.nl

www.weseedchange.org

20/01/2010 – 27/01/2010 – 20/01/2010 – 27/01/2010, Addis Abeba, Ethiopia
CERTIFICATE FOR TRAINING WORKSHOP - PRINCIPLES AND TECHNIQUES OF DNA FINGERPRINTING IN PLANTS – I
nstitute of Biology, Botanical Gardens & Botanical Museum (Germany) & Addis Ababa University

● LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): AMHARIC | AFAN OROMO

Other language(s):

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
ENGLISH	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

● DIGITAL SKILLS

Microsoft Word | Microsoft Excel | Microsoft Powerpoint

● COMMUNICATION AND INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

Appreciable communication skill and interpersonal qualities

- The highly sociable nature enables to communicate with so diverse value chain actors quiet easily
- Appreciable skill of moderating or facilitating workshops and conferences
- Demonstrated skill of discussion and negotiation with different levels of government officials
- Delivering trainings and presentations by using multiple languages based on the interest and diversity of the audience
- Chaired the Information and Communication unit while working in the research system
- Ability of managing multi-stakeholder platforms is the result of high communication and interpersonal qualities

● PROFESSIONAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS

Well developed experience in professional and organizational skills

- More than 15 years of professional experience in the fields of agricultural and rural development
- More than 10 years experience of providing technical assistance in agro-values chains research, analysis and development initiatives
- More than 10 years experience in managing donor relations with the local government (high level platforms, working groups, round tables, steering and technical committees); ability of serving as a chairman in some of the platforms
- More than 10 years experience in project cycle management (Planning, Budgeting, Implementation, Coordination, Monitoring & Evaluation systems)
- Experiences on organization of high level workshops and conferences both at national and international levels
- Program management skill enabled to better organize projects in horizontal and vertical fashions

● PUBLICATIONS

Durum Wheat Value Chain Development in the Bale Zone, Oromia Region, Ethiopia

Chiari T., Genene Gezu, Tafa J., Ahmed I., Hussein A., Mengistu H., and Fekadu A.
2012
Poster presented and Abstract published on the International Conference *"Wheat for Food Security in Africa"* organized by CIMMYT. 08-12 October 2012, UN-ECA - Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Genetic diversity of Ethiopian durum wheat varieties based on gliadin alleles

Tesfaye Letta, Genene Gezu, A. Kudryavtsev, E. Chiapparino, and M.G. D'Egidio
2005
Journal article published on *J. Genet. & Breed.* 59: 277-284 (2005).

Dynamics of nitrogen responses to wheat under moisture stress

Genene Gezu and Douglas Tanner
2011
Book published by: VDM Publishing House Ltd. ISBN: 978-3-639-33287-2 (*Extracted from M.Sc Thesis Research*).

Genetic and quality characterization of durum wheat landraces and improved varieties grown in the highlands of Arsi and Bale zones of Ethiopia.

Chiapparino E., Genene G., Letta T., Feyissa R., Assefa Z., Hussen A., Nefo K., Kudryavtsev
2008
Presented and published on *"From Seeds to Pasta 2008"*, June 30 – July 03, 2008, Bologna, Italy.

Durum wheat production in South-Eastern Ethiopian highlands: status, constraints and prospects.

Naziri, D., Hussen, A., Hassena, M., Feyissa, R., Gezu, G., Bishaw, Z., Chiapparino E., Chiari T.
2008
Presented and published on *"From Seeds to Pasta 2008"*, June 30 – July 03, 2008, Bologna, Italy.

Responses of seed yield, yield components and oil content of linseed to nitrogen and phosphorus fertilizer rates in the highlands of Bale, Southeastern Ethiopia

Genene Gezu, Habtamu Seboka, Kedir Nefo, Tilahun Geleto, and Ashinie Bogale.
2006
Presented and published on. Crop Science Society of Ethiopia (CSSSE). SEBI Vol. 12. pp. 117 – 125. In: *Proceedings of Twelfth Conference*, 22 – 24 May 2006 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Recommendation of Production Management Practices for Field Crops in Bale Highlands

Genene Gezu, Kedir Nefo, Tilahun Geleto, Habtamu Seboka and Ashinie Bogale
2005
Review paper published In: *Tilahun Geleto and Kedir Nefo (eds.), Past Achievement and Future Prospect. Sinana Agricultural Research Center*. Bale, Ethiopia.

Response of food barley, field pea and emmer wheat to different levels of nitrogen and phosphorus fertilizers in the highlands of Bale.

Kedir Nefo, Feyisa Tadesse, Tilahun Geleto and Genene Gezu
2004
Presented and published in *Integrated Natural Resource Management: Basis for Achieving Sustainable Livelihoods in Ethiopia*. In: *The Proceedings of the Seventh Ethiopian Soil Science Society*, 11-12 March 2004. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Moving Beyond the Dilemma: Practices that Contribute to the On-Farm Management of Agrobiodiversity

Boef, W. S., M.H. Thijssen, P. Shrestha, A. Subedi, Regassa F., Genene Gezu, A. Canci
2012

Review article published on *Journal of Sustainable Agriculture*. 36:788-809 (2012).

Community Biodiversity Management: Promoting Resilience and the Conservation of Plant Genetic Resources

W.S. de Boef, A. Subedi, N. Peroni, M. Thijssen, E. O'Keeffe - Editors
2013

Contribution to chapters of this book are the following:

- Regassa Feyissa, **Genene Gezu**, Bayush Tsegaye, Temesgen Desalegn. On-farm management of plant genetic resources through community seed banks in Ethiopia. pp. 26-31.
- Shrestha, P., **Genene Gezu**, S. Swain, B. Lassaigne, A. Subedi, and W. S. Boef. The community seed bank: a common driver for community biodiversity management. pp. 109-117.
- Regassa Feyissa, **Genene Gezu**, Bayush Tsegaye, Kassahun Tesfaye. Community management of forest Coffee landscapes in Ethiopia. pp. 155-162.

● CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

Hilton Hotel - Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Durum Wheat Value Chain Project: Results and Prospects.

International Conference on WHEAT, FLOUR & PASTA, organized by the Italian Embassy and Ethiopian Millers' Association. 06-07 December 2014

UN-ECA - Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Making the Connection: Value Chains for Transforming Smallholder Agriculture

International Conference organized by CTA. 6 - 9 November 2012. <http://makingtheconnection.cta.int>

Maseru, Lesotho

Policy and Advocacy Training Workshop on Farmer's Rights, Modern Technologies & Economic Partnership Agreements (EU-ACP)

Seminar organized by CBDC Africa Office. February 2008.

Chennai, India

Local Rights in the Conservation of Local Varieties & Seed Systems in Ethiopia: Experiences of Crop Conservation Cooperatives

International conference organized by: Wageningen International & M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation.
November 2010.

EIAR Hall, Addis Abeba, Ethiopia

Community Seed Banking and Farmers: the Experience of Ethio-Organic Seed Action

Seminar on Farmers' Seeds Organized by EIAR and JICA. August 2010.

Nazareth, Ethiopia

Promotion of Harena Natural Forest Coffee: Improving the Technical Capacity of Local Farming Communities

Seminar organized by Ethio-Italian Development Cooperation & Ethio-Organic Seed Action. May 2009.

● **HONOURS AND AWARDS**

Certificates of Appreciation for the Outstanding Contribution - Sinana Agricultural Research Center - SARC, Ethiopia

SARC has Awarded the Certificates for Doing Things Differently: Developing Projects on Technology Multiplication and Delivering to Smallholder Farmers; for better Coordination of the Communication and Publication Unit and for Efficient Delivering of Trainings for Stakeholders. October 2005.

● **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership to professional and technical groups or societies

The following are the major ones:

- Member of Crop Science, Weed Science, and Soil Science Societies of Ethiopia.
- Member of the "Wheat Value Chain Stakeholders Platform" led by the Agricultural Transformation Agency, since 2014.
- Founding Member of the Ethiopian Association of Organic Agriculture
- Member of the Rural Economic Development & Food Security (RED & FS) Sector Working Group at the Ministry of Agriculture

● **REFERENCES**

Three references who can provide recommendations

● **AUTHORIZATION FOR PERSONAL DATA PROCESSING**

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● **DATE**

22 April 2021

