

Metema Farmers' Cooperative Union Profile

Metema union is situated at Gendewuha town, and operates in Metema, Quara and Gendewuha district in the north Gondar zone. It was established in 1999 and has legal recognition since 2002. The union has started its operation by four primary farmers' cooperative members (1440 members), and gradually increased to 37 primary cooperatives with 17,200 members. The union has 16 permanent staff members for its operational management and activities. The Union is located near potential sesame areas.

Metema union is owned and governed by its members. The general assembly is the supreme organ of the union, which is composed of representatives from the 37-primary cooperative. There are seven board members, and three control committees that are directly accountable to the general assembly.

The union purchases and markets the product of its members. In addition, it supplies different products to its members and the local communities, varying from agricultural inputs (such as fertilisers and herbicides), to food products (such as oil and sugar). In 2016/2017, the union collected 3,560 quintal sesame, 25,000 cotton, 2000 sorghum and 65 quintal soyabean from its cooperative members. Due to low market sesame production was not as expected. This is why the union collected limited produce this year. The union plans to increase its sesame sales from cooperatives, private traders, and others.

Vision: To see improved livelihood status of the farmers in the region

Mission: Metema union will strive to contribute to the livelihood improvement of its members through provision of production and productivity enhancing improved agricultural inputs, credit services and supplying consumable goods at reasonable prices besides facilitating farmers' access to remunerative markets.

The objectives of the Metema union are to:

- improve the livelihoods of its members
- increase members productivity by availing updated technology with affordable price
- increase members socio-economic capacity by using rapid wholesale of primary cooperative activity
- develop members competency
- support, evaluate and build cooperative members through consecutive training

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