



Tigray Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) Humera Agricultural Research Center (HuARC)

Profile

Humera Agricultural Research Center (HuARC) is one of the six research centers in Tigray region. It was established in 2003 with three researchers and two technical assistants' at Humera which is at the boarder of Sudan and Eritrea. Currently, the center has 25 researchers and technical assistances and 11 administrative staff members.

The center's area of operation covers both the lowland and highland areas of west Tigray. HuARC is doing its research activities in Humera, May-kadra, Kebabo, Adi-emetse, Ketema-Negus and May-kadra areas. The lowland area that the center covers is suitable for mechanized agriculture to produce high value crops such as sesame, cotton, sorghum, wheat, barley, teff, linseed, noug, vegetables and other horticultural crops.

Research at HARC is organized into four major programmes: crop, natural resources management, livestock, socio economics and extension. The center has also its own finance and administration department which deals with finance, property, and human resources management.

Regarding facilities, HuARC has office building with library and multipurpose hall sufficient to accommodate 500 persons, farm management unit with tractors. Although not fully operational, the center owns laboratories for tissue culture-biotechnology, soil and plant analysis and plant disease and pest diagnosis.

The Center works in close collaboration with Government and non-government organizations such as Sesame Business Network (SBN) Support Programme, Mekelle University (MU), Tigray agricultural Marketing Agency (TAMPA), Ethiopia Seed Enterprise, REST, USAID, Netherlands Embassy, Meset consult plc, Agro base consult plc.

Vision:

HuARC aspires to see improved livelihood of the society in the mandate area and the region as a whole through the use of technologies generated and proven by the research center and to be one of the most important research centers in Ethiopia as well as in Africa

Mission:

- To improve the welfare of people in Tigray through increased production, productivity and nutritional quality of food while preserving and enhancing natural resources base
- To generate Agricultural technologies that improves Livelihood of the farming community in particular and the region at large.

The objectives of the actor are to:

- generate appropriate Technologies that enhance sustainable agricultural development and natural resources conservation, utilization and management.
- popularize improved technologies that have proven to be effective in an innovative manner (scaling out and up)
- coordinate and network research activities in its mandate areas

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