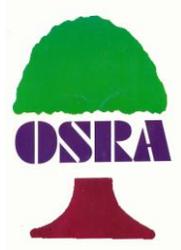


SPCC JOURNEY TO HOLETTA AND ENCHINI



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Report for trip to Holetta and Enchini

Our journey to Holetta research center and Enchini farmers association with ECDD(Ethiopian Center for Disability and Development) and OSR (Oromon Self Resilient Association)was quite interesting we got the chance to meet different local associations and research center for sharing information during our journey to Echini iwe meet one local association called **HERBO KETEBA**.



Potato production experience at enchini



Wheat production experience in Enchini

Herbo Keteba is a local farmers association established in 2008 EC and that has 15 members from those members 11 men and 3 women are found all the farmers in this association is are engaged in production of potato since 2008 until now as Mr Assefa Tsegeya chairman of the association says they produce potato the whole year during the on and off season both with rain water and irrigation Even if it is not a long time since the establishment of the association now a days they have 13 thousand birr capital in this association Mr Assefa said All of our members are hard workers and collaborative in their For someone to be a member in our association there is no cost we ask we only need a paper for membership Even if a number of our women's is small all of them are now supporting their family's strongly and are be an example for other local women around them . now days there is a large number of woman farmers are willing to join us during the next farming season and we are also so interested to work with them "Mr assefa continued We Herbo Keteba association members are now in process to include two persons with disability with us in next farming seasons even if we didn't have any conducive environment for them with help of ECDD and OSRA I hope we will succeeded as" Mr assefa Said.



Mr. ASSEFA TSEGEYE CHAIR MAN OF THE ASSOCIATION

We got the chance to meet other members of the association and they told that rather than working alone being in the association creates a relief for as we share ideas and help each other for the success of our association also We sometimes get help from OSRA and the areas bureau of agriculture for the future we members of this association are so delighted and in hurry to work with ECDD, OSRA and AgriPro Focus Ethiopia generally we hope that all of you are with us and they thank all lot for being there

We thanked all the farmers there for sharing their experience and we start a journey to Holetta research center

HOLETTA Research Center (HARC) is one of the oldest research center in Ethiopia and still working with people to bring out important change in the local as well as the whole country farmers life Since its establishment until now this research center works on different sectors of the research including

- Crop production
- Livestock production

- Bee production
- Horticultural crop production
- In new variety

As SPCC members we wanted to talk with them in the focus they are giving in inclusive agriculture and most of all in production of potato and barely in areas of Jeldu, Ambo and the contribution of this center. Different questions were raised from ECDD, OSRA and AgriProFoces to Dr Temesgen Desalgn head researcher in Holata research center the following are summary to our question and answer session first question is from ECDD (Mr Sisay Mamo) was about if there is any focus the research center on working with person with disability around the office also for farmers with disability is the technology is relevant? Are they in your long term program? Do you have any experience you can share And so What does the center indent to do for the future with person with disabilities OSRA's representative asked a quation related to how the rearche center its farmer who are suffering from lack seed and technical support during their production of potato and now days the yield production of potato are more decreasing from the previous The last question is come from Agri Pro focus Ethiopia (Lensa Girma) we get the chance to meet farmers and Bureau of agriculture experts from Jeldu area and they told as that there is a big problem of new verity of potato and market value chain problem are more characterized in this areas so what is your answer as a researcher center for the farmers who are struggling with this problem and the next question Lensa also informed Dr temesgen that we AgriProFoceus Ethiopia with collaboration with ECDD we are going to have two knowledge sharing and interesting workshop one in Arsi one in ambo so we are so excited if your center is willing to works with us and invite a researcher to give a short over view about potato and perhaps malt barley regarding its

- Production
- Harvesting
- Marketing
- Nutritional value

- And contribution of those potato and barely in house hold food security to give a briefly out put to our gusts and local framers for improvement and increase in production of this line.

After all those question Dr temesgen Deselagn head of Holetta research give as an answer for each questions we raised First of I all am so glad to have all of you hear today by me and my research center in Holetta When I come to the first question so far Holetta research center is not working g in collaboration with persons with disability due to different reasons but they promise starting from today our door is open to work with them and in making conducive environment both in office and field areas so our research center will include this in its agenda and we will work with ECDD to bering out the expected change When we come to the second and third question the institute is working deeply to help farmers in the seed problem but it still ask more time and in order to overcome the obstacle for once and all so our researcher is working hard in this . Yes there is a variety problem in areas of Jeldu as Agri Pro Focus raise but we as a center will not overcome this problem alone it ask a government collaboration a lot because now days there are thousands of farmers in Jeldu and they are becoming rich thanks to our center the problem is there is many local corporative in Jeldu areas engaged in replication of seed without any recognition from us because of this we didn't gives them any new verity of potato this make lack of new verity in that area and instability of market so now a day's most of the farmers become in loss We Holetta Agricultuer Research Center are willing to help the local farmers but in order to do this we have to work with the government a lot at last am so happy to invite a researcher to your work shop and to share their experience to you so in the future we are glad to work with you for the successes of SPCC program.



Picture from holetta research center



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