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Objectives and outcomes

1. To co-generate and conduct applied policy research to fill key knowledge gaps that would help strengthen the design and implementation of Ethiopia's rural development strategy;
2. To strengthen the capacity of Ethiopian policy research institutions through targeted training programs, and collaborative engagements;
3. To build a stronger and more integrated knowledge support system within the country to underpin future food policy analysis and to help inform key rural development strategy decisions at all levels.

Modalities – capacity development via multiple pathways

- Long-term in-country presence (2005- present) - build knowledge, credibility, trust
- three pillars – collaborative research, capacity building, and outreach/engagement;
- co-generation – National Advisory Council (NAC), Policy Studies Institute (PSI, formerly EDRI), Donors;
- partnerships – national research organizations (PSI, EIAR, AAU), government agencies (CSA, MoA, ATA, MoPD);

Approaches/Elements

- Research, training, dialogue
- Impact evaluations of large GoE-DP projects – PSNP, AGP, FTF, SPIR

Outputs

- Reports, research/policy notes, books, Working Papers, journal articles,
- Conferences, workshops .

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Key results

- establishment of the Ethiopian Commodity Exchange
- support the Agricultural Transformation Agency (now Institute),
- contribute to the preparation of the GTPs, the Ten-year Development Plan, ICEA;

Impact evaluations have contributed to improvements in project implementation and redesign. Example: *PSNP4 was designed to be more nutrition-sensitive.*

Capacity building through collaborative research, training, and outreach.



Ongoing activities:

1. SEARCH

Transforming agriculture sustainably: Ethiopia's agri-food system; livelihoods of rural households in Ethiopia; Teff and returns to agricultural research investments; Fertilizer use and profitability

Reducing malnutrition: The state of nutrition in Ethiopia and the way forward; Diets, affordability and policy

Improving markets, value chains, and trade
Price inflation; Horticultural sector analysis; dairy value chain analysis

Building resilience: PSNP and asset building
COVID-19 and the agri-food system

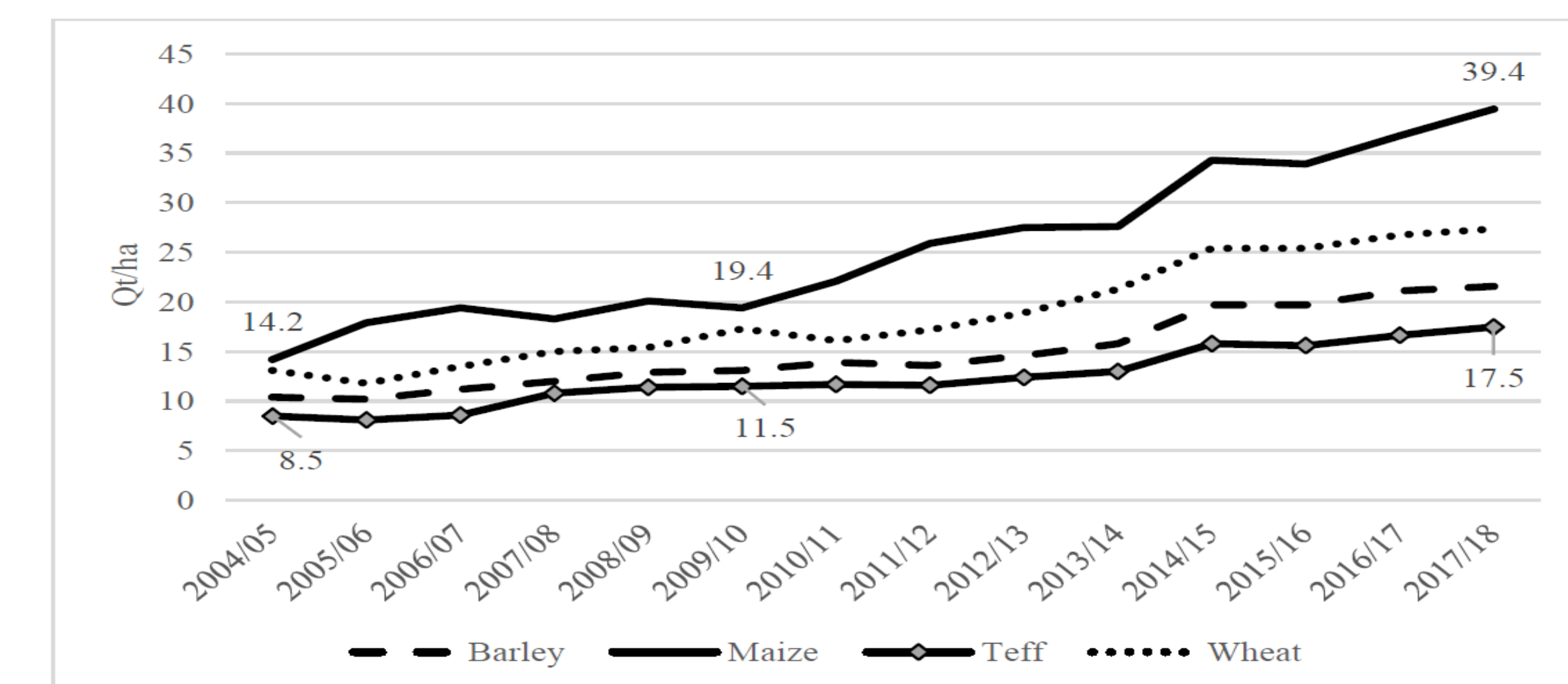
II. CAPACITY BUILDING

Joint research with local collaborators; Short term training courses

III. Communication and Outreach Events

Policy Seminars; Publications: Working papers, Research notes, Books, Blog, Newsletter

IV. Program Impact Evaluations



Partners



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