Photo report on field visits to Africa RISING research sites in Endamehoni and Basona Worena woredas

28-29 July 2014, Endamehoni
29 August 2014, Basona Worena
The Africa RISING project in the Ethiopian highlands is initiating action research together with CGIAR centers and local partner institutions.

These visits in Endamehoni and Basona Worena woredas aimed to update local partners on planting activities of the main rainy season as well as pre and post-harvest crop management issues.
Endamehoni (Tigray): Participatory Variety Selection (PVS) on-farm trials
Endamehoni (Tigray): Observing soil hardpans
Endamehoni (Tigray): Improved potato produced by a cooperative in Tsibet kebele
Endamehoni (Tigray): Community based potato seed production
Endamehoni (Tigray): Row planter designed and manufactured for on-farm evaluation
Endamehoni (Tigray): Ensosila (*Impatiens tinctoria*) is used for cosmetic purposes and widely cultivated as cash crop in Tsibet and Emba Hasti kebeles
Basona Worena (Amhara): Mechanized options for seeding wheat on raised beds
Basona Worena (Amhara): Community based improved potato production
Basona Worena (Amhara): Forages and weeds harvested from local faba bean for animal feed
Basona Worena (Amhara): An innovative farmer comparing local and improved potato varieties on his farm
Some challenges

• Appropriate site selection problems for some of the on-farm trials
• Weak networking with some of the local partners
• Poor awareness by some farmers of the on-farm research activities taking place on their farm
Fungal disease of faba bean in Basona Worena
Poor weed management on tree related interventions in some farmers fields in Basona Worena
Project partners Ethiopia
Local partners Ethiopia

- **Academic institutions:**
  - Wachemo, Mekelle, Madawolabu, Debre Berhan and Hawassa universities; Maichew Agricultural College

- **Regional research organizations:**
  - Amhara Regional Agricultural Research Institute, Southern Agricultural Research Institute, Tigray Agricultural Research Institute, Oromia Agricultural Research Institute

- **Federal research organizations:**
  - Ethiopian Institute for Agricultural Research, Ethiopian Health and Nutrition Research Institute

- **Offices of Agriculture:**
  - Endamekoni (Tigray), Basona Worena (Amhara), Lemo (SNNRP) and Sinana (Oromia)

- **Agricultural Transformation Agency**
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