Photo trip report from a meeting of Farmer Research Groups at Ilu-sanbit and Selka kebeles (Sinana)

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• Innovation Platforms (IPs) in the Africa RISING project in the Ethiopian highlands are established at each research site.
• This visit aimed to support research for development activities conducted with Farmer Research Groups (FRGs).
• Africa RISING activities in Ethiopia are delivered through a series of research ‘protocols’ on different issues and commodities.
• So far, farmers in Sinana organized themselves into seven FRGs at Selka kebele and eight FRGs at Ilu-sanbitu kebele.
Meeting with Sinana Technical Group (TG) members to plan the FRG meetings
Addisu Asfaw, Africa RISING site coordinator presenting the participatory community analysis in Sinana woreda
Sinana Technical Group members writing presentation on flip chart using Afan Oromo language
Zelalem Lema explaining the table showing the different research protocols to farmers at Selka kebele
Farmers who have apples raising their hands at Selka Kebele to organize themselves as an Apple farmer research group
Bekele as a TG member sharing the FRG experience of Sinana Agricultural Research Centre
Farmers asking how a farmer participates in more than one research protocol can be a member at different FRGs
Apple FRG members selecting their representatives to be members of the kebele innovation platform
Bekele (TG member) sharing the FRG experience of Sinana Agricultural Research Centre at Ilu-sanbitu kebele
Endeshaw (assistant site coordinator) counting the number of farmers participating in different research protocols
Ahmed (Sinana IP facilitator) explaining the concept of Innovation Platforms
Farmers at Ilu-sanbitu kebele who participated in the livestock feed FRG organizing themselves as a Tree lucerne FRG
A farmer selected by his FRG members introduces himself
A farmer having a side talk on research activities with Addisu (Site coordinator)
Endeshaw (right) with Shure (left, G member from Sinana Agricultural Research Centre) writing the name of the representative farmers selected from each FRGs.
A farmer selected as a representative introduces himself to all FRG members at Ilu-sanbitu kebele
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