



Africa RISING in the Ethiopian Highlands

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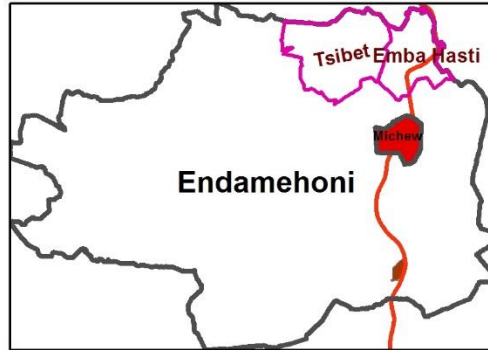
Where We Operate?

Phase I: 2012 to 30 Sept 2017

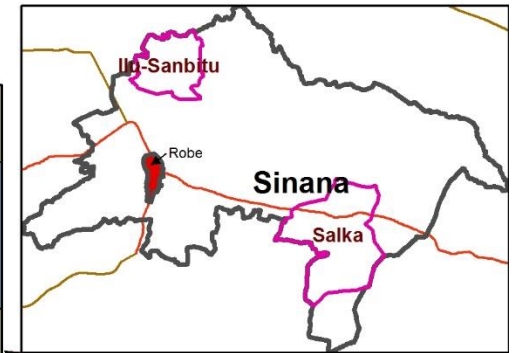
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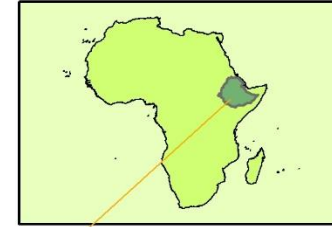
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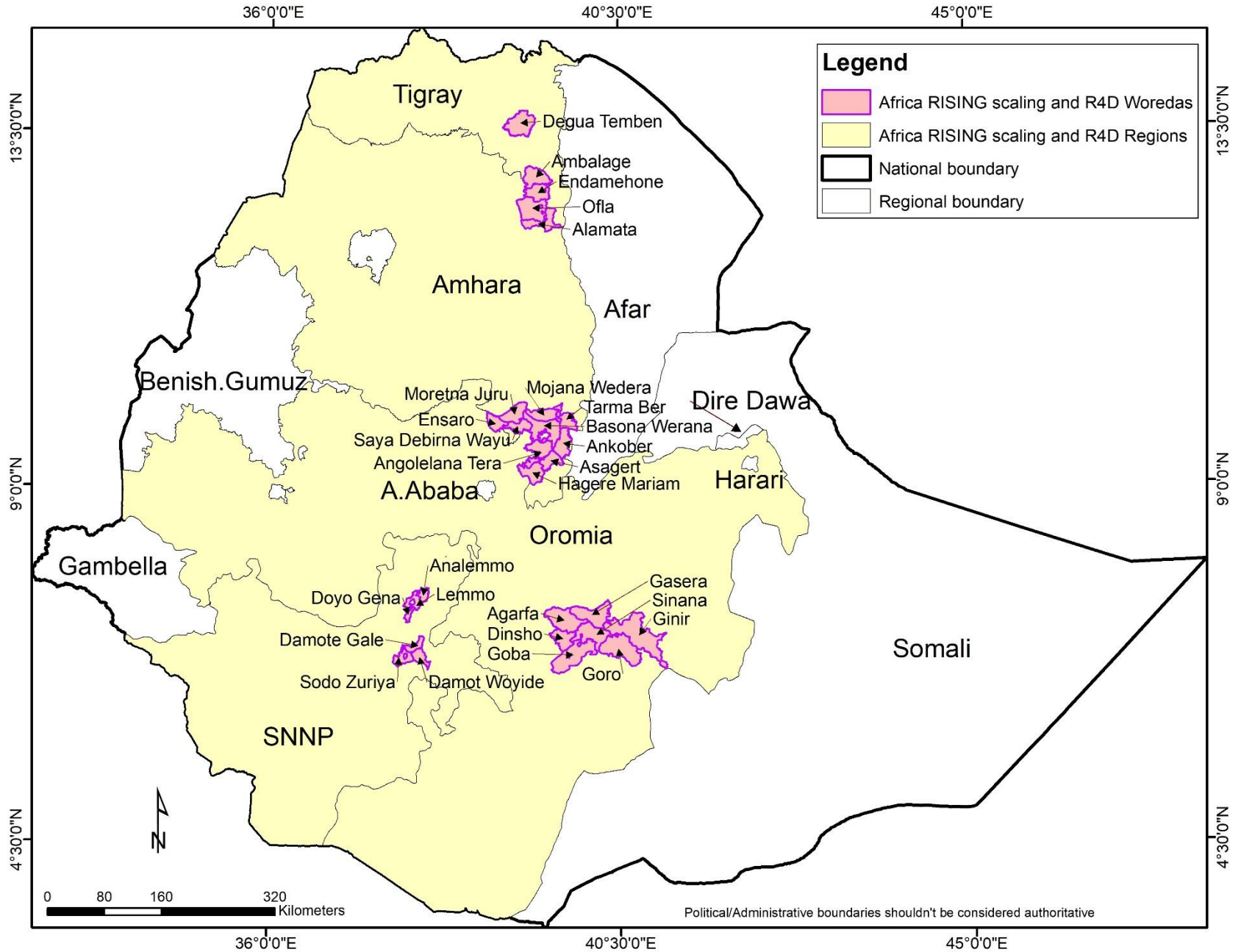
Project Research Kebeles in Lemo Woreda of SNNPR



Legend

- Project Research Kebeles
- Weredas Boundary
- Towns
- Dry-weather
- Primary

Phase II: Oct 2016-2021- Progressive



What We Do?

- Multi-disciplinary *action research* for development
- Focus on *Sustainable Intensification (SI)* of mixed farming systems to contribute to climate smart development, gender integration, improved nutrition, inclusive agricultural sector growth, private sector growth and research and capacity building (FtF focus areas)
- Looking at *integrated intensification* of the mixed crop-livestock systems

How Do We Do It?

- Engagement of CG and national partners to implement systems intensification
- Use of Innovation Platforms (IPs) at different level – Cross learning, planning and evaluation
- Elective engagement of participating farmers
 - Farmers select one or more innovations based on their interest
 - FRGs established across various innovations
- Build capacities



Farmers engagement in action research- An example from Lemo Africa RISING site



Action research with smallholder farmers to validate Africa RISING integrated innovations. Farmers have started securing food, and diversifying nutrition and income.

What Is Unique About Africa RISING?

- *Opportunity to move along the whole continuum from problem identification- action oriented adaptive research- scaling partnerships*
 - Explored and prioritized major issues using more than 10 tools
 - Formulated seven thematic research areas based on priority issues
 - Addressed priority issues through more than 17 action oriented research interventions
 - Facilitate scaling of validated innovations through development partnership

- *Tight partnerships with development partners using research evidences to reduce the risk of them investing in Africa RISING innovations*
- Identified potential scaling development partners
- Packed information on validated innovations
- Created awareness on validated innovations
- Compiled engagements/ interests of development partners in scaling- which innovation/s, where, how many hhs and when?
- Built capacities (ToT on innovations and starter seeds/ germplasm)

- *Using scaling initiatives as a laboratory of its own to identify best innovations for getting research into use*
- Tracking/ mapping use of innovations by communities/ end users– on progress
- Reached to more than 60392 hhs and covered 20397 ha of land in 2017 with less than 12 month; and
- Development partners convinced by the research evidences and co-invested in the scaling initiatives.



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