



Small ruminant market shed in Girar Amba, Central Ethiopia Photo G. Kassie/ICARDA



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Market Sheds Improve Market Participation and Earnings of Small Ruminant Keepers in Ethiopia

- Market sheds significantly increased farmers' earnings from small ruminant sales.
- Smallholder farmers close to the markets with sheds showed higher market participation.



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Outcomes

- Development of market facilities is an important intervention to improve the marketing system and benefit rural inhabitants from small ruminant production.
- Small ruminant keepers can generate higher incomes from increased participation and higher prices for their animals due to carefully designed market development interventions in Ethiopia.

Future steps

- Advocacy to encourage investment in market infrastructure development to improve the marketing system and enhance the welfare of small ruminant keepers in the study area.

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Context

- Livestock markets and marketing is a crucial component of the agricultural transformation agenda of Ethiopia.
- There is a great scope for increasing the contribution of livestock resources by improving the marketing system.
- This study presents an empirical evidence on the impacts of putting markets sheds in place on the market participation and income from small ruminants.

Our innovative approach

- Experimental market sheds were constructed in nine markets and baseline and follow-up surveys were conducted in 16 markets on a sample of 50 marketers from each of the markets.
- We employed different econometric models to estimate the impact of the sheds on market participation and performance of smallholder farmers.



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