



Strengthening best-bet practices in feeds and forage development

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International Livestock Research Institute Planned activities

1. Complete R4D trials for forage technologies that need additional dataset for validation
2. Support the informal/local seed system to sustain availability of revolving seeds and planting materials
3. Support capacity of scaling development partners and farmer cooperatives

Deliverables	Progress	
	Until Nov 2021 (2020/21 cropping season)	Until May 2022 (December 2021-May 2022)
Submitting journal articles	Four journal articles submitted and published https://access.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1002/agj2.20853 ; https://cgspace.cgiar.org/handle/10568/115107 ; https://hdl.handle.net/10568/114627 ; https://doi.org/10.1002/agj2.20789)	Analyze newly generated data and draft a journal article
Datasets and progress report	A progress report submitted. Data continues to be collected	Develop a working paper: Africa RISING research and scaling achievements, lessons and ways forward
Trainings to seed produces	Training given to members of dairy cooperatives in Lemo and Kedida Gamela districts in collaboration with the ILSSI project	Technical support to cooperatives engaged in forage seed multiplication, and the extension system

Key lessons

- Validated cultivated forages and improved utilization practices have considerably increased feed availability at household level
- Adopters of the forage technologies have witnessed increased animal productivity and household income
- Owning crossbred animals with market linkages appears to be a driving factor for adopting validated technologies
- Sustaining local forage seed system continues to be a challenge to overcome



Fodder beet and food-feed oat variety trials: Photo credit: ILRI/Addis Asfaw

Partnerships

- Zonal and district level offices of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries in the four regions
- Research centres in the regions
- Universities in the four regions
- NGOs (Interaid France; Send a Cow)
- Farmer cooperatives

Core partners



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