

Ethiopian Agricultural Transformation Agency (EATA); (01) from Ethiopian Society of Rural Development and Agricultural Extension (ESRDAE) and (01) from Sasakawa Global (SG-2000).

Some highlight from the training

Course content and training mode

The course covered the following:

- Introduction to the New Extensionist concept
- Overview of Extension Approaches and Tools – what it means for Ethiopia?
- Facilitation for development in the context of Agricultural Innovation Systems
- The basics of monitoring and evaluating rural advisory services
- Strengthening CF for Extension and RAS advocacy and linkages with AFAAS
- Professionalisation of Extension and RAS, what does it mean for Ethiopia?

The content was directly extracted from the New Extensionist learning kit, and modified to suit the local context. The training was participatory, allowing the trainees to share their real life experiences. Some participants also took turns to in facilitating some of the sessions- thus putting theory into practice.

Some key outputs

Some key outputs include participants identifying key challenges of AEAS in Ethiopia and make key recommendations for improvement. The participants committed to present the findings during the upcoming CF Annual General Meeting (AGM) for further discussions and validation. Participants also felt a strong need for improvement of the Agricultural Development Partners Linkage Advisory Council (ADPLAC), CF in Ethiopia, guidelines to be in line with the AFAAS-CF guidelines and the new extensionist concept. A small team was therefore constituted from MoA & NR, SG-2000, EATA, and EIAR to review the ADPLAC working guidelines (with AFAAS providing the backstopping support).



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