

Wageningen Research Ethiopia - SWR Ethiopia



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Vision

To build resilient, inclusive, and sustainable food systems in East Africa by fostering equitable access to sustainable and healthy diets, empowering local communities and smallholder farmers, especially women, and advancing climate-smart, environmentally responsible food system practices that enhance economic opportunities for all.

WHAT WE DO:



Agri-food sector transformation

Contributing to the transformation of the seed sector and development of agricultural value chains for key commodities, including cereals, oilseeds, spices, legumes, poultry, fruits, vegetables, and food security commodities.



Governance for food system transformation

Guiding bottom-up agricultural planning through localized food system assessments, integrated recommendation mapping, multi-stakeholder platforms, and enhancing the food safety control system.



Social equity in food systems

Advancing gender-transformative strategies, inclusion of youth and marginalized groups, access to innovative and inclusive agricultural financing, and support for agribusiness incubation and entrepreneurship.

OUR MISSION

SWR Ethiopia strives to be a key contributor of innovative solutions for agriculture within the food systems transformation goal, through improved productivity, enhanced food and nutrition security, increased sector performance, and the promotion of import substitution and export opportunities.

We co-create, design, and apply innovative tools, insights, and evidence to transform food systems—from farm to fork—across policies, practices, and institutions. Through action research, policy advice, and facilitating inclusive change processes, we leverage the expertise of Wageningen University & Research, the Netherlands.

By engaging with public and private sectors, civil society, and development partners, we ensure the development of sustainable, resilient, and inclusive food systems.



Food system transformation for **healthy diets**

Supporting nutrition-sensitive agriculture, the development of dietary guidelines, ensuring food safety, and driving behavioural change to promote healthier eating habits.



Environmental health and sustainability

Encouraging circular and regenerative farming practices, climate-smart innovations, adoption of good agricultural practices (GAP), and responsible use of fertilizers and pesticides.



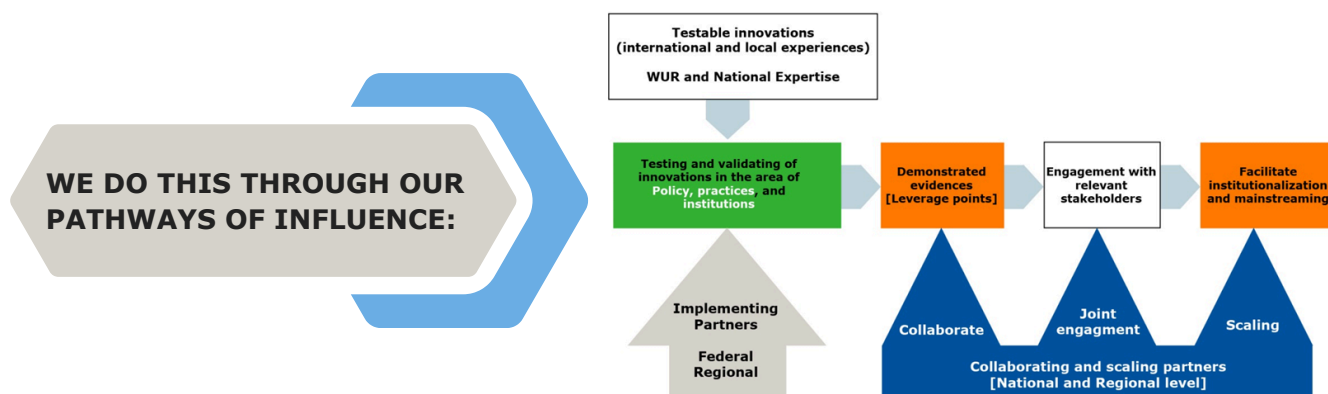
Private sector engagement

Enhancing the competitiveness of the private sector through diverse mechanisms, including a challenge fund, innovative business model, financing, technology, and establishing and operationalising sector platforms,



Facilitation of **policy & system change**

Collaborating with and building the capacity of stakeholders in areas such as seed policy, pluralistic agricultural extension, contract farming, regulatory frameworks, and initiatives supporting overall food system transformation.



Thematic areas where we are strong

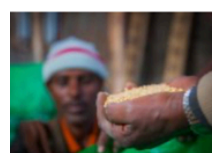
1. Seed system
2. Agricultural extension system
3. Agricultural development planning
4. Nutrition-sensitive agriculture
5. Food safety control system
6. Agricultural sector development
7. Agro-logistics development
8. Circular agriculture
9. Innovative and inclusive agricultural financing
10. Youth and women empowerment
11. Agribusiness incubation and entrepreneurship
12. Our core team and partners

SWR Ethiopia has 30+ research staff, some of whom are based in the regions (Tigray, Amhara, Oromia, and Sidama).

SWR Ethiopia collaborates with multiple partners such as the Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Trade and Regional Integration, Ministry of Transport and Logistics, Agricultural Research Institutes, Universities, and various authorities, as well as with the private sector and stakeholder platforms.

Stichting Wageningen Research Ethiopia was established in 2021 and is registered as an International NGO in Ethiopia by the Ethiopian Authority for Civil Society Organizations.

PROJECT PORTFOLIO



www.raise-fs.org



www.esp-seed.org



www.refooture.org



<https://transform-soil-fertility-management-in-ethiopia-transform/>

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