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WORKSHOP ON:

**KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE ON AGRICULTURAL
SEEDS AND FEED PRODUCTION**

VENUE: ROYAL PALACE

DATE:29.12.2024

ORGANIZED BY: AWARFA N SOMALIA



**AFRICAN WOMEN IN ANIMAL RESOURCES
FARMING AND AGRIBUSINESS NETWORK**

Introduction:

On 29.12.2024, AWARFAN SOMALIA with the support of SOMRADI and UQIB held a knowledge exchange meeting for experts with agricultural knowledge and skills and organizations in agricultural and forage production in Mogadishu at Royal Palace.

Workshop Agenda:

1. Assessing the level of production of seeds and fodder in Somalia at the moment.
2. Identify challenges and opportunities of the seed and animal feed value chain.
3. Development of a cooperative action plan to improve agricultural production and animal fodder

Workshop Title:

Strengthening Women Farmers Cooperatives for Sustainable Integrated Agricultural Production

Workshop Objectives

1. Enhance understanding of the importance of women-led farmer cooperatives.
2. Equip participants with strategies to improve cooperative management and production capacity.
3. Foster collaboration and sharing of best practices among women cooperative farmers.

Workshop Outline

1. Registration and Icebreaker (30 minutes) streaming by Ifrah Hussein Abkow

Activity:

Participants introduce themselves and share one success story or challenge in farming.

2. Opening Session (15 minutes)

Welcome Speech: Highlight the importance of women farmers in agricultural development and Animal resources streaming by Isse Hassan

Objectives Overview:

Shabelle women farmer cooperative is pilot program that we intended to get complementary programs from concerned partners as Seed growers, Agronomists and investors streaming by Abdulahi Hassan

Official opening workshop

Brief Introduction for UQIB (National Union Agriculture Cooperative) and it's Role by Mohamed Abiikar

Dr. Mina Hassan Shibis , chair lady of AWARFAN Somalia explained to the participants that AWARFA Somalia Cooperative Ltd is a women-led network dedicated in empowering women across Somalia's livestock and agricultural sectors. Established in 2023, AWARFA brings together

cooperatives, pastoralists, and farmers, offering them skills, resources, and a platform to thrive. By fostering collaboration and sustainable practices, AWARFA drives positive change in rural communities and supports women's economic empowerment.

She emphasized that this meeting has special importance for women farmers and pastoralists, so we expect active participation from all.

Brief Introduction for seeds and its values for agriculture products had explained) by Dr Abdulkadir Nor (Hadafo) SOMRADI chair (Somali Rainfed Agriculture Development Institute)???

3. Session 1: The Role of Women Farmer Cooperatives (45 minutes)

Discussion Topics:

What is a farmer women cooperative?

Benefits of women-led cooperatives.

Interactive Activity:

Participants identify challenges they face in cooperative production and share solutions.

4. Session 2: Introduction for fodder production (1 hour)

First STS chair Ali Ilmi had explained how animal fodder can be produced before entering into the business is important to think and consider kind of grass that is appropriate to our climate and seeds is feasible to our country water and soil

1 Seeds planting

2 Seed sowing

And also procedures can develop fodder improvements through cooperative level and to evaluate the geographic zone.

National University lecturer Dr.Shabeel had welcomed this good discussion among the participants and stressed how river fishing been neglected example in Balad riverbank

SCSET chair Dr Khalid advised to concentrate on seed development weather it's for animals or humans, at that point there's a gap needs to cover as making study for clarifying it's values.

We need appropriate techniques for fodder production development as a local production.

Ahmed Calaf chair of Calaf group knowing our context in our country the access is limited.

At side of our expertise we concentrate on local grass production and success story was our first pilot project was to distribute our local production and beneficiaries welcomed.

Ministry of agriculture advisor Dr Mohammed Bare had explained brief crop improvement system, I would like to address the appropriate seed we need and also to stop foreign seeds exported in the country not controlled and not certified by the Ministry of Agriculture. we experience that these seeds cause in protectable pests so I would advise seed growers and government should control the seeds.

AMAL Banks representing Mr. Abdiqafaar, talked on how to invest small farmers in production and raised a question on how to encourage and explain to the Somali business group on investing small farmers

Mr, Mohamed Nur Garibaldi, Nuros9 company chair, shared with the group about his activity in the agriculture sector and the forming of cooperative supported by IOM. They produce all kinds of vegetables, with his support they sell their products to Hayat mall, Restaurants and also big markets in Mogadishu.

He suggested that cooperatives should think about availibity of markets and their needs and also it is important to educate and encourage consumers the use of local production.

Gabyow animal fodder chair lady Miss Faaduma explained her engagement in seed and fodder processes, she is in charge of women cooperative in Balad. She encouraged the use of local seeds. .

Darusalam seed grower representatives Mr Abdi Ibrahim had explained the problem of seeds and suggested the use of local certified seeds.

WAAB representing Eng Omar had explained their interest to start local seed Banking as not to depend on export seed that is not useful to our land.

Topics Covered:

Animal fodder growing process through cooperatives.

Bank investments process is so difficult to find

Foreign seeds and its challenges

Small farmers' problems in investment process that they can't afford to get the loans.

Marketing strategies

8. Closing Remarks

Drs Mina Hasan chair lady of AWARFAN Somalia, thanked the participants for their active participation, and how they discussed about the topics of the workshop based on knowledge and experience,

She concluded that she expects cooperation, knowledge, technical and creative assistance from the participants.

Outcomes

1. Increased awareness of cooperative benefits and management strategies.

2. Practical solutions to improve production and profitability.
3. Stronger networking among women farmers for continued collaboration.
4. Government intervention to priorities on local seeds.
5. To limit exported seeds and if need arises not to use seeds not controlled and certified by the Ministry of Agriculture.

Workshop evidences





