



**Bethlehem Mekonnen
Tadesse**

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Tadesse is one of a growing number of women agricultural scientists who have won a customized institutional Fellowship for the Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research (EIAR). The customized institutional Fellowship is an intervention of AWARD's Gender Responsive Agricultural Research and Development (GRARD) initiative that supports institutional capacity for gender-responsive agricultural research.

Position	Junior Researcher
Institution	Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research
Country	Ethiopia
BSc	Animal Science
Mentor	Bezaye Gorfu Tessema, Researcher, Natural Resource Mangement, Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research
Research Area	Animal feeds and nutrition.

Bethlehem Mekonnen Tadesse is an Animal Science graduate from Addis Ababa University. She is currently working at the Holetta Research Centre of the Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research (EIAR) as a junior researcher in animal feeds and nutrition. She is involved in dairy nutrition research which aims to improve productivity of both lactating and growing dairy animals. All this aims to contribute to improved livelihoods for farmers in Ethiopia and the rest of Africa.

"When I was a child, I dreamt of becoming a doctor to help those in pain and to serve my country. Even though I didn't achieve that dream I graduated with a in animal science and I can still serve my country by ensuring that communities do not suffer from hunger through agricultural science," she added.

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"I really love my work. Animal feed shortage and quality is directly related to low animal production and productivity which is a major challenge in the agricultural sector in Ethiopia. We know that livestock contribute 40% of the global value of agricultural output and support the livelihoods and food security of almost 1.3 billion people worldwide, so the work that I do is crucial."

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