



Megdelawit Temesgen

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Temesgen 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	Socio-Economics Junior Researcher
Institution	Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research
Country	Ethiopia
BSc	
Mentor	Beza Erko Erge, Associate Researcher, Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research
Research Area	Social research.

Megdelawit Temesgen is a Socio-economics Junior Researcher based at the Jimma Agricultural Research Centre, one of the centers of the Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research.

Her key research area is social research which she defines as 'methods used by social scientists to learn about communities so that they can design products and services that meet the needs of the people'. She believes that it is the core to solving problems in society.

"Any research conducted is ultimately meant to serve the community and through my work I can add value and make a significant contribution to agricultural research. I work very closely with farmers to understand their needs and aspirations, and for them to provide feedback and suggest adaptations to new technologies."

Through the AWARD Fellowship she hopes to gain leadership and documentation skills. On challenges that she has experienced, Temesgen mentions negative stereotypes in society which state that science careers are better suited for boys and that the woman's place in the kitchen. Her solution is to put her best foot forward at all times and prove that she is just as good as everyone else.

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