



# Establishing an ORCID Community of Practice (CoP) *for the Amhara Agricultural Research Institute and 10 Regional Universities*



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# The Challenge: *A Hidden Research Community*



## A Critical Gap in Research Infrastructure

- ✓ Ethiopia, and the Amhara Region in particular, has a **vibrant and productive research community**.
- ✓ However, this community remains largely "invisible" to the global research ecosystem.

# The Core Problem: *Limited adoption of trusted markers, particularly unique and persistent researcher identifiers*

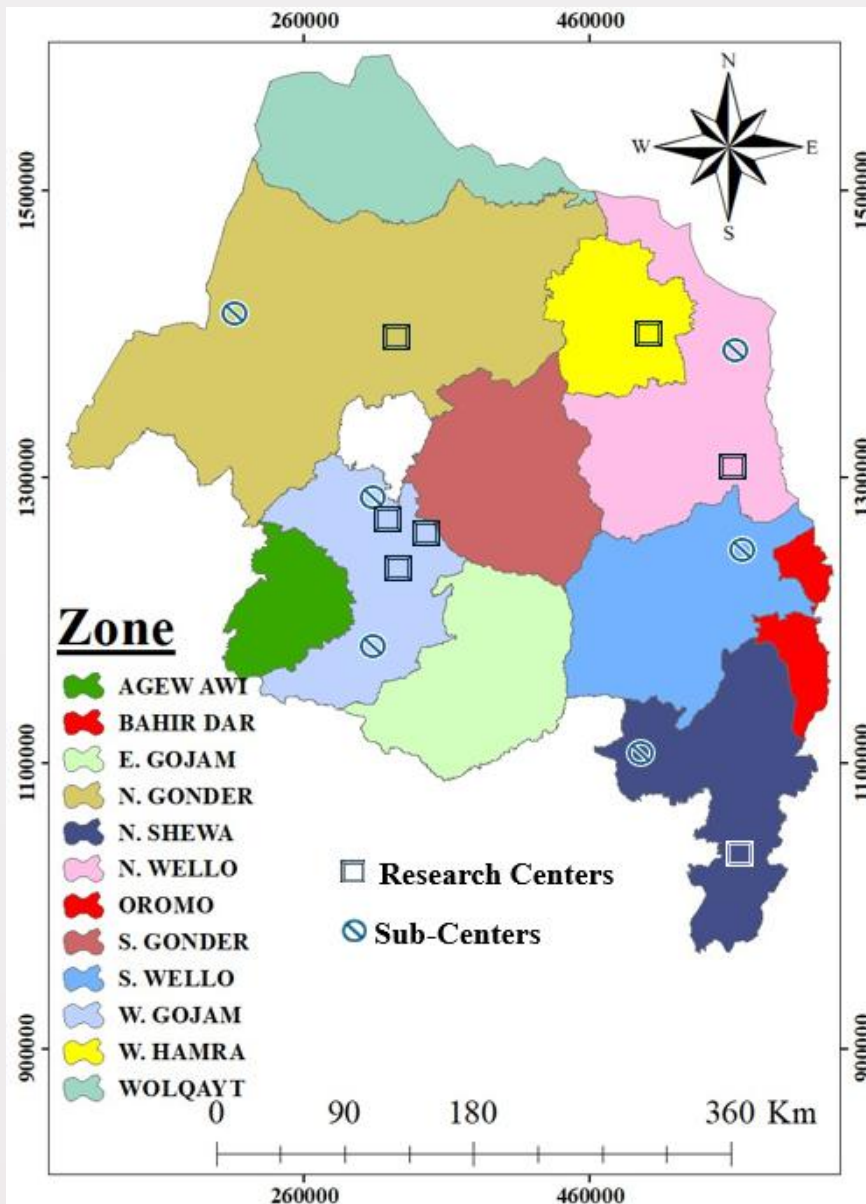


**ORCID ID**

A solution is to manage researchers' metadata using the ORCID platform.



# The Amhara Agricultural Research Institute (ARARI)



## Research Centers

1. Bahir Dar Fisheries and Aquatic life RC
2. Andassa Livestock RC
3. Adet ARC
4. Gondar ARC
5. Sekota DLARC
6. Sirinka ARC
7. Debre Birhan ARC

## Sub-Centers

1. Finoteselam
2. Kobo
3. Jari/Haiq
4. Alem Ketema
5. Metema
6. Woramit

About 40 trial sites



# Why ARARI?



## Mandated Leader

01



ARARI is the mandated body for coordinating agricultural research in the region

## Extensive Network

02



Our partnerships with 10+ universities provide a ready-made network for expansion

## Existing Infrastructure

03



We possess the ICT, knowledge management, and editorial systems (e.g., BNJAR) to support and sustain the CoP

## Proven Capacity

04



With over 1,100 staff and a history of successful outreach, we have the human resources and experience to implement this project

# Project Vision:

## *A Connected & Recognized Research Community*

### Bridge the Gap

Empower researchers to gain global recognition and bridge research infrastructure gaps through training

### Self-Sustaining Network

Establish a network of trained professionals who will champion ORCID adoption and integration

### Ultimate Goal

Create the foundation for a future Ethiopian ORCID Consortium, with ARARI as a founding member and technical lead



### Community of Practice (CoP)

*Building a Sustainable ORCID CoP*

# Objectives:

*A Four-Pillar Strategy for Sustainable Impact*



**01**

## Objective I

Establish the ORCID  
CoP



**02**

## Objective II

Deliver Targeted  
Training



**03**

## Objective III

Develop Localized  
Resources



**04**

## Objective IV

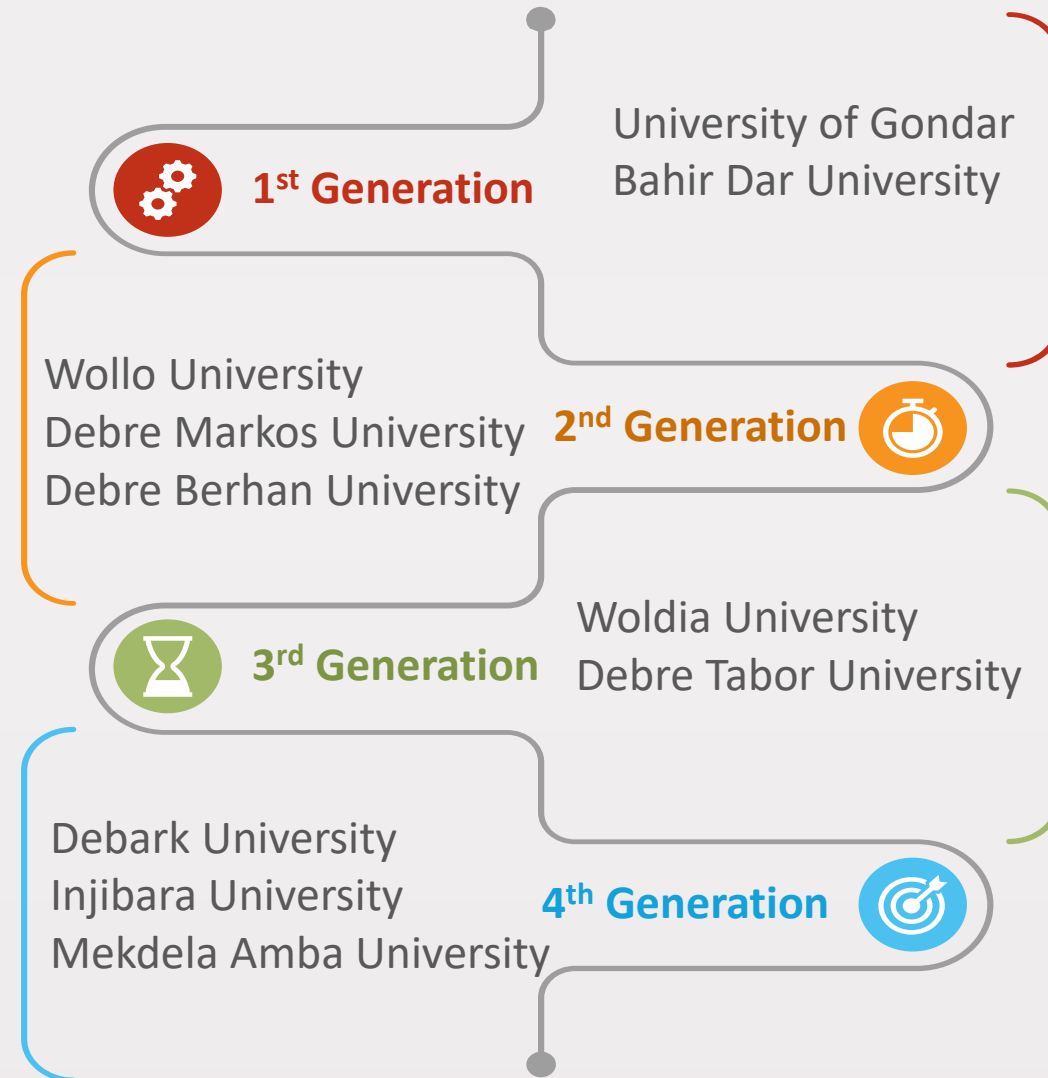
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Support

# Our Partners: A Region-Wide Collaboration

*Beyond ARARI: Uniting the Region's Academic Powerhouses*

## Community of Practice

The CoP will include researchers from **10 public universities** in the Amhara Region.



## Key Point

This collaboration creates a powerful, **region-wide network** for sharing knowledge, resources, and best practices, ensuring a coordinated and inclusive approach to ORCID adoption

# Planned Activities & Timeline

## 12-Month Project: From Planning to Implementation

### Month 1-2

**Inception & Planning:** Recruit CoP team, identify 3 external facilitators, finalize training materials, translate resources into Amharic

### Month 3-4:

**Outreach & Capacity Building:** Launch email and media campaign. Conduct first hybrid training workshop at ARARI

### Month 5:

**Expansion & Resource Distribution:** Conduct second hybrid workshop at partner university (Bahir Dar University). Distribute translated guides and promotional materials



### Month 6:

**Community & Support Launch:** Officially launch ORCID helpdesk. CoP team begins providing individual consultations

### Month 7:

**Advanced Training & Integration:** CoP facilitators lead specialized sessions for library and ICT staff on integrating ORCID with institutional systems

### Month 8-12:

#### Consolidation & Evaluation

Assess progress against milestones, gather feedback, develop a sustainability plan, and report to ORCID

# Expected Outcomes & Impact

*Tangible Results & Long-Term Value*

01

Short-Term



- ✓ 1,500+ researchers trained
- ✓ 90% increase in ORCID registration
- ✓ First-ever Amharic ORCID resources
- ✓ 5-10 trained support staff

02

Medium-Term



- ✓ Improved research reporting accuracy
- ✓ Increased visibility in global databases
- ✓ Enhanced institutional assessment
- ✓ Better citation impact tracking

03

Long-Term



- ✓ Foundation for national ORCID Consortium
- ✓ Reduced administrative burden
- ✓ Stronger international collaborations
- ✓ Enhanced funding opportunities

# Sustainability: Building a Legacy, Not Just a Project

*Ensuring the CoP Endures*

## Platform Sustainability

All training modules and Amharic resources are hosted on ARARI's official website

## Institutional Integration

ORCID helpdesk is permanently integrated into ARARI's Research Publication and Knowledge Management Directorate

## Path to National Consortium

ARARI is committed to using its track record of success to foster meaningful engagement with federal institutions and to advance the interests of the national consortium.

## Community Evolution

CoP becomes a regional coordination hub, connecting universities and research centers for ongoing ORCID adoption





**Thank You, ORCID GPF**

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## **Inclusive Ethiopia**

**Our commitment to inclusive research is demonstrated by a proactive approach to translating resources into Amharic**

