

Why sheep and goats?

- They contribute substantially to the livelihoods of Ethiopia's rural poor.
- Ethiopia's **60 million sheep and goats** have good market potential, but value chains are under-developed and productivity is low.

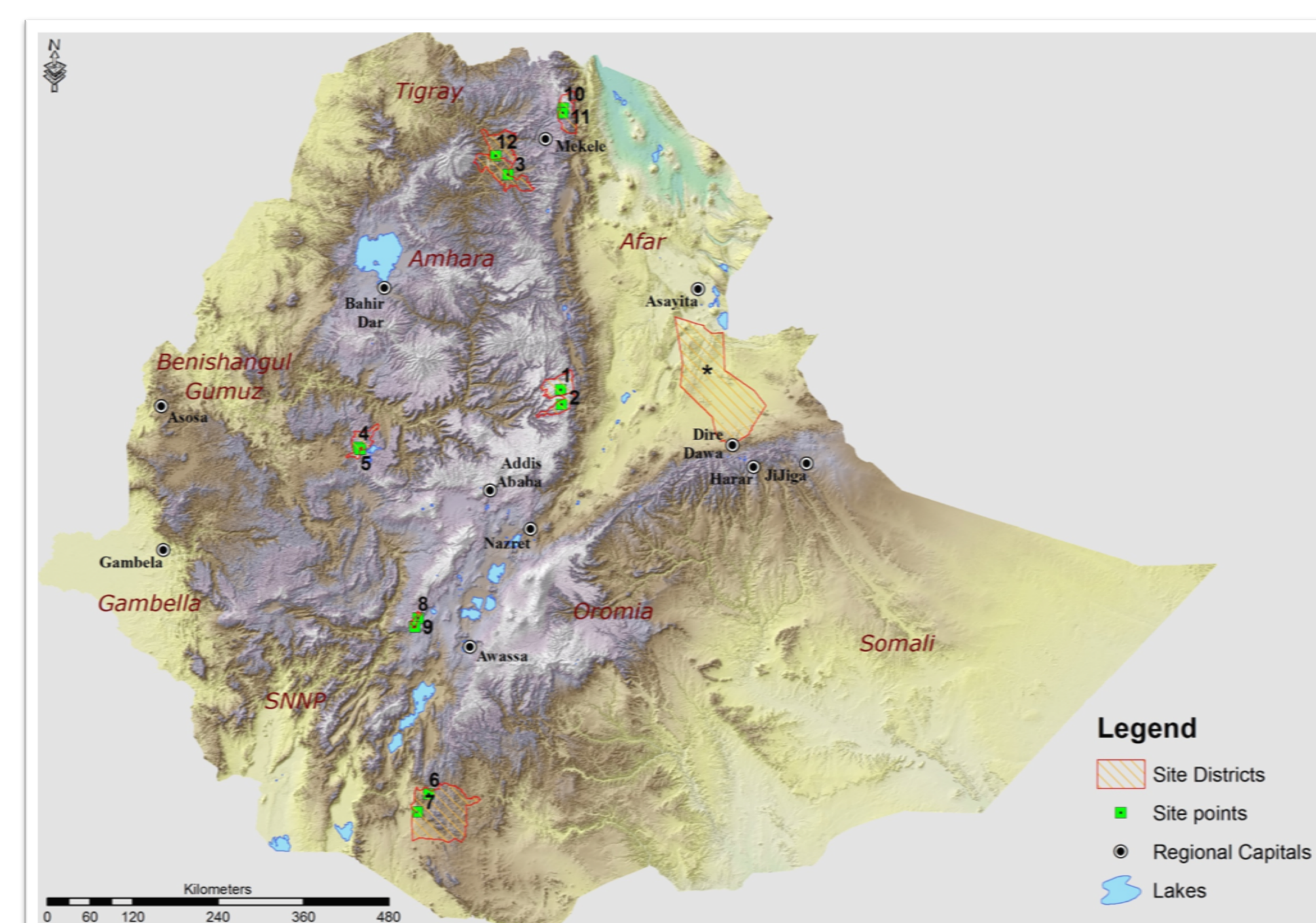
Key actions

- Conducted **rapid value chain assessments and stakeholder consultations** to identify and prioritize key challenges.
- Evaluated jointly with national research for development (R4D) partners **best-bet interventions** around breeding, feeding, health, marketing and services.

Innovative ways of working

- **Multi-stakeholder process** for value chain assessment and prioritization of interventions
- Communities fully engaged in **testing of best-bet interventions**
- Communities **improve their local adapted breeds** and own the breeding program

The 7 target value chain sites in Ethiopia



FOOD SECURITY

Sustaining food availability

Increased performance of sheep and goat value chains in Ethiopia through community-based sheep and goat breeding programs

- The breeding programs generate substantial **genetic gains & socio-economic benefits** while improving food security in target sites
- Associations by producers in the breeding programs transformed into **breeder cooperatives** that are now driving community actions
- Framework for dissemination of **improved genetics** to the base population is currently being implemented



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Community members select breeding sires from candidate rams in Menz, Ethiopia.

Future steps

- Involve private sector in provision of inputs and services.
- Technical backstopping for upscaling of community based breeding programs (CBBP) in 5 regional states of Ethiopia.
- Facilitate market linkage for breeding, meat animal and products.
- Breeding programs are being established in Iran, Malawi, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Tunisia, and Uganda.

Partners

In **Ethiopia**: National and Regional Agricultural Research Centers, Ministry of Agriculture, local universities, Boku, Embrapa, AbacusBio; IFAD



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