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Genetic evaluation and breeding program optimization training

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Name of training event	Genetic evaluation and breeding program optimization training
Aims of the training	To develop the capacity of researchers in genetic evaluation and animal ranking using BLUP, and how to optimize the ongoing breeding programs
Dates	17–20 May 2022
Venue	Debre Berhan, Amhara Region, Ethiopia
Instructors and their affiliation (including lead CGIAR centre)	Tesfaye Getachew (International Centre for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas, ICARDA) Aynalem Haile (ICARDA) Berhanu Belay (ICARDA)
Participant information, including numbers by gender and age (considering youth as 35 years or less and non-youth as 35 years or more). Can include a summary of participant type (e.g. livestock keepers and NARS) if relevant. Do not include names or other identifying information.	A total of 41 participants from 29 universities in Ethiopia, the Livestock Development Institute (LDI), the Water and Land Resource Center (WLRC) and research centres. Two of the participants were women.
Were some participants from a partner organization, or from a government?	
Delivery method (virtual/in person/hybrid)	In person
Funder—any other support besides SAPLING	N/A
Course summary or agenda	The course covered pedigree and performance data preparation using Excel and R software, genetic analysis using Wombat software, interpretation of results, economic value estimation for traits, index selection and breeding value estimation in uncertain sire scenarios.

Links to training material, if available

<https://hdl.handle.net/20.500.11766/66419>

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