

Status of regional horticulture trade- Ethiopia

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Introduction

- Agriculture supports 85% of the population's livelihood,
- Last budget year (2009/10) Ethiopia earned 2 billion USD from export,
- Of which around 80% was from Agriculture,
- Same year, from horticulture 250 million USD was earned,
- This accounts 12% of the revenue from Agriculture export,

Present status of regional trade for horticultural produce

- Import

- Main regional import partners for horticulture were Djibouti, Kenya, Sudan, Egypt, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Uganda,
- In 2005, total imported amount for horticulture was 465.8 tons,
- Where as on the ongoing year (January-August) it reached 1,250.5 tons,
- For the last six years (2005-2010) the total of 3,062.9 tons was imported

Present status...

- Export

- Regional horticulture export partners for Ethiopia for the last six years were Djibouti, Kenya, Sudan, Egypt, South Africa, Uganda, Republic Congo...
- From 2005-2010 (till August), 46.9 ,183.8 and 0.9 thousand tons of fruits, vegetables and flowers was exported respectively,
- During 2005, the exported amount of horticulture produces was 33 thousand tons whereas this year (ongoing) it become 38.7 thousand tones.
- Totally 231.6 thousand tons of horticulture produces was exported for the stated period,

Present status...

- National Organizations addressing issues on horticulture trade:
 - The Ethiopian Horticulture Development Agency (EHDA)- is established by the government to provide overall support to the export horticulture sector- in the areas of Capacity building, Market study, investment promotion...

Present status...

- National data base consolidations:
 - Ministry of Customs and Revenue Authority collects all outgoing and coming formal exports,
 - Central Statistics Authority gathers data specially for the domestic market,
 - The EHDA gathers market info for farms, of course focused on international,
 - Chamber of commerce collects and provides both regional and international market info to its members,
- University faculty/research institute dedicated to the regional horticulture trade:
 - No Faculty with specialists is dedicated for such issue.

Present management of the constraints to regional trade

- Availability of local expertise:
 - As horticultural teaching universities are expanding expertise is being created,
- Existence of an ad hoc committee:
 - So far no National Committee is formed to bring the public entities and private sector together,
- Current donor assistance in the area:
 - Financed by EU, project is commenced to improve the quality of horticulture for export to neighbors and enhance the local market,

On-going strategy at regional level

- Regional network situation of the National Organization:
 - Highly focused on international
- Attempts of Regional coordination:
 - Commenced with Djibouti
- Entities in charge of regional coordination:
 - EHDA in association with Ministry of Trade and Industry should be in charge of any regional coordination,