



*I would want to participate in the creation of community leaders among smallholder farmers who will own and sustain any development initiatives regardless of where they come from.*

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About 12 million rural and peri-urban households are engaged in one or more forms of livestock keeping in Ethiopia. This ranges from keeping cattle, sheep, goats, chicken, equines and camels, to farmed beekeeping and inland aquaculture. As part of the livestock program, I am tasked to support setting the livestock agenda through extensive consultation with stakeholders at federal and regional levels.

The agency's mandate requires work on two levels:

1. National: work with all stakeholders to identify solutions to help transform the lives of smallholder farmers across the country; and
2. Geographic: to work with implementation partners to ensure that a focused set of catalytic interventions are integrated around a prioritized set of commodities in the country.