

MOYESH at Cultivate Africa



Through the MOYESH program, inclusive commercial sericulture generates direct job opportunities for 25,000 unemployed youth and demonstrates agri-business in Ethiopia



Through the MOYESH programme, inclusive commercial beekeeping generates direct job opportunities for 75,000 unemployed youth and demonstrates agri-business in Ethiopia

On 17 and 18 November 2020, the MOYESH team participated in Cultivate Africa, a virtual event organised by the African Union Commission in partnership with Hallpax. With over 1,400 participants, the forum facilitated multi-stakeholder dialogue, to galvanize partnerships for a sustained and effective response to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on food security and nutrition and food systems.

The MOYESH programme is aligned with ongoing efforts to alleviate youth unemployment or underemployment in Ethiopia and is being implemented by *icipe* primarily in partnership with the Ethiopia Jobs Creation Commission (JCC) and the Mastercard Foundation's Young Africa Works in Ethiopia initiative.



Young Africa Works



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Communication products exhibited during the Cultivate Africa

MOYESH Programme Review and Planning Workshop

Between 26 and 29 October, the MOYESH programme held its Progress Review and Planning Workshop in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The workshop brought together 45 staff from four regions (Amhara, Oromia, SNNP and Tigray) and the national programme office. It reviewed progress, evaluated key achievements, identified current challenges, lessons learned and developed a robust operational plan for the second year.



Group picture from the MOYESH programme review and planning workshop

Field Activities



The programme provides queen bee rearing training (L) and management of swarm colonies, for instance in Amhara and Oromia regions (R)

Field activities including technical training, site supervision, community sensitization, starter kit distribution, and familiarisation meetings with key stakeholders (youth, community, local government officials and private sector actors) were conducted in the programme intervention areas from August to December 2020.

The programme considers honeybee colony multiplication as an attractive alternative business opportunity for youth beekeepers apart from enabling them to expand their honeybee colony stock. MOYESH needs to secure 104,628 honeybee colonies in the coming years. The target youth, private sector partners engaged in honeybee colony multiplication and experienced beekeeping farmers are the target sources of honeybee colonies.



MOYESH provides practical training in advanced silkworm rearing practices at a private partner facility in Arba Minch

In October 2020, MOYESH Programme organized training of trainers on sericulture technical skill development at training facilities of the Bere Sericulture Production Plc in Arba Minch. Forty participants from Tigray Region participated. The trainees visited the YESH sericulture site in Meirab Abaya, Gamo Zone of SNNP Region.

MOYESH Programme

MOYESH Programme aims to “secure dignified and fulfilling direct employment and income for 100, 000 unemployed youth (60% women)” through providing youth with appropriate knowledge and skills and enabling them to establish beekeeping and sericulture business enterprises. The programme further will have positive impacts on 14.6 million people along with the honey and silk value chains through multiplier effects. MOYESH is a five-year programme (October 2019-October 2024) implemented in four regions of Ethiopia (Amhara, Oromia, Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples' (SNNP) and Tigray) by *icipe* (<http://www.icipe.org/>) in partnership with the Mastercard Foundation, the Ethiopia Jobs Creation Commission and several other public and private sector partners.

International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (*icipe*)

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