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A six day TOT- November 28- Decemeber3, 2011, was jointly organized by the Ministry of Agriculture- Agricultural Growth Program (AGP) and ILRI-Improving Productivity and Market Success (IPMS) Project for 54 AGP focal persons coming from the four regions; Amhara, Oromiya, SNNP and Tigray. Resourc persons from IPMS; Berhanu Gebremedhin (Ph.D) assisted by Aklilu Bogale, carried out the TOT on results based monitoring and evaluation. The IPMS manual on 'Results-based monitoring and evaluation for organizations working in agricultural development: A guide for development practitioners' was use as principal training resource. Printed copies of the manual ar digital copies of relevant materials of IPMS and outputs of the workshop were distributed to the participants. On this event the M&E Manual of the AGP was also evaluated and discusseer by the participants. The TOT group was dynamic, participants came were from various organizations and specializations including the Youth and women group representatives, planning officers and irrigation experts among many others. Participants found the training very useful and appreciated its participatory mode as they were very much engaged in the process.

On this occasion, the Ethiopian Agriculture Portal (www.eap.gov.et), a gateway for agricultural information resources in Ethiopia, was demonstrated to participants. Not more than 15 of the participants had prior knowledge of the portal. Now that they are aware of it, many are eager to make use of it. Issues of promotion, sustainability and ways of institutionalizing it into the MoA were raised by participants. At the end of the TOT, participants received a certificate of attendance.

