Scaling conservation agriculture-based sustainable intensification systems in Ethiopia

Background

Ethiopia's agriculture sector performance is highly influenced by land degradation, depletion of soil fertility and recurrent droughts due to climate variability amongst others. Conservation Agriculture (CA) is a promising technology to ensure food security to feed the growing population while improving environmental degradation. Soil Fertility Improvement Directorate of the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Resource in collaboration with implementing partners have put some effort to synthesize a contextualized CA knowledge that can be taken up by extension and other departments for promotion.

General Objective

- Incorporation of CA as one of the technology packages in the extension system to be implemented in areas where it works well

CA policy and implementation guideline process

- A series of consultation meeting with like-minded actors
- National CA implementation strategy development
- Policy brief development
- One-to-one meeting with the agriculture Minister
- Experience sharing visit for higher officials

Expected Results

Identifying CA scaling up options and other actions such as:

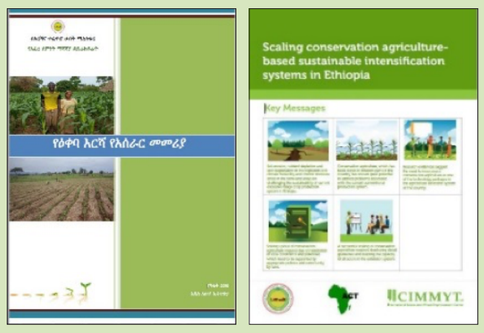
- Capacity building of experts and extension worker on CA
- Community bi-laws to control free grazing and maintain residue for soil cover
- Purposeful production and conservation of forage crops and multi-purpose trees/shrubs, both within farmland and communal pastureland
- Timely supply of appropriate and affordable input

Activities Accomplished

- A series of consultation meeting with like-minded actors

CA working group during the consultation meeting at Adama Rift Valley Hotel, August 10-15, 2017

- National Conservation Agriculture implementation strategy and policy brief developed



- Experience sharing visit for higher officials to SNNPR, Benishangul-Gumuz and Amhara regions, November 23-December 2, 2017

- One to one meeting with the Agriculture Minister at his office on July 14, 2018