In early March of this year, S34D held a two-day Forage and Forage Seed Capacity Building Workshop in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The high-level goal of the workshop was to contribute to the availability of quality forage seeds for the province of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and to increase forage productivity so as to narrow the gap between livestock feed and requirements. The workshop was to generate evidence on the impacts of selected emergency seed relief, with a specific focus on the region's forage needs.

The workshop was organized by S34D in collaboration with the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) in Ethiopia. The workshop was attended by a total of 23 technical frontline staff involved in the production of forage and forage seed. The participants were representatives from various government and non-government organizations, including the Ministry of Agriculture, the Ethiopian Agricultural Research Institute, and the Addis Ababa Regional Government.

The workshop included a variety of activities, including lectures, group discussions, and hands-on training. The participants were taught about the importance of forage for livestock feed, the different types of forage available, and the best practices for growing forage. They also learned about the role of forage in improving soil health and the importance of maintaining a diverse range of forage species.

The participants were also trained on the importance of forage seed quality and the different methods of seed production and handling. They were taught how to ensure that the seeds they produce are of high quality and are suitable for the local climate and soil conditions.

The workshop was also an opportunity for the participants to share their experiences and challenges in forage production and seed handling. This allowed them to learn from each other and develop ideas for improving forage production and seed handling in the region.

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