



Mihiret Shimelis Haile

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Haile is one of a growing number of women agricultural scientists who have won a customized institutional Fellowship for the Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research (EIAR). The customized institutional Fellowship is an intervention of AWARD's Gender Responsive Agricultural Research and Development (GRARD) initiative that supports institutional capacity for gender-responsive agricultural research.

Position	Researcher
Institution	Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research (EIAR)
Country	Ethiopia
BSc	
Mentor	Ejigayehu Demisse Tufa, Researcher, Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research
Research Area	Animal health.

Mihiret Shimelis Haile is a researcher based at the Animal Health Department in Debrezeit Agricultural Research Centre. Her childhood dream was to become a scientist who provides solutions to various animal and human diseases.

"I grew up in a country with numerous problems despite its abundant natural resources. Later on I realized that if I could do more and contribute to introducing significant changes in the agricultural sector, Ethiopia could become a great nation. So I resolved to do my part."

Haile is currently working on a range of research activities. One is on reproductive health of cattle in Ethiopia, which aims to identify major causes of disease, assess the risk factors and make recommendations on possible interventions. She is also involved in the evaluation of maternal antibody transfer in poultry. This will help to determine the right time to vaccinate chickens in order to prevent disease outbreaks. She also conducts poultry health management training for rural communities.

Through the AWARD Fellowship, Haile hopes to build her skills in the areas of research, leadership and science writing. In addition, she will share the knowledge gained with her colleagues, especially the female researchers who are a minority and face additional challenges of dealing with gender bias and lack of role models.

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