

# Ethiopian Biodiversity Institute



## Genebank at a Glance

<b>Full name</b>	Ethiopian Biodiversity Institute
<b>Acronym</b>	EBI
<b>Country</b>	Ethiopia
<b>Year established</b>	1976
<b>Conservation methods and facilities</b>	Seed, field collection
<b>Total number of accessions</b>	90,000
<b>Number of accessions distributed annually</b>	260,000

## Recent Highlights

- With the support of The Seeds for Resilience project, the genebank is working to upgrade its equipment, and facilities, and develop staff capacity in quality management. Genebank staff is also clearing operational backlogs on seed viability monitoring and regeneration, particularly of sorghum, barley and faba bean accessions.
- The genebank collaborates with existing community seedbanks in eight different locations across the country. Farmers test and select a diversity of barley, durum wheat, teff and black cumin.



Mrs. Nigist Ameshewa, Seed Conservation & Distribution Unit, counting accession packets.



Director General Melesse Maryo visits field wheat accessions.



Training day for community seed bank members.



Mr. Mikias Teshome, researcher, checking on drying seed accessions.



Dr. Eleni Shiferaw, Senior Researcher, performing DNA extraction on a sample.

