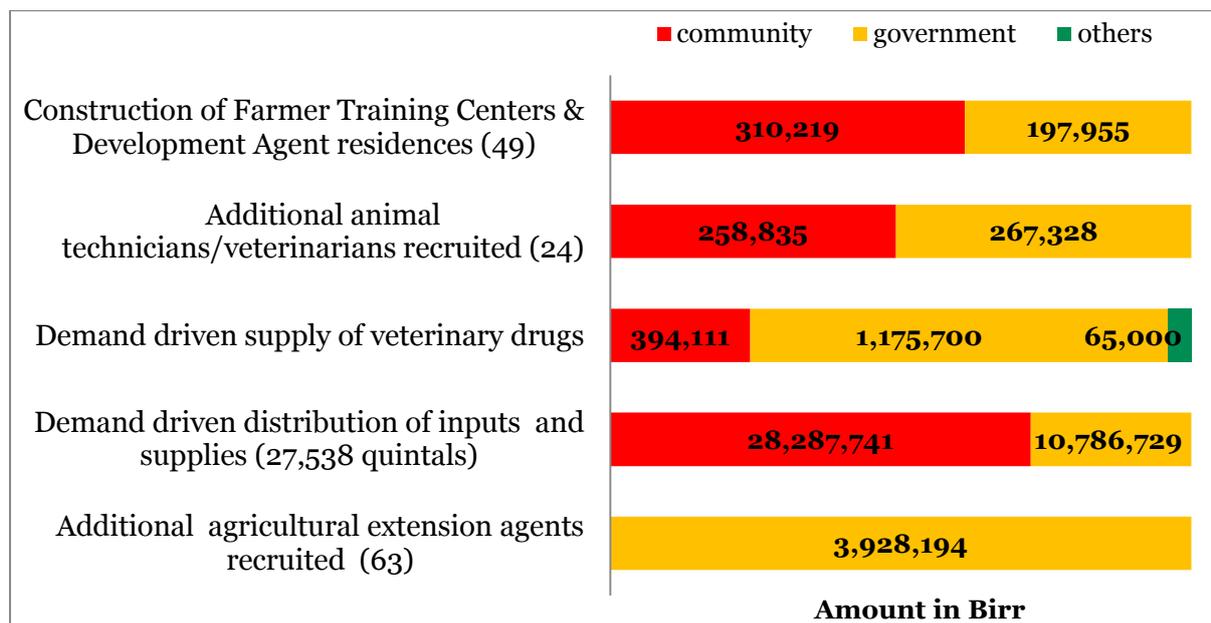


ESAP2 – RESULTS, FINDINGS AND JOINT ACTIONS: AGRICULTURE SECTOR

The Ethiopia Social Accountability Program 2 has seen 27 social accountability implementing partners realising agriculture sector interventions in 45 woredas across all regions of Ethiopia. This summary presents the most interesting results and investments, the main findings about sector performance, and the key joint actions that were undertaken by communities, service providers and local governments.

Service Improvement Results and Investment

Social Accountability projects facilitated joint actions among community, government and others (e.g. NGOs and private sector) that led to investments that achieved the following service improvement results by December 2014:



Key findings about sector performance

Regardless of the types of solutions that were sought, be it for crop production, horticulture or livestock, the following improvement features were identified in most cases:

- The **agriculture service standard** is best negotiated with farmers. Agriculture extension and other services depend on local conditions. SA revealed that not all services were well tailored to farmers' needs, which explained the reluctance to take up certain practices. Were DAs became aware of this, they were able to provide alternatives.
- A variety of services can be improved at the same time. Seven out of 10 farming households are engaged in livestock rearing as well as crop production, and have diverse service needs. SA tackled **improvement of a wide variety of services**: inputs and extension for crop production, livestock and veterinary services, and environmental protection.

- **Enabling environment** – cooperatives, credit, rural roads, and access to markets are essential for uptake of improved crop and animal production. As a result of SA, the location of cooperatives, the rules for agriculture credit, and construction of farm roads have been changed taking farmer preferences into account. This improved production and credit repayment rates. Marketing services are not yet available.
- **Productive relationships** between Development Agents and farmers. Because DAs got an opportunity to hear farmers' views, needs and concerns, they could better plan their interventions. As a result, farmers got more information and choice, with which they could better estimate the risk they would take when adopting a new method. Farmers now experience better services, and DAs and veterinarians have become more committed and accessible to farmers.

“We have many other forums where we discuss with the pastoralist to demand for services. These forums have also contributed to the service improvement results. However the SA process is better because there is scoring, group discussion and issues are identified with reasons. The SA process is unique and deep.”

Ibrahmi Haji, Head of
Agriculture Office, Tenta woreda

Joint actions to solve agriculture problems

Communities, service providers and local governments agreed on and implemented the following joint actions to overcome problems and increase agricultural production and productivity in the ESAP2 intervention Kebeles:

