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They expressed from experience that the crop seeds that have been experimented by agro experts and distributed to farmers have the capacity of enduring drought and other crop diseases and that they are able to collect bumper harvest.

From the farmers, Mr. Mohammed Saleh Omar and Mr. Solomon Abraham indicated that the selected sorghum seed they were provided by the Ministry of Agriculture branch was immune from crop diseases and as a result they are able to collect bumper harvest. They further explained that the experience they gained at the Haikota agricultural experiment facility has also helped them in properly cultivating their farm lands.

Resident of Hashenkit, Ms. Askalu Tewoldebrhan and farmer in Mogolo Mr. Ali Mahmud Haj on their part explained that they are able to collect good harvest with the selected crop seeds they have been provided six years back and called on farmers not to mix the seeds with non-selected ones so that they would not loose originality.

Ms. Solomon Tsehaie, representative of the Ministry of Agriculture branch in Haikota sub-zone, indicated that the seed experiments that have been conducted in different centers were proved successful and that farmers that use selected crop seeds and follow guidelines could bring qualitative change in their agricultural harvest.