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Accordingly, a number of micro-dams, ponds, terraces and water catchments have been constructed, while efforts as regards horticultural activities have made positive impact. The participants further scrutinized environmental conservation activity as one demanding further integrated venture on the part of pertinent bodies and the inhabitants.

Moreover, major accomplishments were made regarding environmental hygiene and control of communicable diseases, as around 10 schools have been upgraded to Junior and Secondary level, and that community participation in education is on the rise. Seminars and training were also organized for members of fishery associations, besides the provision of boats and fishing equipment to 30 traditional fishermen.

The participants of the meeting put forth views as regards various issues and expressed readiness to enhance participation in the implementation of social service programs.

In closing remarks, the Administrator of the Northern Red Sea region, Ms. Tsigereda Woldegiorgis, pointed out that endeavors exerted on the basis of popular undertaking towards enrichment of water resources, as well as soil and water conservation have become effective. Furthermore, she called for the reinforcement of activities within the framework of development programs and the new investment prospects.