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# **CAPACITY BUILDING MATTERS IN MANY WAYS**

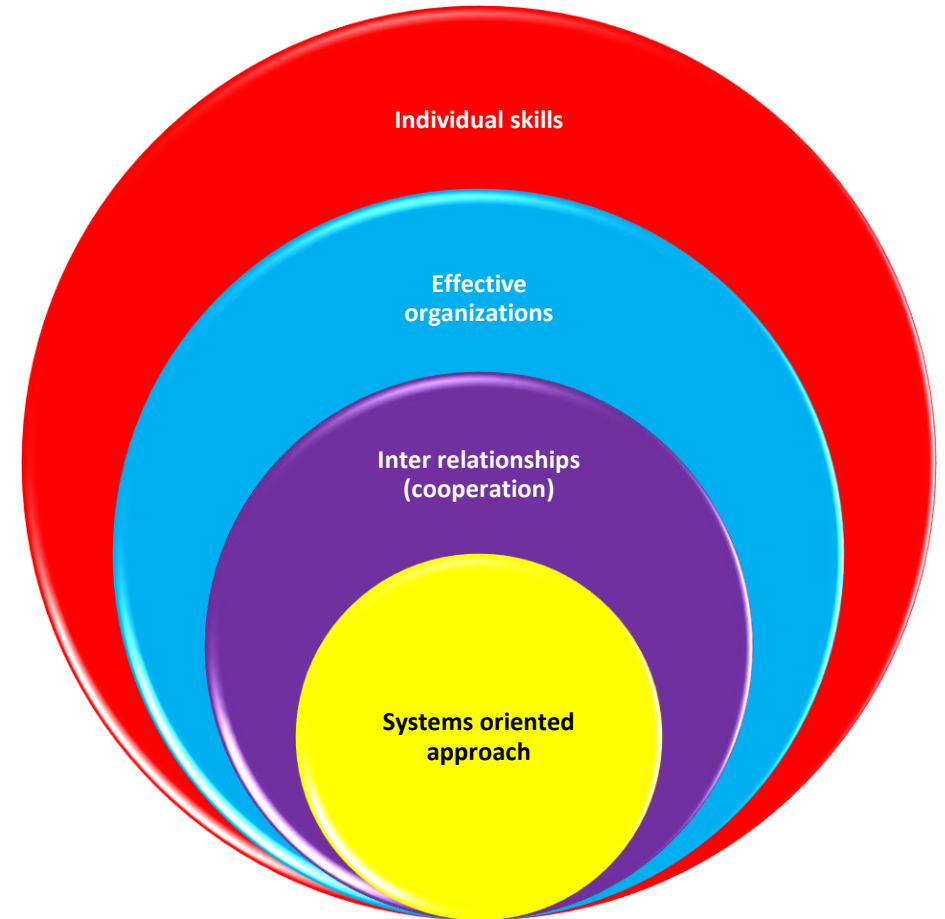
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# What does capacity building deliver?

- **CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT:** the process through which individuals, organizations, and societies obtain, strengthen, and maintain the capabilities to set and achieve their own development objectives over a given time.
- Careful capacity-building processes in the lowland can provide durable, cost-effective, and low-risk options for improving the human conditions.



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# Why capacity building now? What does it deliver?

Currently, the human population growth, overgrazing, annexation of key resources by unknown species (e.g., *Prosopis*), physical insecurity, and underinvestment in pastoral areas contribute to declining per capita food production, reduced vegetation cover, increased soil erosion, loss of herd mobility, and more marginalized people.

The deteriorating socio-economic problems are also leading to the deterioration of the natural cycles, which increases drought occurrences and lowers incomes for the pastoralists.



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# Capacity Building Matters



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# Why capacity building now? What does it deliver?

Hence, integrated interventions of programs, which capacitate and equip local institutions, communities and enhance the knowledge and skills sets are required.

There are also urgent needs for shifts in capacity development strategies;

**We can not mitigate recurrent impacts using the same old fashion**

The reality on the ground also call for furthered **coordination** and **Coobration** and enhance capacities of local institutions, organizations and communities to function within a changing environment.



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# Why capacity building now? What does it deliver?

- To mitigate the negative trends/impacts different GO & NGO are working in various development and humanitarian works, though haphazardly (**without proper coordination and synergy**).
- **Ex: Universities and research Institutes lack synergy**
- **GO and NGO's lack proper coordination to create synergy**
- As part of this, JJU under its mandates is working to mitigate negative impacts and enhance the livelihood of the pastoralists in particular.



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# Mission of JJU

- Offer quality applied disciplines education and produce competitive, productive and ethical citizens
- Conduct problem solving and demand-driven researches and technology transfers emphasizing on pastoral and agro-pastoral development and
- Provide socially meaningful outreach services to constructively contribute to local, national and global sustainable development.



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# Jigjiga University

- Established in 2007 among the 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Universities
- Located in *Jigjiga* City, Somali Regional State, Ethiopia (635 kms east of Addis Ababa)
- Has 2+1 Campuses;
- Main Campus (350 hectares)
- Referral Hospital Campus with 60,000 m<sup>2</sup>
- Godey Campus with 450 hectares (Future Agricultural Campus)



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The university has about 84 Academic programs;

- 31 Post graduate Programs
- 49 Under graduate Programs
- 4 PhD under development program

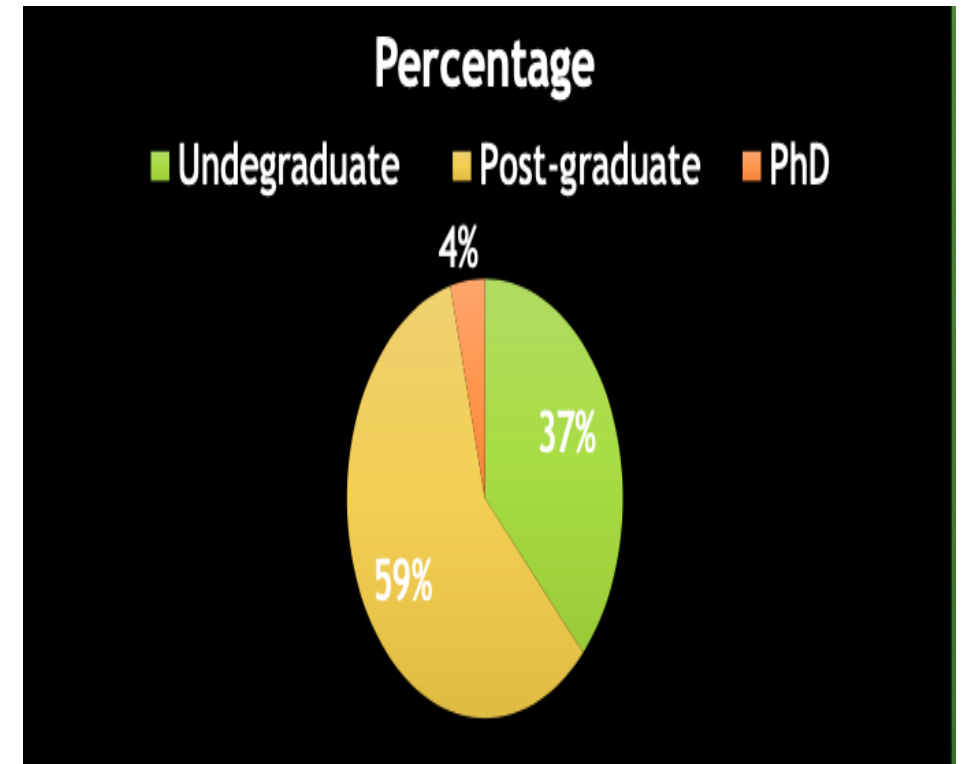
Total number of Student 26,076,  
more than 60 % of the student attend in  
Continuing Education Program at different  
Zones and Woreda.



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# UNIVERSITY AS SERVICE CENTRE TO LOWLAND DEVELOPMENT

## Community Services

- Work on pastoral education
- Veterinary Services for pastoralist
- Introducing adaptable crop varieties and technologies
- Enhancing the skill sets of pastoralists; LTP, feed production
- Introducing supplementary livelihood activities; **integrating afforestation with bee heaving, poultry**

## Teaching learning

Developed locally relevant education programs; like **NRM, Animal science range land Management, Veterinary Medicine, IPADS, One-Health**, Geography and Env't Studies, Pastoral Economics, Soil and Water Resource Engineering.

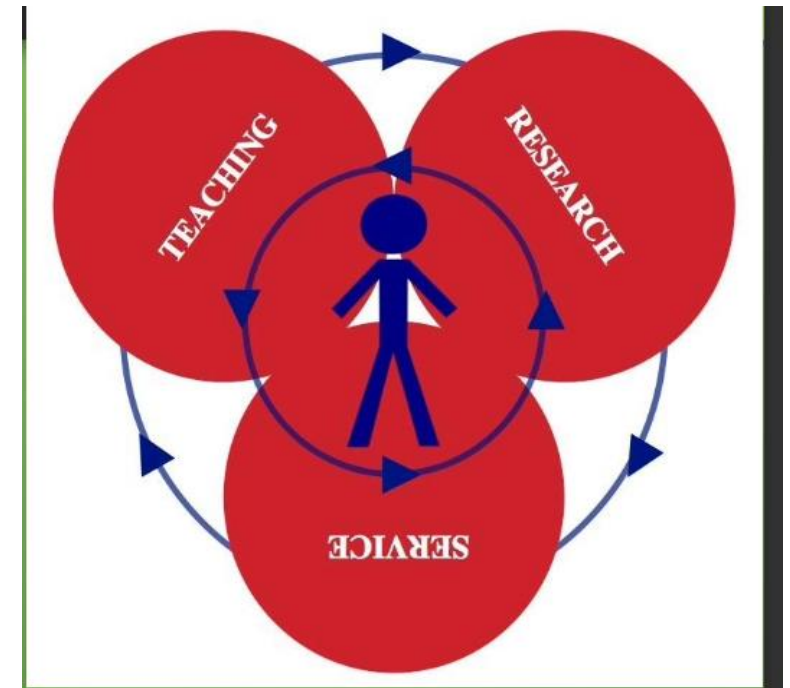
## Problem Solving and Locally relevant Research Activities.



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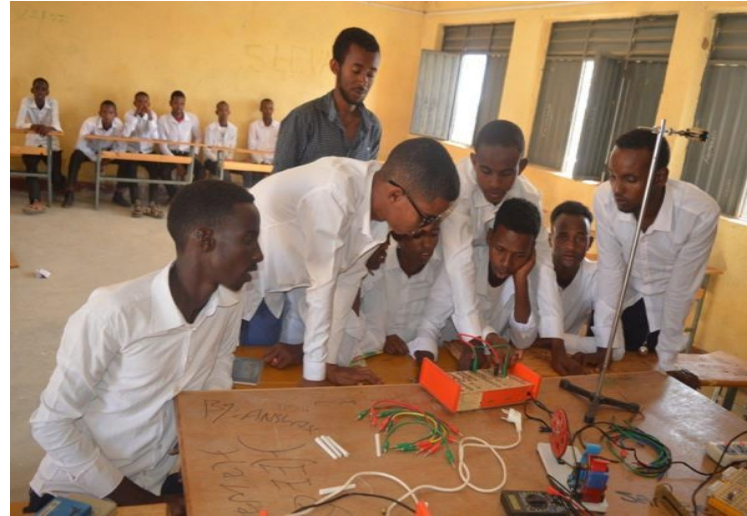


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# Community Engagements



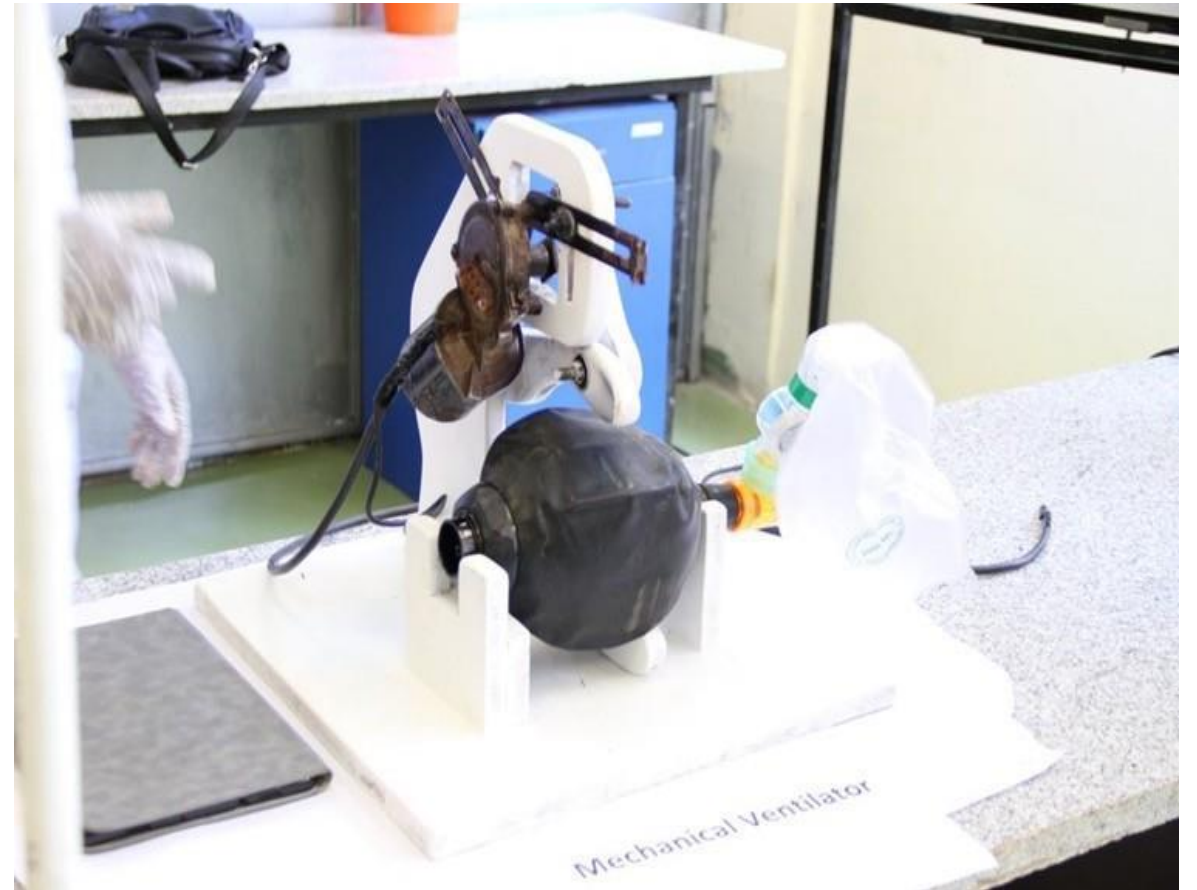
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# Tuchless hand washing

# Mechanical Ventilator





# Community Awareness Program



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*Is it enough ?*

*Do you think JJU can answer the community demand for improved livelihood and have a genuine impacts using the old style of implementation?*



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# WHERE IS SCOPE FOR IMPROVEMENT?

- Further capacity building (further training, introduce/adopt locally relevant technologies) to **further community development** programs
- Take the lead, coordinate and cooperate to have genuine impacts on community development activities
- Cooperate to adopt and produce problem solving innovations
- Enhance the university structure to link the knowledge production and researching unit with the indigenous knowledge and the implementers (strong coordination).
- Establish and equip (infrastructural and human capacity) center for climate change and early warning center



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# Coordination: the need for an integrated capacity building programme

- Capacity building has to improve the performance of organizations through creating synergy.
- It has to take also indigenous knowledge of the local communities', the livelihood and values in to account.
- **Example from Black Headed Sheep**

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# Coordination: the need for an integrated capacity building programme

- Achieving institutional mandates require coordinated and integrated capacity building at different form.
- Now is the time for innovative intervention and carefully targeted investments... this calls capacity building at relevant areas.
- Now is also the time to coordinate, collaborate and bring together the available knowledge, skill, resources and institutions to realize meaningful impacts in the changing environment.
- Establish a common platform where stakeholders exchange experience, learn from one another and collaborate for better impacts.



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Thank you for your attention



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