



CONNECTING ROADS, GROUNDWATER AND LIVELIHOODS

MetaMeta, in partnership with Mekelle University, the Institute of Development Studies (IDS), the Bureau of Construction, Road and Transport of Tigray, the Bureau of Agriculture and Rural Development of Amhara, Ethiopia, and ASAL Consultancy, Kenya is nominated as a finalist for the Global Resilience Challenge.

On 17th of February, MetaMeta was notified by the Global Resilience Partnership, an initiative spearheaded by The Rockefeller Foundation, United States Agency for International Development, and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, that they have been selected as a finalist in the Global Resilience Challenge.

We are excited for our nomination and look forward to the second-stage of the three-stage grant competition convening multidisciplinary and cross-sectoral teams to craft locally-driven, high-impact solutions that build resilience, with the opportunity to qualify for implementation and continued innovation. Out of nearly 500 applications submitted, the team led by MetaMeta was selected as one of the 16 organizations to identify resilience problems and produce transformative solutions in the Horn of Africa. We are asking for parties with ideas and experience on making use of roads for water harvesting and improved resilience

The potential of road building to contribute to the upscaling climate resilience is enormous: annual direct investments to improve road infrastructure in the Horn of Africa amount close to USD 4 billion. At present the current concern is road building as embedded in working procedure and manuals is to solely protect roads from water-related damage. This can be turned around and roads and appurtenant infrastructure can be changed into structures that can retain, spread and reroute water for local water harvesting and thus contribute to reduced risk and better livelihoods for the population living alongside rural roads.

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