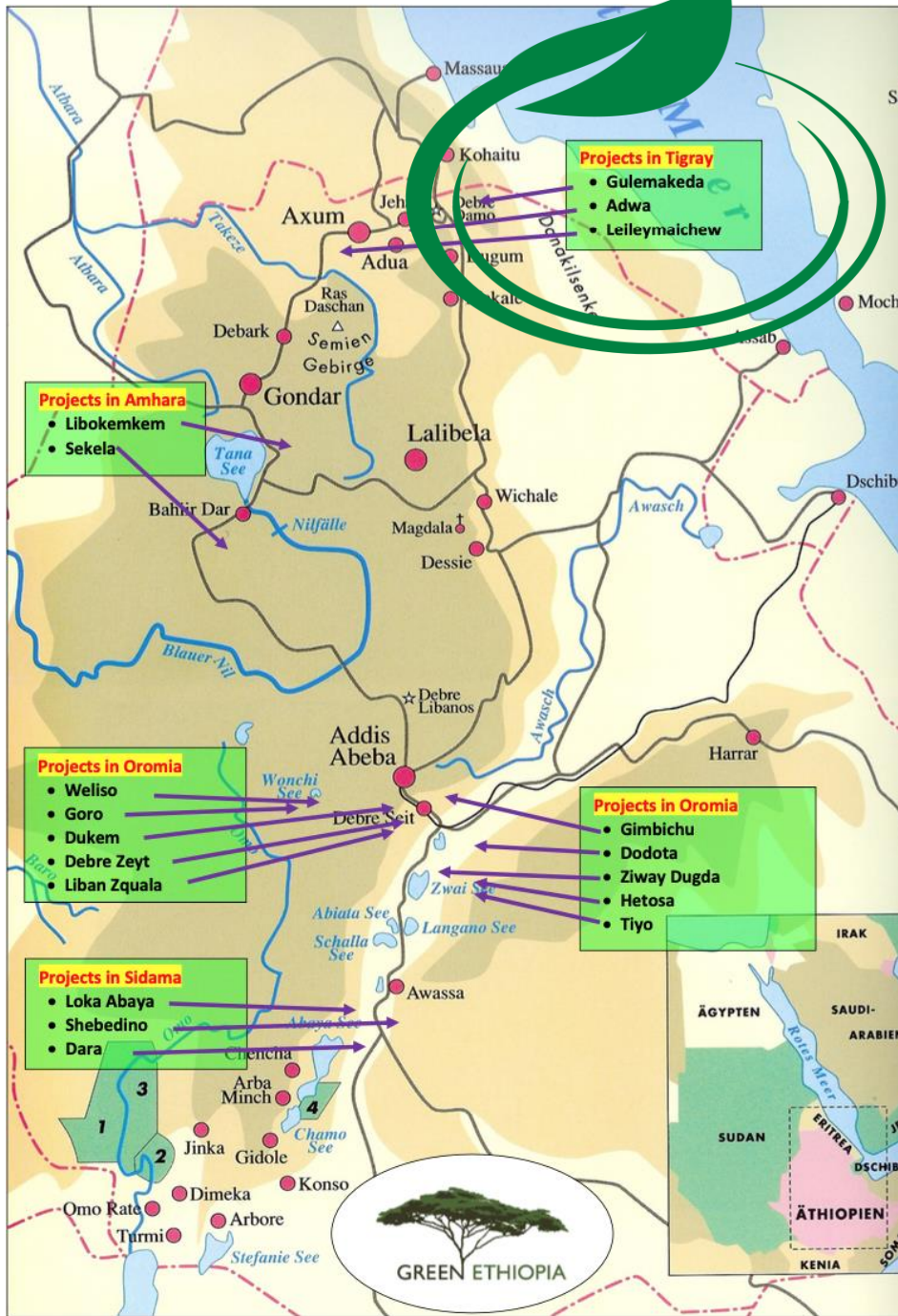


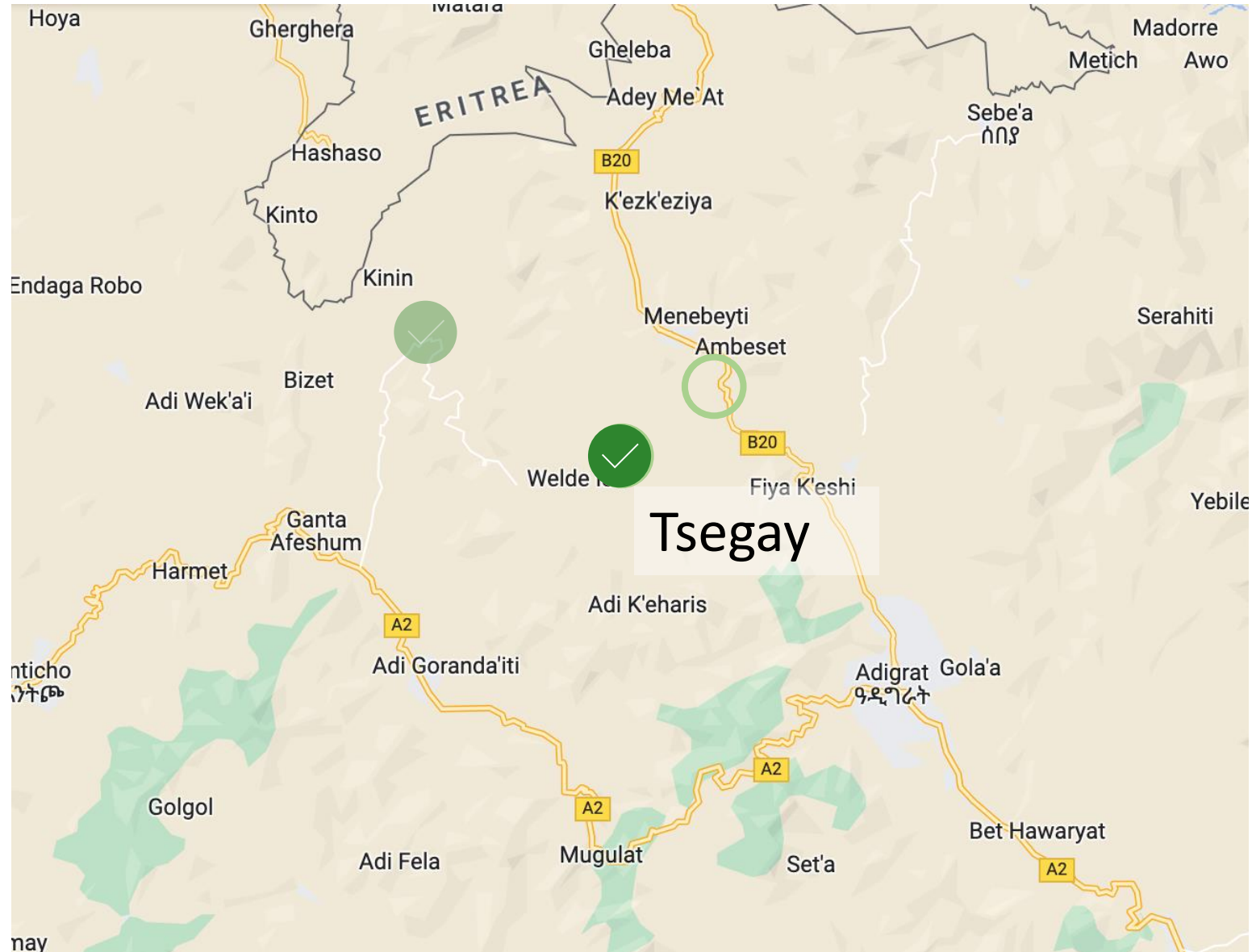
Visit April 2024



Status of 2024 plantation activities



Gulemakeda, Tigray





Looking down from the previous afforestation to the new terraces.



Preparation for enrichment plantation in the lower part of the previous afforestation.



Soil and water conservation: construction of terraces in the lower part.



Beneficiary farmers constructing terraces.

Terrace and trench construction



The image shows a landscape with a clear transition. In the foreground, there is a rocky, reddish-brown slope that appears to be a newly constructed terrace. The ground is uneven, with many small rocks and patches of soil. In the background, the terrain rises into a hillside covered in a dense forest. The vegetation is lush and green, featuring a variety of trees and large, columnar cacti. The overall scene suggests a comparison between a recently developed area and a more established, natural forest environment.

View from the new terraces to the previous afforestation (year 2020, before the war).



Further down the valley: irrigation, new fruit trees and beehives because of forests above.

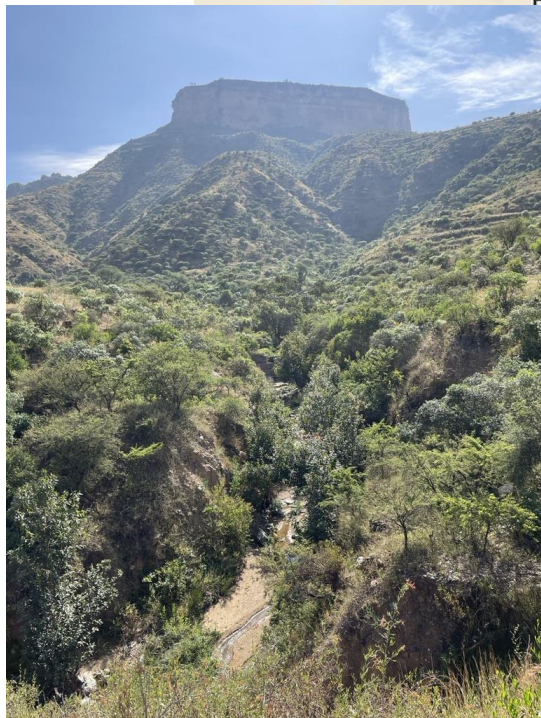
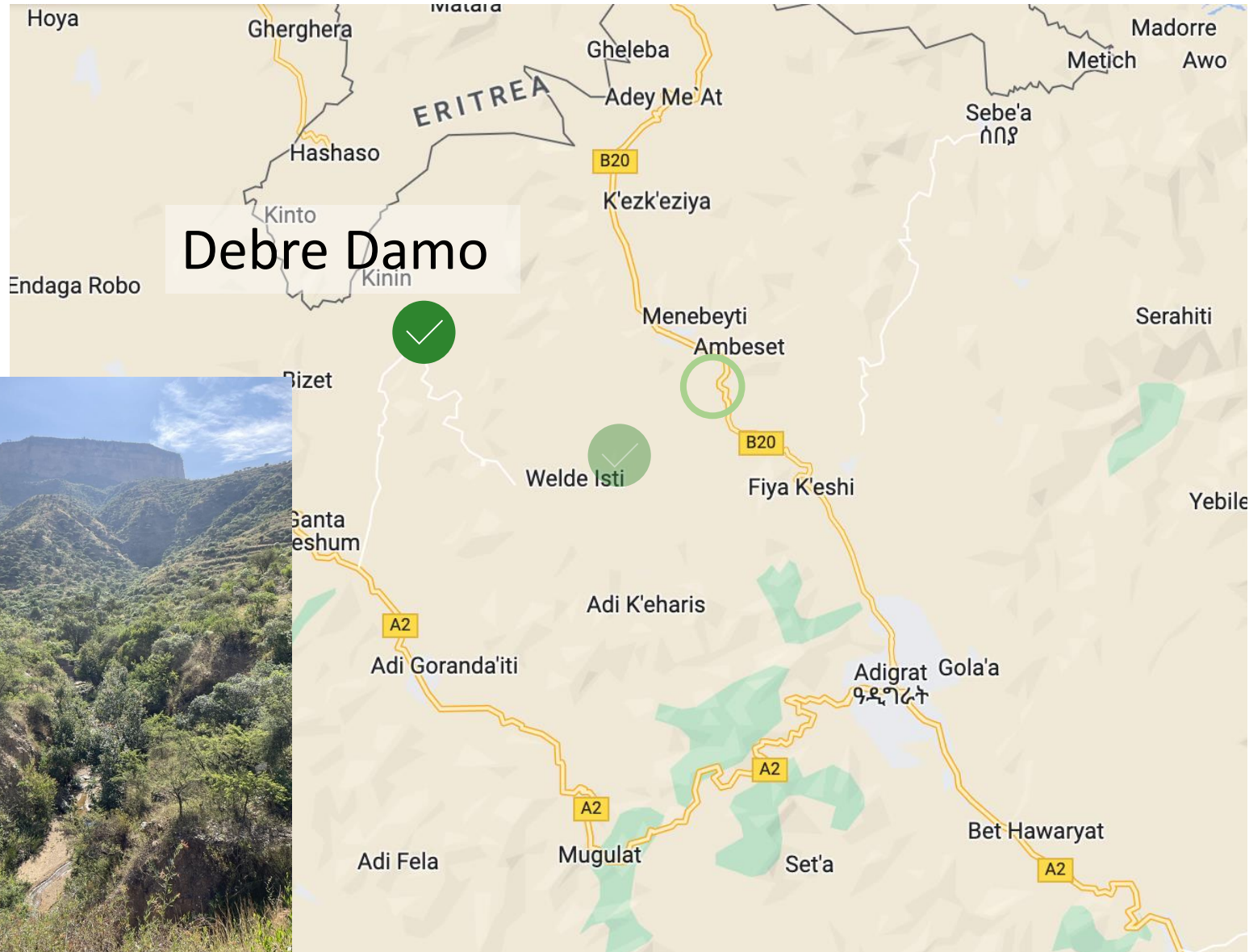


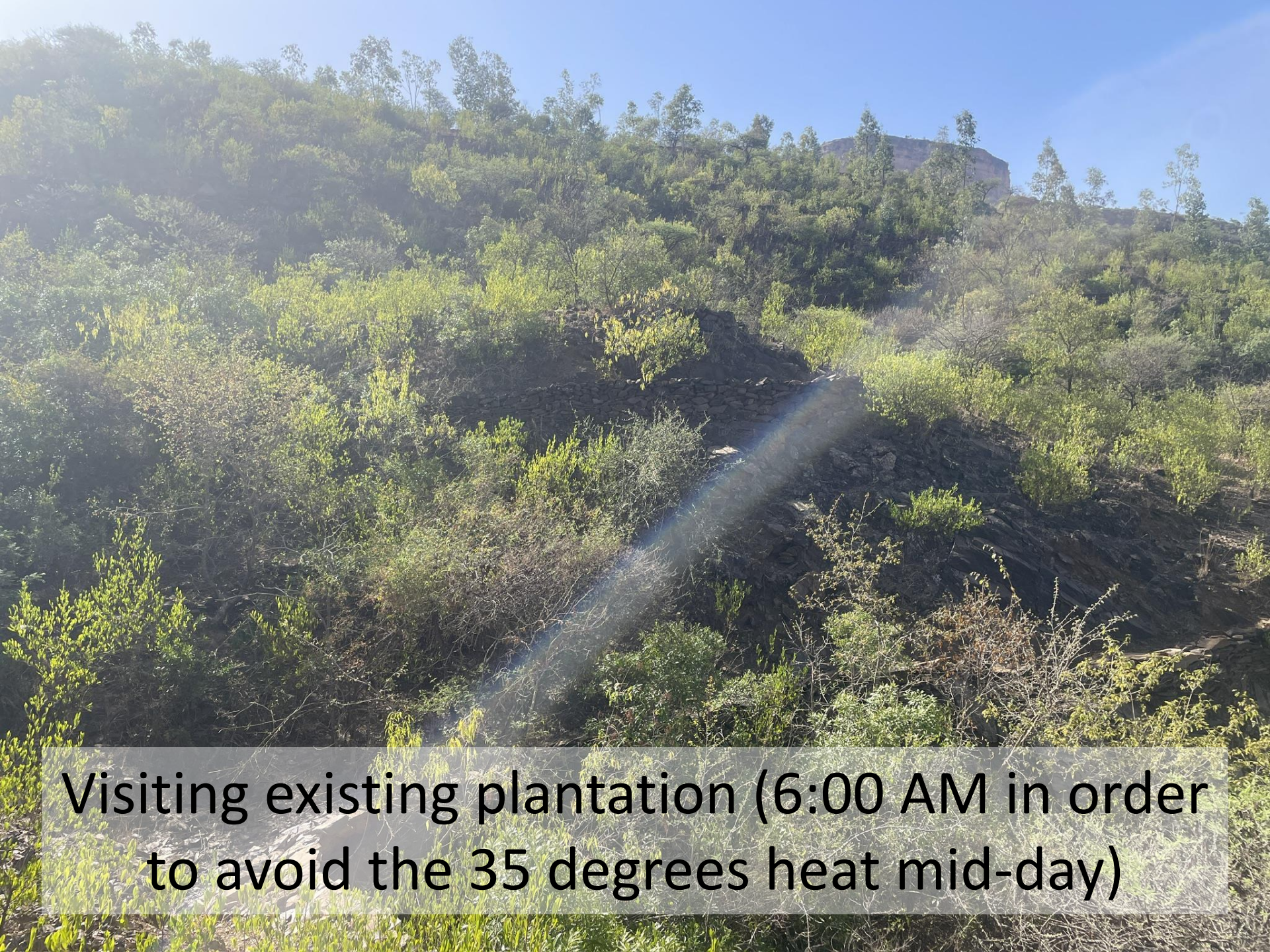
Fresh water spring because of the forest!



Lunch with farmers, honey thanks to trees

Gulemakeda, Tigray





Visiting existing plantation (6:00 AM in order to avoid the 35 degrees heat mid-day)



Demonstration how half-moon support forest development in rocky areas.



Preparation for this year: gully protection



New plantation site for 2024.



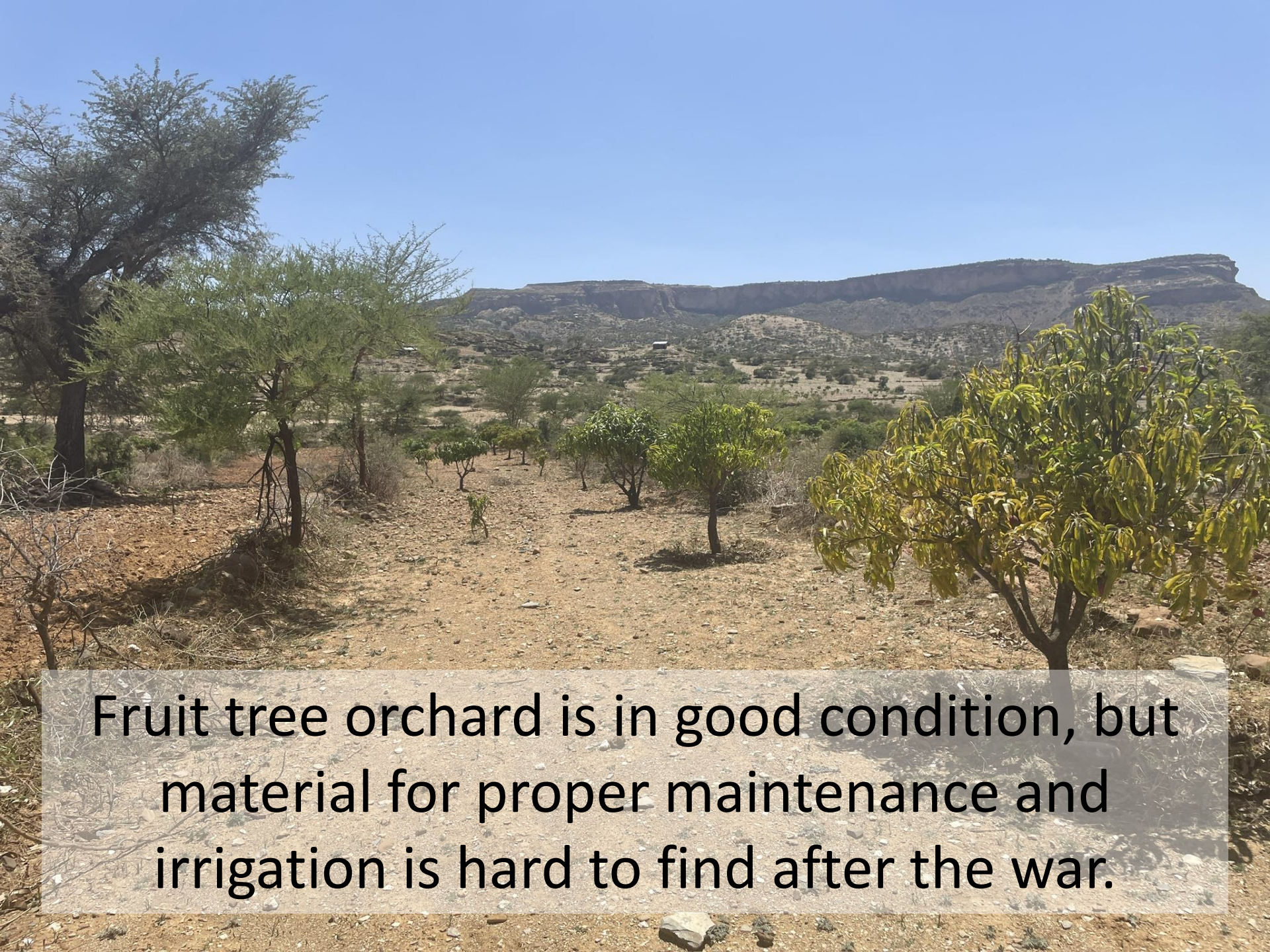
Right side of the valley for 2024 plantation,
with terraces already started.



Seedling production at Mezabir nursery is in full swing.

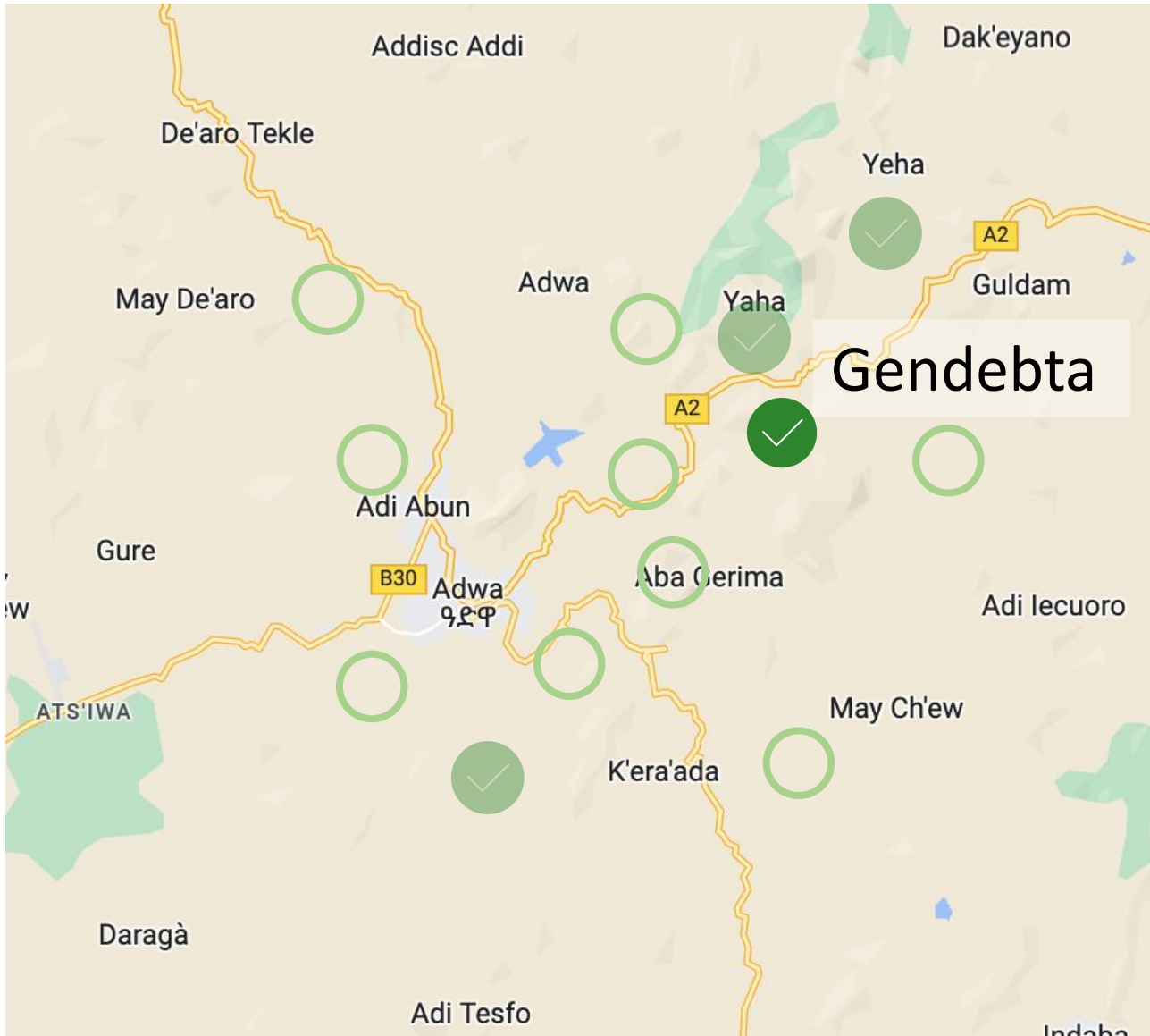


Mango mother trees are in good condition, allowing continues production of fruit trees.



Fruit tree orchard is in good condition, but material for proper maintenance and irrigation is hard to find after the war.

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After the discussions in November 2023, with good growing forests in the back, we have delivered a water pump ...



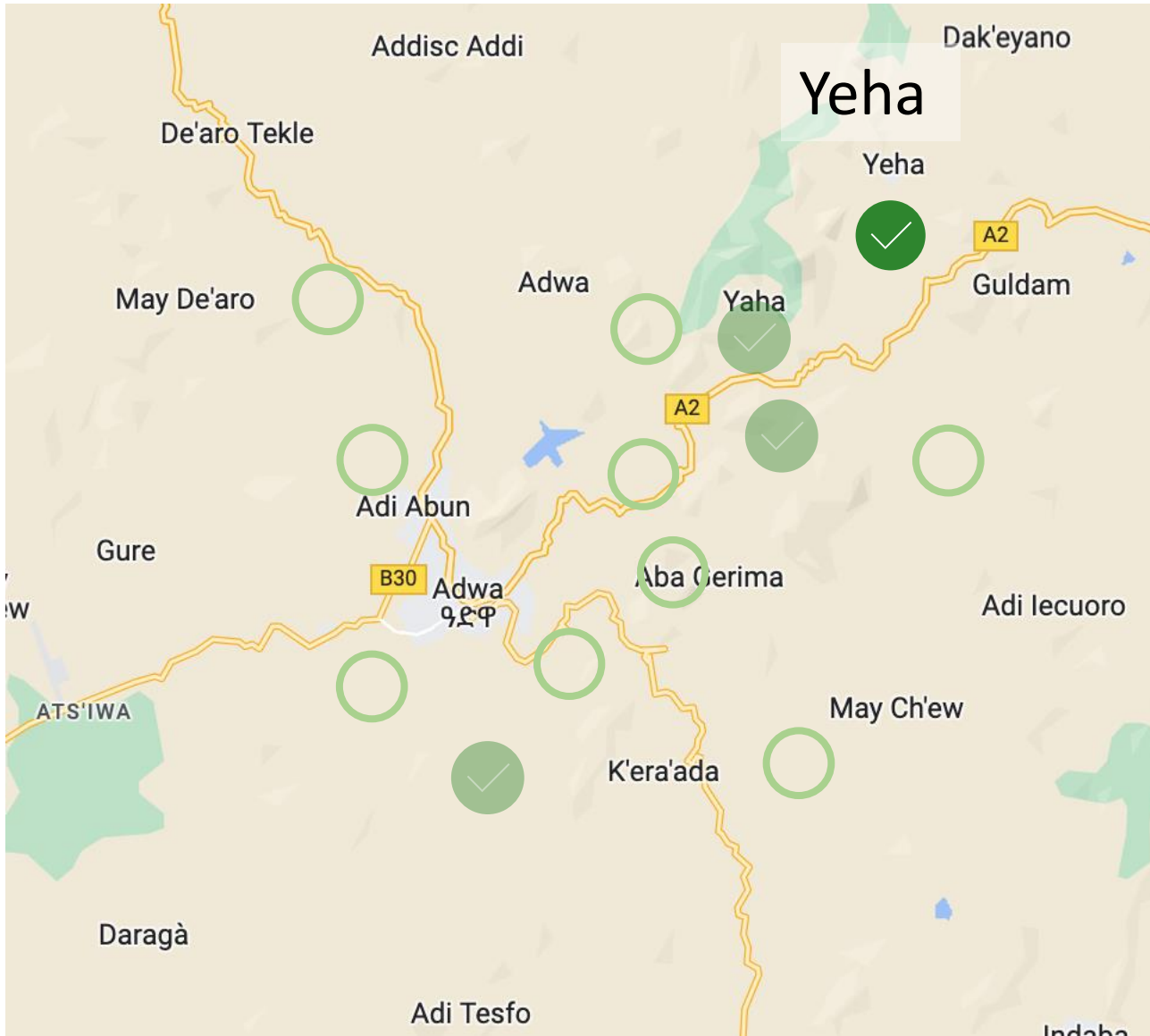
And this pump turns many hectares into nutrition wonderlands!





Upper valley, site of 2024 afforestation,
including more potential for irrigation.

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Mountain for 2024 plantation in August.



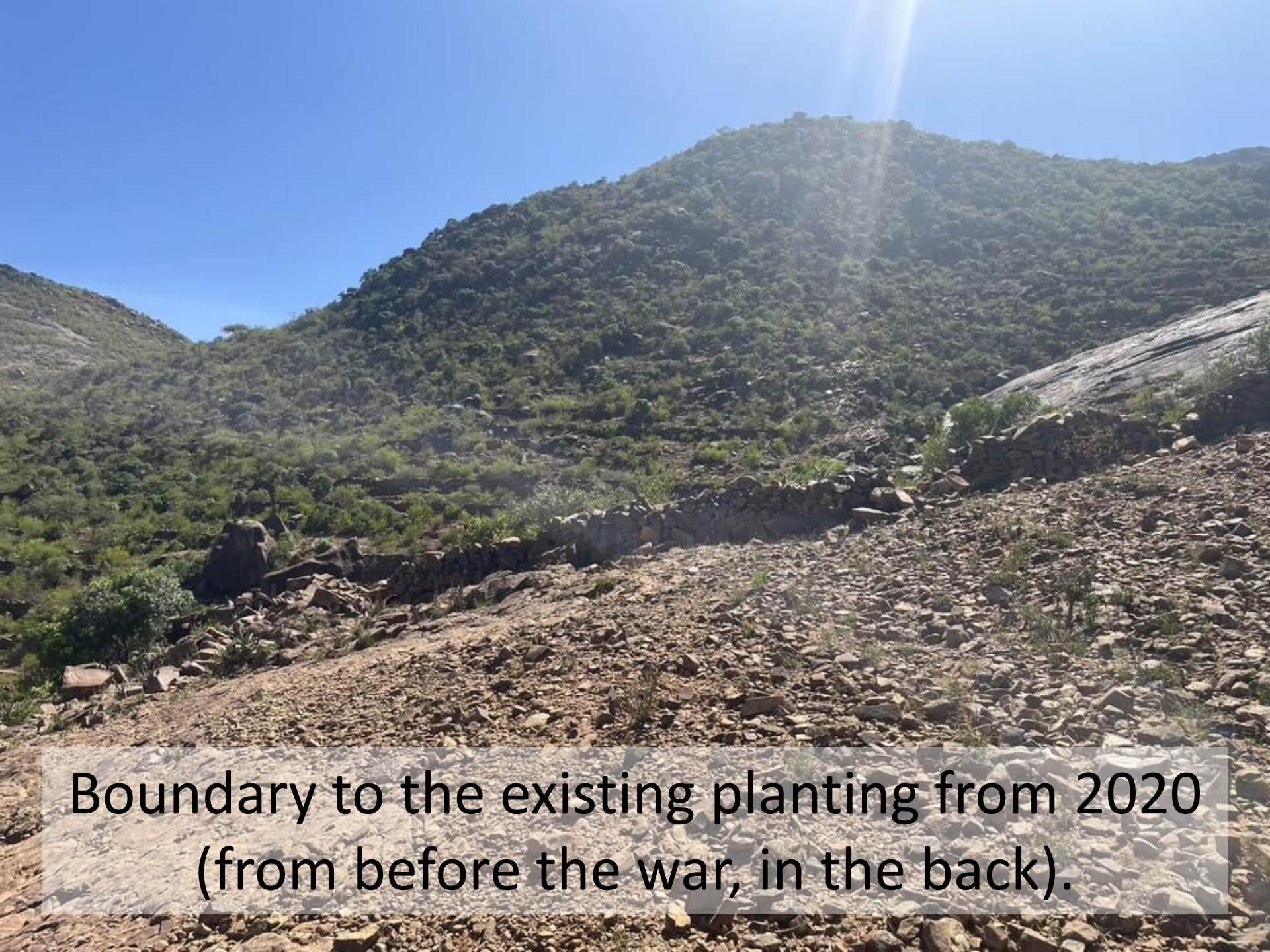
Terraces built for soil stabilization.



One half-moon for each tree, for soil and moisture collection.



Area expected for future irrigation.



Boundary to the existing planting from 2020
(from before the war, in the back).

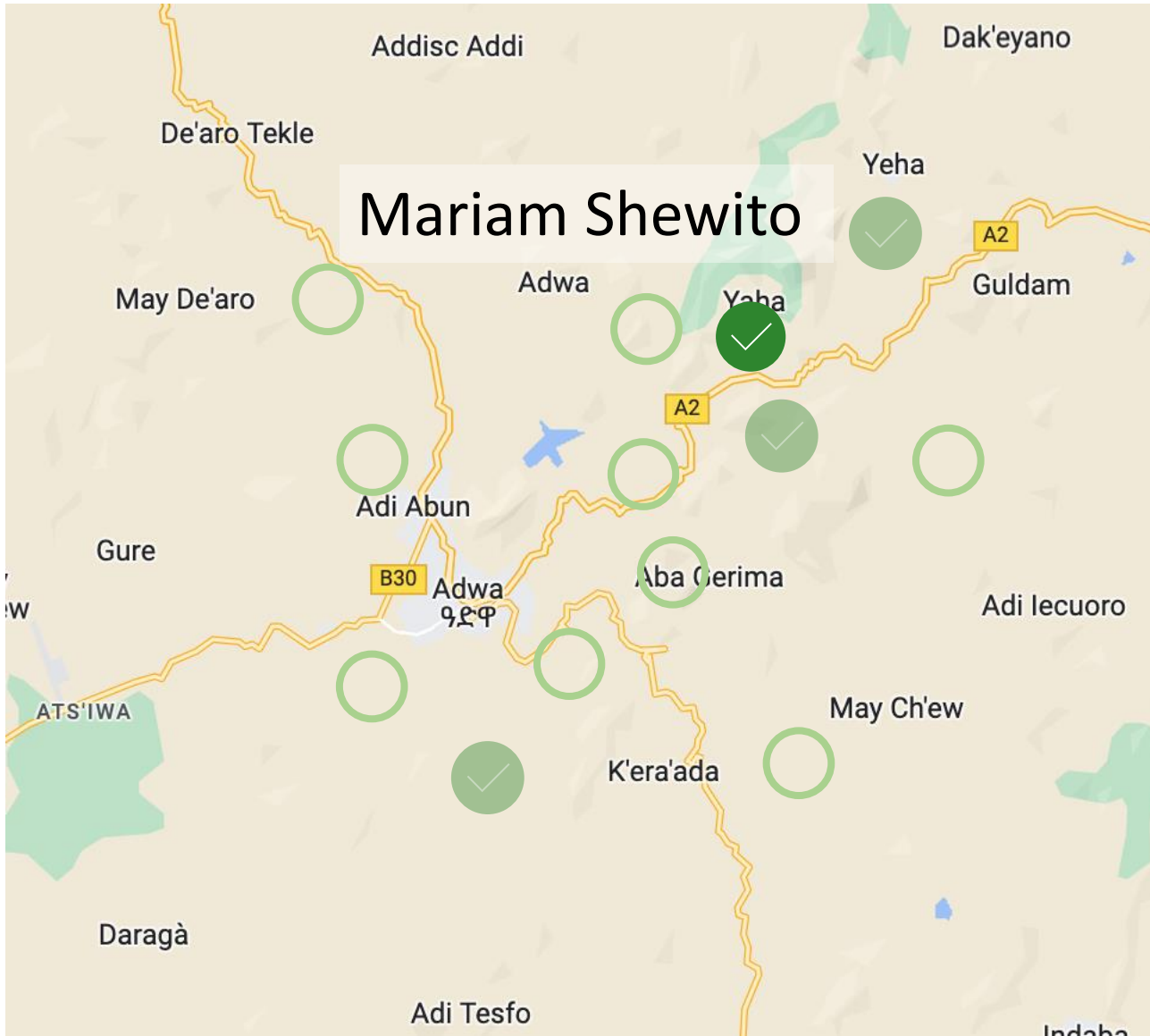


The last part of the visit leads through the plantation of 2020 with impressive growth.



The former gully has become productive, with fruit trees planted on the right side.

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Women care well for the growing seedlings they are happy to have work!



Daily watering

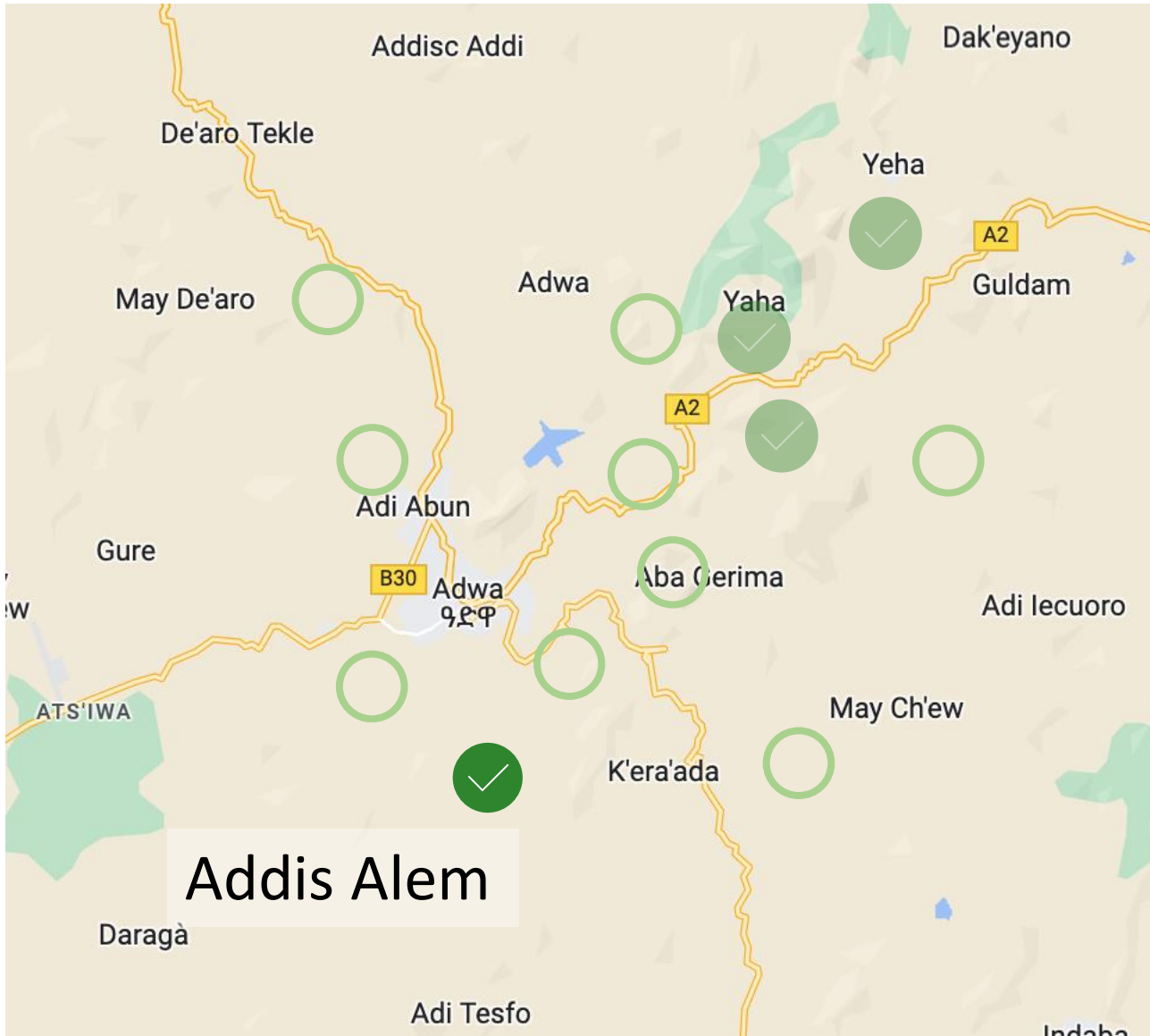


Weeding of older seedlings



But: only half of the nursery is active. GET is the only source of funding for afforestation.

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May 2016

April 2019

April 2023

Thanks to 15 years afforestation in the upper catchment, irrigation along Addis Alem river.





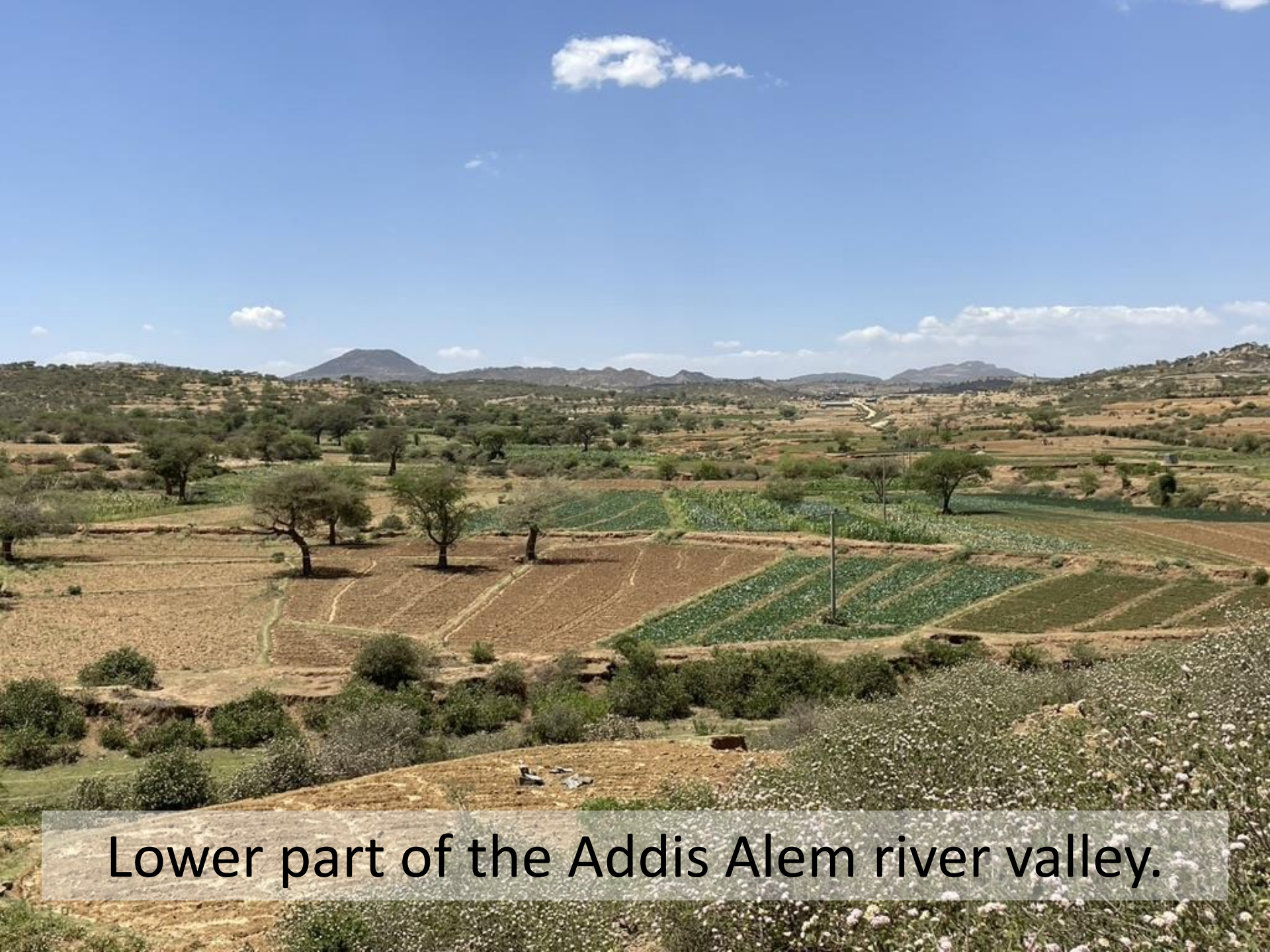
The crossing of the canal today.



Fruit trees

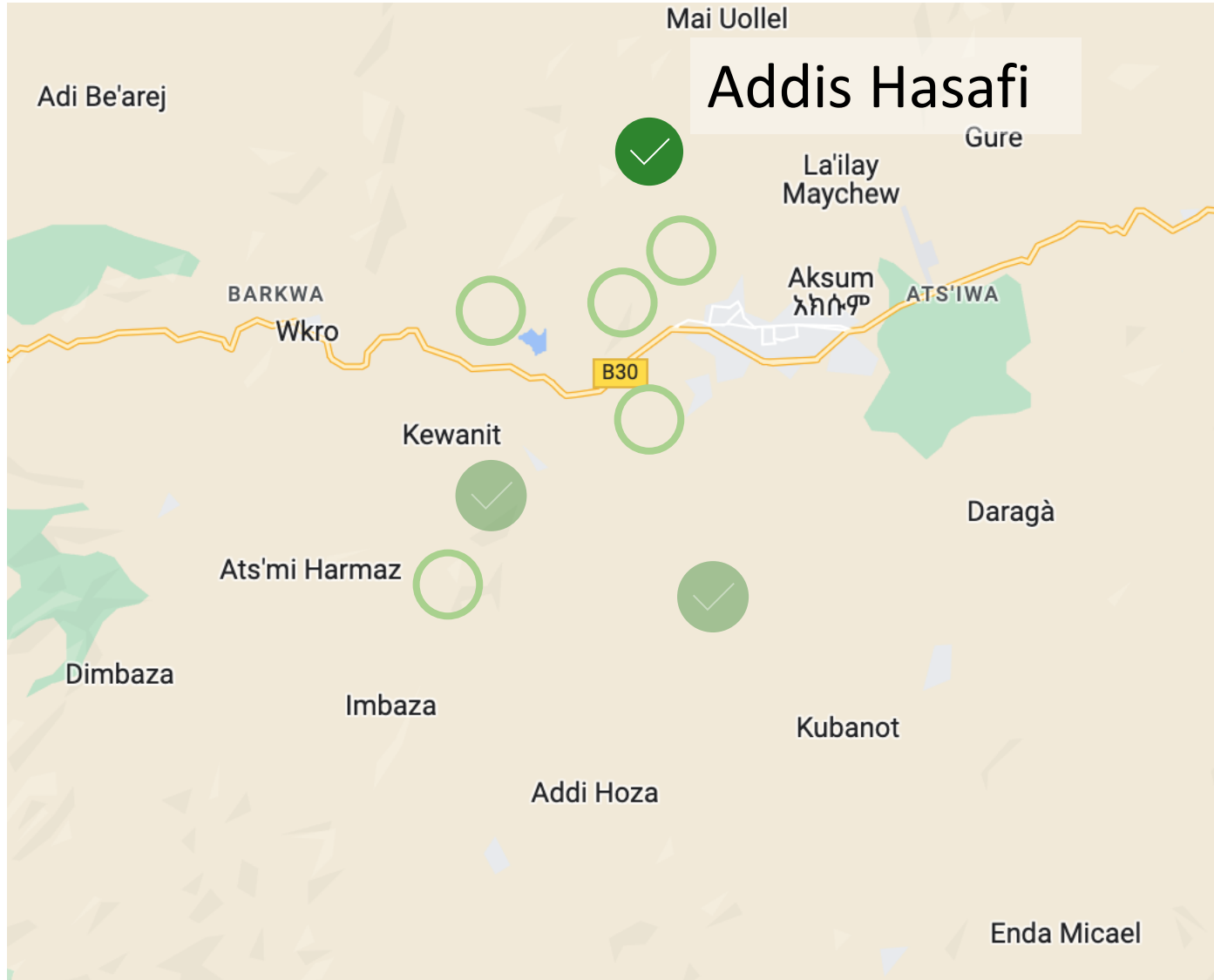


Combination of irrigation and grazing area along the riverbank.



Lower part of the Addis Alem river valley.

Laileymaichow, Tigray



July 2023:
After the war
empty and looted
(grass during the
rainy season)



Nursery re-established and fully productive.

July 2023:
Destroyed and
looted during
the war

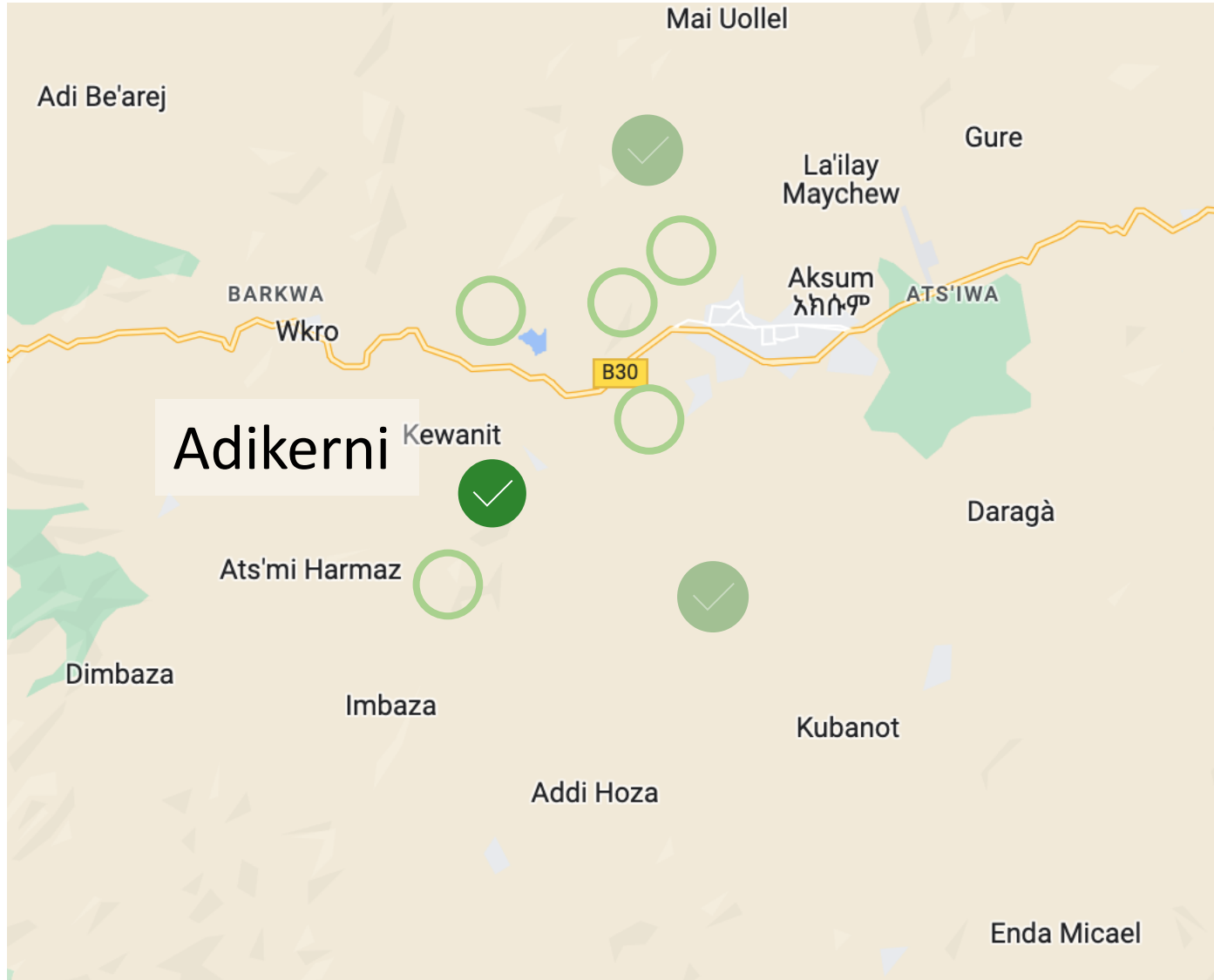


Nursery storehouse re-built after the war.



Careful nursing of seedlings and women are happy for work opportunity.

Laileymaichow, Tigray

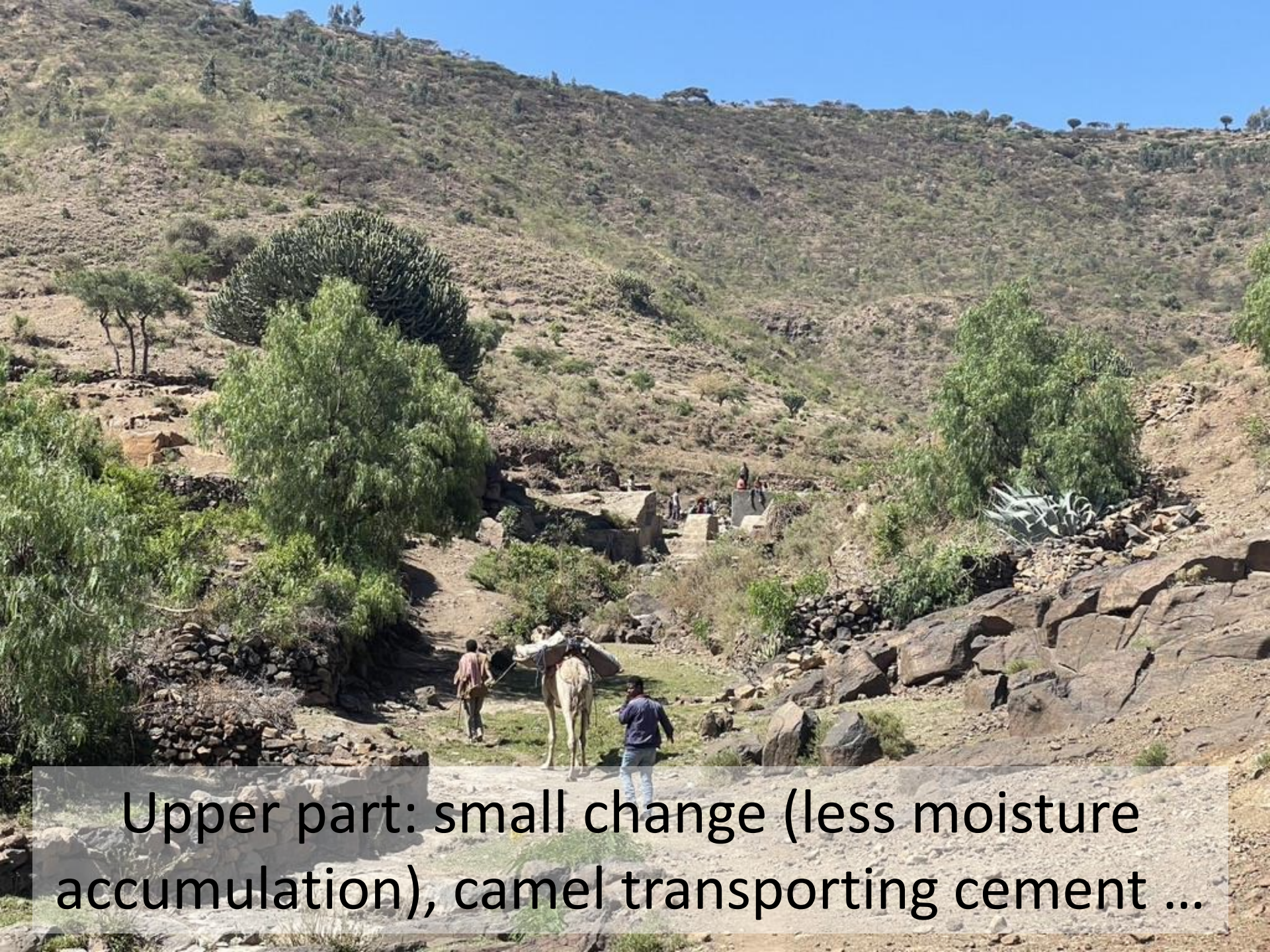




Lower part : There is still water in the river!
Proud guard and project manager



Lower part: irrigation of fields (in the back) and seed beds for further extension.

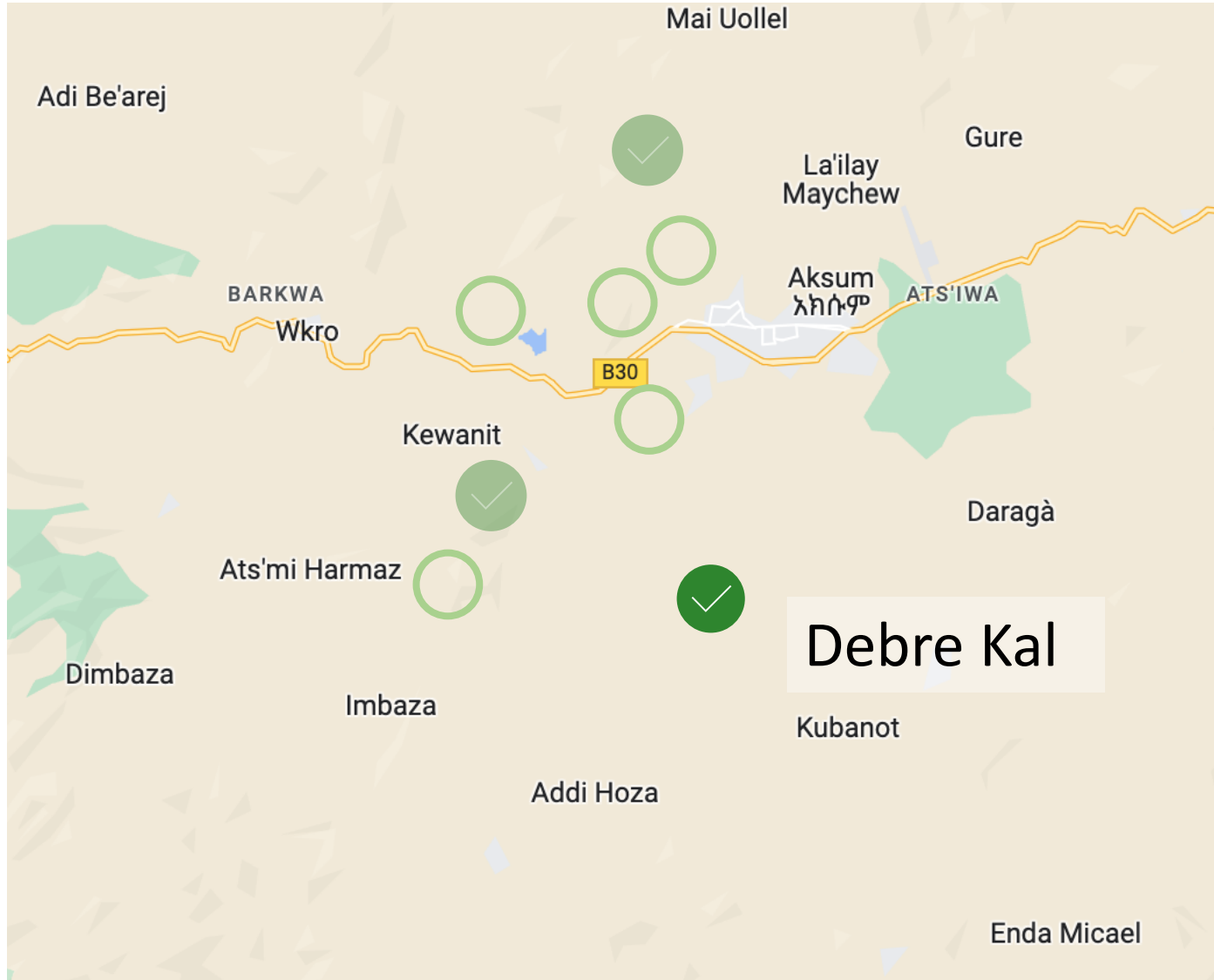


Upper part: small change (less moisture accumulation), camel transporting cement ...



... for construction of fresh spring water.

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Example how
nearby Seglemen
has changed over
8 years



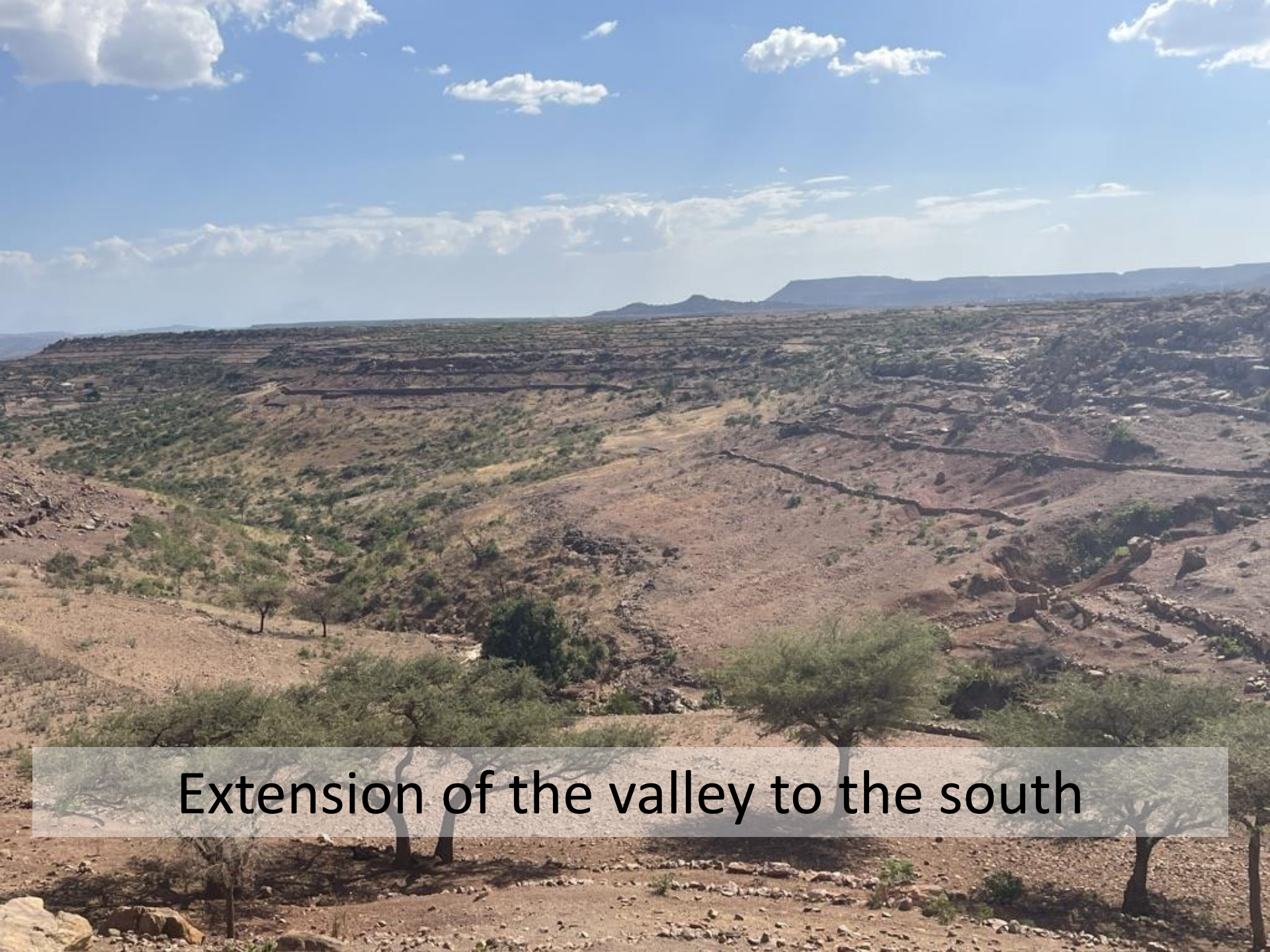
New site: Gebre Kal, bare, rainfed crop only



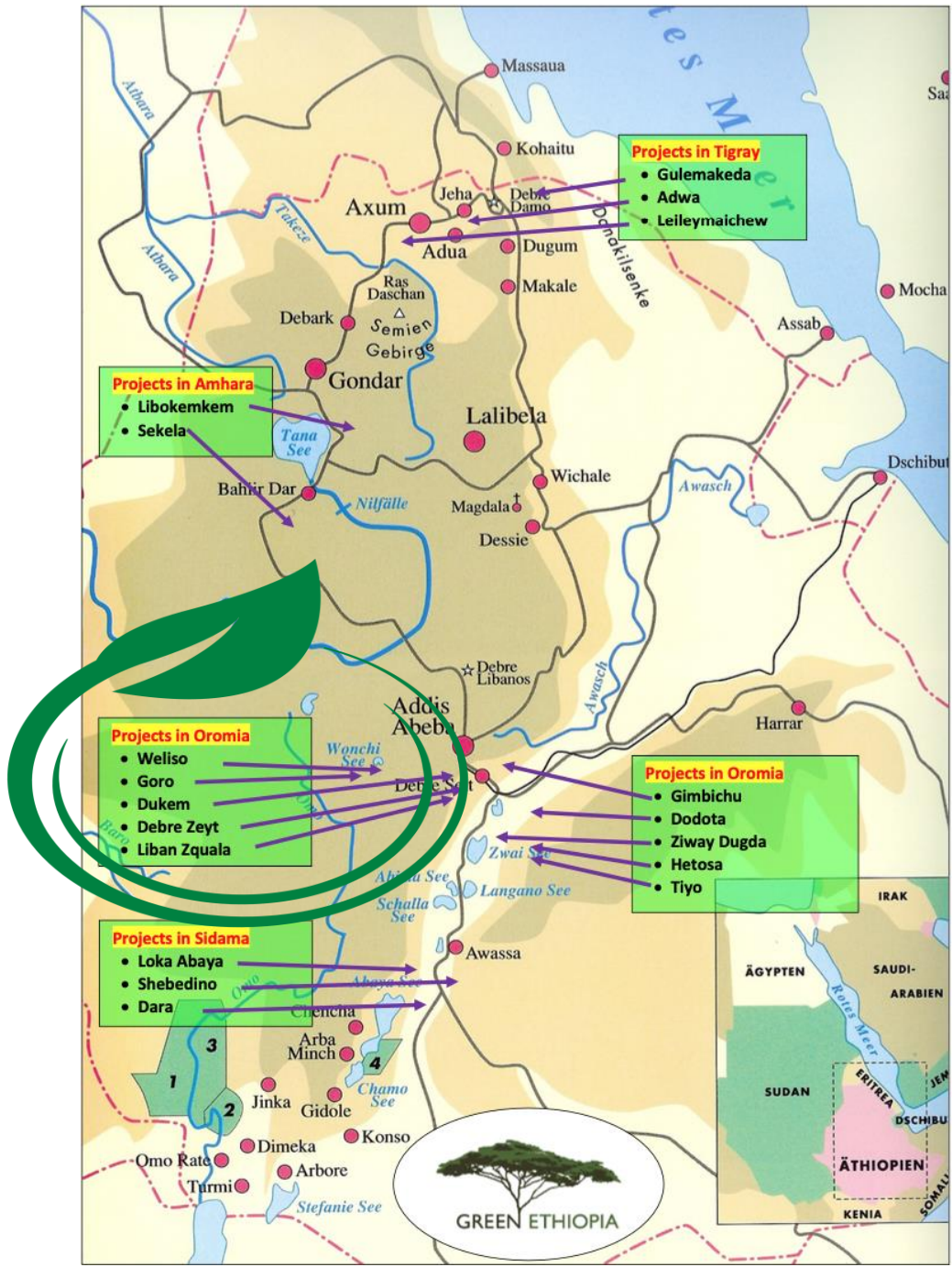
Plantation area and potential for irrigation in the valley to the east side.



Some bushes grow on the upper part.

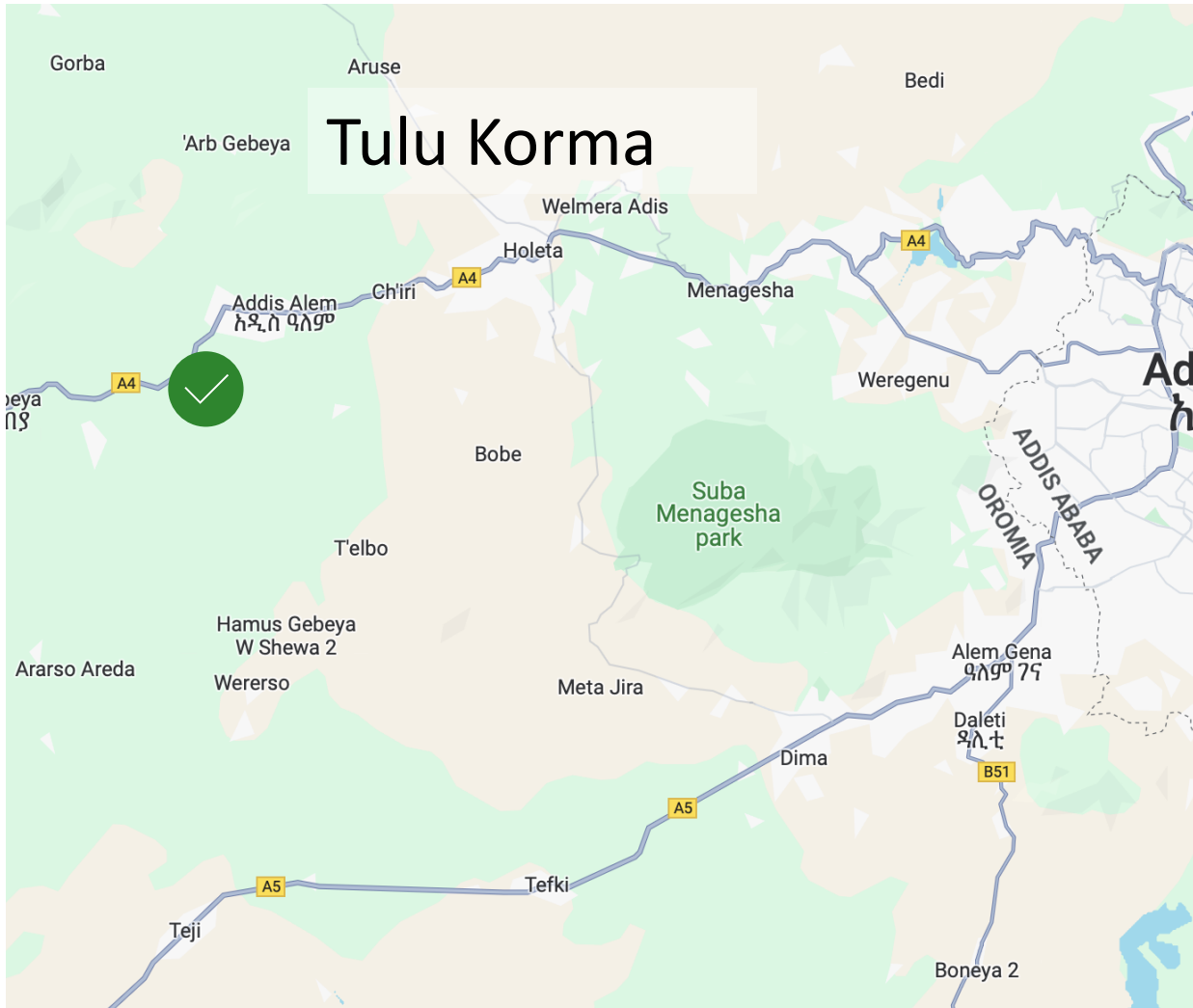


Extension of the valley to the south



Tulu Korma, Oromia

Center for Native Trees, Ambo University





Seedbed in the middle of the exemplary forest development.

A photograph showing a nursery bed filled with rows of young, green seedlings. The seedlings are planted in black plastic bags, which are arranged in neat rows. The nursery is covered by a thatched roof structure made of wooden poles and dried grass. The ground is dark brown soil. In the background, there are more plants and a fence made of vertical wooden poles. The overall scene depicts a well-maintained seedling nursery.

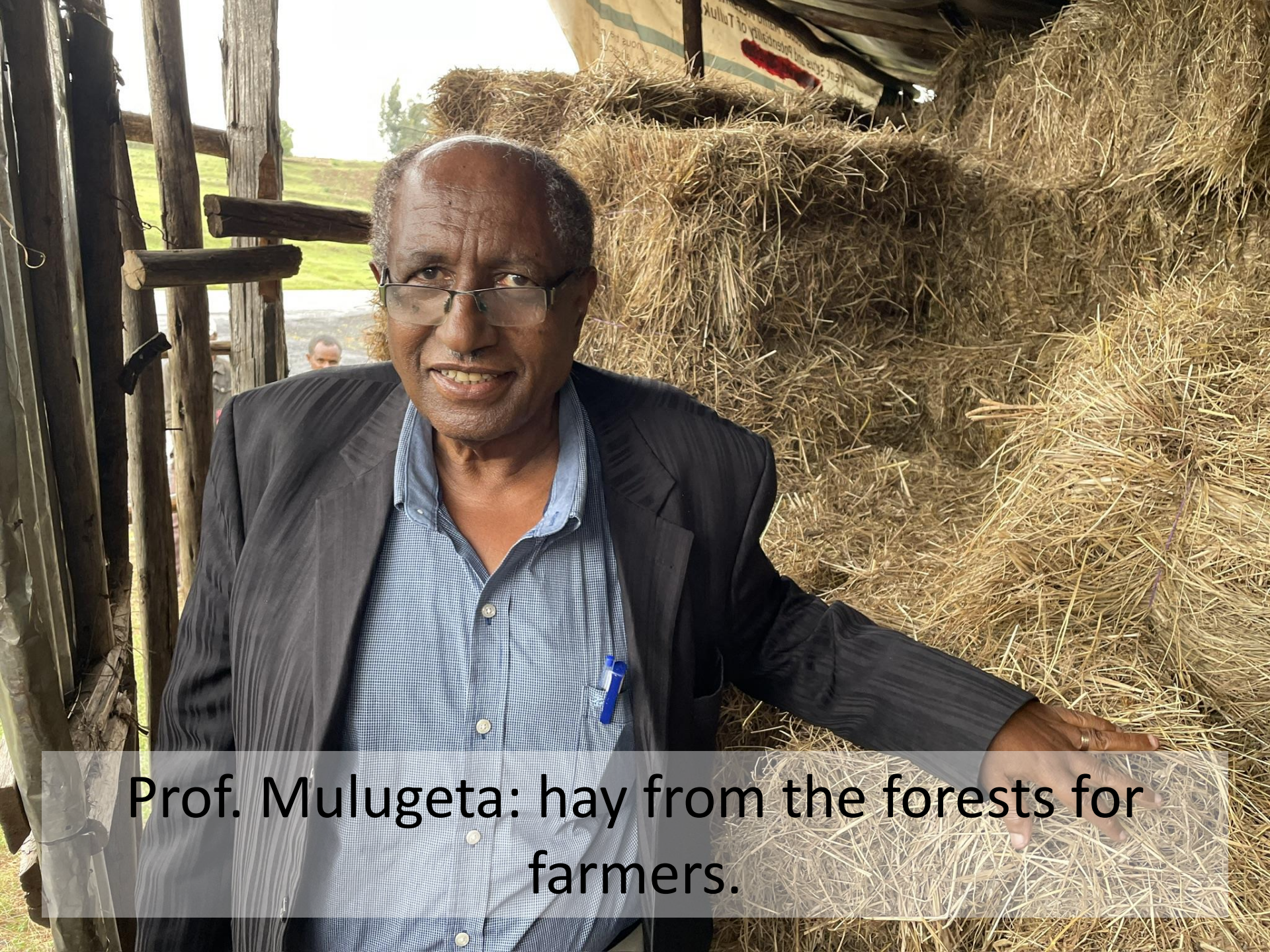
Strong production of rare seedlings.



Short break because of heavy rain shower.



New spring evolves below the forest.



Prof. Mulugeta: hay from the forests for farmers.

Impressions from Ethiopia

A photograph showing a person climbing a large, leafy tree in a rural, hilly landscape. The person is positioned high up in the branches, reaching for fruit. The background features rolling hills under a clear blue sky with a few white clouds. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

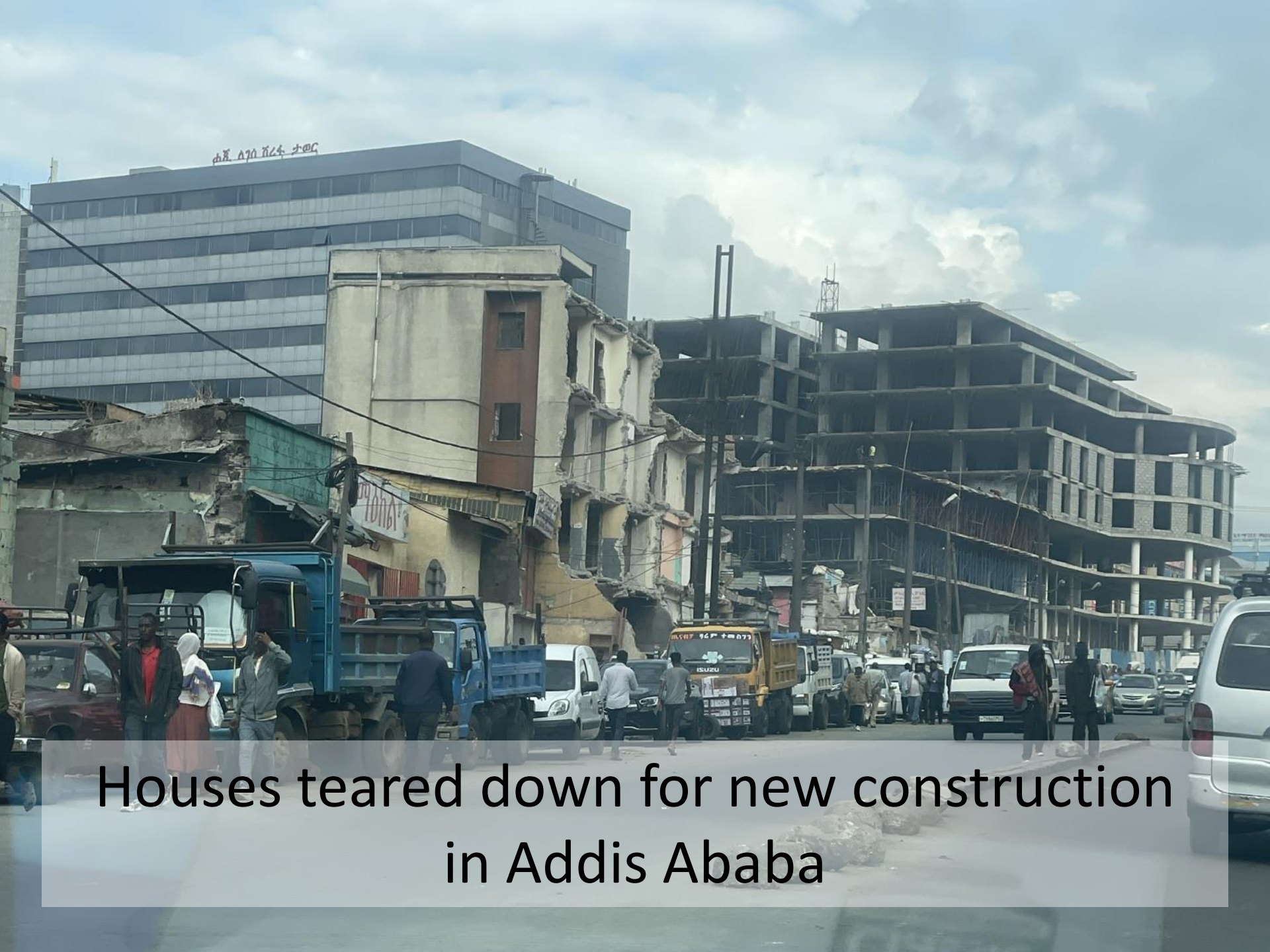
She collects *Cordia Africana* fruits for us.



In Adwa town, the effects of the war are still visible, everything is scarce, incl. diesel.



View from our office: road construction,
house clearance for business building
– no electricity, no internet.



Houses teared down for new construction
in Addis Ababa



'Food Truck' in Addis Ababa



Hard working people to improve their lives!



GET offers work opportunities for her and her baby (on the back)



With water, anything is possible!
Support our forests for more water.

