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*To listen, learn, and weave evidence with lived experience, build bridges between research and community-led action and co-create new narratives for African planetary health challenging false dichotomies*

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**Collaborators:** Uni of Namibia, Dar es Salaam, SLURC, Nairobi, Antananarivo  
**Lab:** 3 Postdocs, 8 PhD students, 5 MSc students, 24 research assistants

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**Dr. Addisu Fekadu Andeta**

**Gratitude message to AAS, FPF and the African Planet Prize (APP)**

I am deeply honored to receive the Africa Planet Prize from the African Academy of Sciences (AAS). This recognition celebrates not only my work on Enset research and value chain development but also my commitment to advancing sustainable, nutritious, and climate-resilient food systems in Africa.

**As part of my contribution towards being an APP, I am committed to:**

- Empowering communities for sustainable food security and livelihood
- Promoting Enset as Africa's next superfood.
- Scaling adoption across African countries
- Driving innovation from research to commercial impact.

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*Receiving the African Planet Prize from the African Academy of Sciences and Frontiers Research Foundation is a profound privilege. This award fuels my dedication to continued excellence and motivates me to be an ambassador and contribute meaningfully toward planetary health through innovative research and leadership in Arboviral research across Africa and beyond.*

**Dr. Debora Charles Kajeguka**  
**KCMC University**  
**Tanzania**

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