1. **DIMELT Work Package**

1.1 **Data Collection**

DIMELT reviewed the ATONU baseline study reports from Ethiopia and Tanzania submitted by Harvard and SUA respectively. Incoming process monitoring data was monitored for consistency and progress was communicated to the National and Zonal coordinators in both Ethiopia and Tanzania.

1.2 **ATONU Frameworks**

The e-tool for NSI selection was reviewed, tested and finalized. A poster on the tool was presented at the Agriculture, Nutrition, Health (ANH) Symposium and Academy Week in Nepal (8-13 July).

1.3 **Conferences and events**

Two abstracts were submitted for the 3rd International Conference on Global Food Security 2017. The abstracts are entitled:

- Agriculture to Nutrition (ATONU): The use of community theatre to communicate nutrition behaviour change messages and engage communities
- Agriculture to Nutrition (ATONU): Dietary diversity in women and children in rural farming households

The DIMELT work package manager also attended the Agriculture, Nutrition, Health (ANH) Symposium and Academy Week from 8 to 13 July 2017 where he achieved the following:

- Participated in the Learning Lab Sessions and Scientific Symposium
- Hosted a side event to share the ATONU baseline findings from Ethiopia and Tanzania
- Presented a poster on use of the e-tool for selection of nutrition-sensitive interventions
- Met with the ATONU partners to discuss ATONU publications
- Met with Shelly Sundberg from the Foundation to provide an ATONU progress update
2. POCTA

2.1 Development of facilitation guidelines and training manuals

Final facilitation guide, farmers guide and food cards for social behavior change communication have been finalized.

2.2 NSI Implementation update

The POCTA work package manager visited the villages in Southern Nations of Ethiopia to support implementation of NSI delivery. During the mission, the work package manager engaged with the field staff offering technical support for NSI implementation. Also visited beneficiary households and attended some NSI delivery sessions and supported recipe development. Two stories of change were documented from this mission and are being edited for publishing. More stories are being received from the field staff to be packaged for publishing.

2.3 Theatre for nutrition behaviour change

POCTA supported the Theatre for Nutrition Behaviour Change Communication (TNBCC) performances in the Central Zone of Tanzania from the 16th of July. TNBCC, which is adapted from the FANRPAN innovative tool, Theatre for Policy Advocacy (TPA), is a form of participatory theatre that encourages creativity and allows for local people’s participation in developing solutions to their problems.

ATONU structured TNBCC performances to influence and reinforce the behaviours of ATONU participating households to ensure that agriculture is delivering positive nutrition and health outcomes. The performances were based on a script whose scenes were played out to sensitize the community about: (i) ACGG objectives of distributing superior chicken genetics; and (ii) ATONU nutrition-sensitive interventions aimed at addressing malnutrition challenges. Ten of the ATONU Field assistants were trained by Zenzo Nyathi, the theatre director who has directed FANRPAN TPA performances in the past. The performances were successful and well attended. TNBCC is currently continuing in the Eastern Zone of Tanzania.

2.4 Resource Mobilization

A meeting was held with the African Development Bank on possible partnership on integration of nutrition in existing and pipeline projects. Communication in this regard is still underway.
3. Operations and Systems

During the month of July, Operations and Systems continued with preparations for the FANRPAN Institutional Audit. Along-side audit preparation was the ongoing Power BI Financial Report writer implementation.

4. Events

4.1 FANRPAN Regional Dialogue

FANRPAN will convene the 2017 Regional Multi-stakeholder Food & Nutrition Security Policy Dialogue under the theme “Resilient African agriculture and food systems: securing prosperity and health for all” from 15-17 August in Durban South Africa.

4.1.1 Policy Dialogue Format and Objectives

The two-day policy dialogue will identify knowledge and action gaps, share lessons on viable instruments, institutions, policies, and contribute to consensus on priorities for appropriate investment and action by different actors/stakeholders for building resilience for food and nutrition security. The Policy Dialogue program will feature a wide range of plenary sessions. A Knowledge Fair will run alongside the conference in order to facilitate informal interaction, learning, and collaboration among participants.

The content and discussions of the regional policy dialogue will draw on research from FANRPAN projects which include: (i) Strengthening policy advocacy and research capacity for enhanced food security in Eastern and Southern Africa (SPARC) funded by The African Capacity Building Foundation; Improving Nutrition outcomes through optimized agricultural interventions (ATONU) funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; Post-Harvest Management in Sub Saharan Africa funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation – Helvetas Swiss Inter-cooperation; Increasing irrigation water productivity through on farm monitoring adaptive management and agricultural innovation platforms funded by the Australian Center for International Agricultural Research and; Partnerships for African-European partnerships for Agriculture Research and Development Partners (PAEPARD) funded by the European Union/Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa.

The specific objectives of this regional policy dialogue are:

1. Evaluate emerging developments that pose significant threats to food and nutrition security;
2. Assess experiences and draw lessons for using programs, policies, institutions, and investments to build resilience of agriculture and food systems;
3. Determine key approaches and tools for building resilience of agriculture and food systems at varying levels;
4. Identify knowledge and action gaps in research, policy, and programming;
5. Set priorities for action by different actors at regional and nation levels.

4.1.2 Expected Outcomes
The Policy Dialogue will produce a number of outputs, including policy briefs, Dialogue proceedings, and information tools including videos and PowerPoints presentations. A range of communications tools and strategies will be employed to help key stakeholders better understand how to effectively build resilience for food and nutrition security. It is FANRPAN’s hope that these outcomes will inform regional policy agendas and in the longer term, lead to improved policies, investments, and institutions that build resilient food systems across Africa through the assessment, creation, and assessment of food, agriculture and natural resources policies that are both evidence-based and developed in partnership with non-state actors.

4.1.3 Who will attend the Regional Policy Dialogue?
The Regional Policy Dialogue participants will include representatives from:
- 17 FANRPAN Country Node Coordinators
- Relevant governments ministries and departments,
- civil society member/non-government organization
- farmers organizations
- intergovernmental organization (including UN entities)
- research/extension/education organization
- financing institution
- private sector
- youth organizations

4.2 ATONU WEBINAR: Agriculture to nutrition (ATONU) evaluation of integrated agriculture and nutrition-sensitive interventions for the African Chickens Genetic Gains (ACGG) program in Ethiopia and Tanzania – baseline data

4.2.1 Purpose of the Webinar
It is vital for a project like ATONU to share results with the aim to building collaborations and stimulating cross-fertilization. Against this backdrop, ATONU is hosting a webinar to share the baseline results of and get feedback on its NSIs impact evaluation studies. This is to avoid monopoly on knowledge and its possession. The webinar will share and get feedback from agriculture-nutrition practitioners on the descriptive findings from baseline surveys from Ethiopia and Tanzania.

4.2.2 Expected Outcomes
(i) Improved understanding of impact study design and methodology of the ATONU of nutrition-sensitive interventions assessment.
(ii) Results of baseline studies in Ethiopia and Tanzania shared with other agriculture-nutrition practitioners and feedback provided.

4.2.3 Who Should Attend?
The participants will be the Agriculture-Nutrition Community of Practice (Ag2Nut CoP), research and development practitioners, thought leaders in agriculture-nutrition, policy makers and other agricultural value chain actors.

4.2.4 Structure of the Side Event
The one-hour webinar event will comprise brief presentations by lead discussants, followed by a general discussion and question and answer session.

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