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1. Work Package Updates

1.1 DIMELT
ATONU Frameworks were further refined based on lessons from their application. ASI will further refine this for usability by development practitioners. The DIMELT Team developed research protocol which include statistical power calculations, sampling frame and size, arrangement of treatments, randomization, etc.) and baseline collection data tool, to measure the impact of selected NSIs i.e. (i) increased consumption of eggs and chicken meat; (ii) BCC for women empowerment and income expenditure on other nutrient dense foods; and (iii) Home gardens for improved dietary diversity). This activity will be led by Harvard Chan School of Public Health (HCSPH) and its local partners in both Ethiopia and Tanzania. To help monitor ATONU progress and its impact, the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Plan and Results Tracker was submitted to the foundation for comments.

1.2 POCTA
In April, POCTA commissioned two studies – (i) aflatoxins study and (ii) Chicken Value Chain in Ethiopia and Tanzania. The aflatoxin study has been completed and generates content on health concern that affect nutrition for both Ethiopia and Tanzania. The BCC messages to be generated will therefore cover safety needs of chicken feed and human food. The Chicken Value Chain study is still under way and its objective is to understand the current situation and practical models of enhancing chicken value chains.

ATONU has further developed its own Essential Nutrition Actions (ENAs) on which NSIs are grounded. They are based on the approved ENAs which the SUN is basing its interventions and several organisations use as their framework of interventions. Progress has been made on BCC literature review on existing strategies and key messages. National nutrition strategies, the BCC nutrition strategies and some of the key messages for both countries have been reviewed and are soon to be published.

1.3 Capacity Development
During the month of April, CD completed a database of BCC and Communities of Practice in Ethiopia and Tanzania. The Capacity Development work package further developed a criteria
for pre-identification of ATONU partners, both Country Implementing Partners (CIPs) and Community of Practice (COPs). Using the criteria, potential CIPs and CoPs were mapped out in Ethiopia and Tanzania.

1.4 PACK

1.4.1 Social Media: Tweet Reach Snapshot for #atonu (1 April 2016 – 11 May 2016)

- 12.8k accounts reached (total number of estimated unique Twitter users that tweets about #ATONU were delivered to); and
- 118.8k impressions (total number of times tweets about #ATONU were delivered to Twitter streams OR tweet has been delivered to the Twitter stream of a particular account).
- Twitter Tracker ATONU report for the reported period attached.

1.4.2 Advocacy & Learning Activities

GCARD3 Global Event No One Left Behind; Agri-food Innovation and Research for a Sustainable World, 5-8 April 2016, Third Global Conference on Agricultural Research for Development, Johannesburg, South Africa

On Tuesday 5th April 2016, Dr Lindiwe Majele Sibanda delivered the Keynote address at the official opening of the GCARD3. Over 500 delegates attended the GCARD3.

Key ATONU advocacy messaging:

- Two wicked problems we face today - climate change and malnutrition
- Malnutrition on the rise in Africa and we can attribute this rise to inadequate approach in terms of resources and sectoral engagement to climate change, policy development and implementation, multi-sectoral approach to address malnutrition,
- Optimism exists through regional platforms, international frameworks recognising agriculture and nutrition nexus through SDG2, recognition of centrality of women in agriculture and nutrition
- Innovative engagement platforms and methods of taking science to society
- Creating robust and workable partnerships to tackle climate change and malnutrition

12th CAADP Partnership Platform Meeting "Innovative Financing and Renewed Partnerships to accelerate CAADP Implementation, 10-12 April 2016, Accra, Ghana


Key takeaway ATONU message in the civil society sector in CAADP Implementation:

- Increase capacities to understand and synergise existing national agricultural policies to better implement, revise and link to regional policies for coherence and better implementation
- Interface between sectors (private, government, public sector) has to be improved for mobilising the necessary resources for implementation of CAADP and the policing of policy implementation by civil society – (private, government, public sector)
Congressional Preview of the Global Food Security Symposium: On Monday, April 25th, the GFAP DC team held the second annual Congressional Preview for the Global Food Security Symposium and report release. Lindiwe Majele Sibanda, a member of the GFAP Advisory Group, moderated a lively panel discussion at the Hill. GFAP co-chair Doug Bereuter summarized the report and welcomed Chairman Roberts (R-KS) and Ranking Member Stabenow (D-MI) of the Senate Agriculture Committee to speak on agriculture development issues. Sen. Roberts took questions from the audience including from some of the Next Generation Delegation. Panel also included:

- Krysta Harden, VP of Public Policy and Chief Sustainability Officer, DuPont
- Chris Jochnick, President & CEO, Landesa
- Nicholas Minot, Deputy Division Director, Markets, Trade, and Institutions, International Food Policy Research Institute

Key ATONU messaging:

- Launch of the 2016 Chicago Council Global Affairs Annual Report: Growing Good for Growing Cities focusing on: the growth of world cities and the unprecedented demand for food; changing diets, meeting the demands for food in cities as a food security challenge, improving the lives of the small holder farmers to get out of food insecurity, and recommendations of substantive partnerships that lead the way into ensuring that food systems deliver sufficiently.

2. Operations and systems

2.1 Work plans & Budgets

The work plan has been completed with the LOE for each selected CM staff indicated. A Budget template for each CM has been created for completion by the CM’s. The work plans and budget templates were forwarded to the CMs for review on the 14th of April 2016.

2.2 CM Contracts

New contracts have been developed for the period March to September 2016 for the CMs as per the updated work plan. The new contracts were forwarded to the CMs for review on the 14th of April 2016.

2.3 Sub-grantee reports for the period ending 29th February 2016

All the reports from the CM’s for the period ending 29th February 2016 have been received and reviewed.

- The reports from Farm Africa, SUA, AFRRII and NRI have been reviewed and approved as final.
- The Reports from ASI and LCIRAH were interim reports for the period and are not signed off.

3. ATONU Related Events Calendar

- The RAIN Project Field and Learning Visit, Lusaka, Zambia 23rd -26th May 2016
- ANH Academy Week, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia 20 – 24 June 2016