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1. DIMELT Work Package

1.1 Data Collection

Process data collection is continuing. Data cleaning and monitoring continues to be done on a weekly basis.

2. POCTA

2.1 Development of facilitation guidelines and training manuals

The facilitation manuals for both Ethiopia and Tanzania were printed.
The POCTA work package manager supported the ATONU field staff refresher course in Tanzania.

2.2 NSA at the FANRPAN regional dialogue

FANRPAN held a successful regional dialogue from the 15th to the 18th of August in Durban South Africa. The FANRPAN regional dialogue which drew together several organisations in the region and beyond to dialogue on the issues of food, nutrition and climate smart agriculture. ATONU convened a parallel technical session to deliberate on how to address the triple burden of malnutrition through agriculture, focusing on nutrition sensitive Agriculture.

This parallel session was for 60 minutes and had 4 presentations which all looked at

1. Agriculture value chains – The discussion was around how to identify the nutrition opportunities in the value chain and maximise its benefits to achieve good nutrition and at the same time how to identify threats to nutrition outcomes in the Agriculture value chains and minimise such threats
2. Food systems- the players and institutions involved and their role in ensuring the achievement of positive nutrition outcomes. How do these players speak to each other when it comes to ensuring the food systems delivers for positive nutrition outcomes

3. Sustainable diets-

4. Communicating agriculture-nutrition research- How do practitioners communicate agriculture- nutrition research for impact? Does the communication yield results. Comparing with the private sector who have simple messages which communicate just that which they want to communicate, do development practitioners have clear communication approaches for people to understand

5. Reducing malnutrition through Nutrition sensitive Agriculture interventions- understanding how NSA interventions plays a role in reducing and preventing malnutrition

Key focus areas in the presentations:

1. Pathways of impact for nutrition outcomes in Agriculture value chains (pathways that have an impact on dietary diversity and reduced burden of disease which will lead to positive nutrition status)
2. Identifying entry points on interventions in
3. What interventions in Agriculture have impact on nutrition outcomes
4. The role of various players in the food systems

3. OPERATIONS AND SYSTEMS

The operations and systems manager visited the Tanzania Livestock Research Institute (TALIRI) for a financial review for the period from inception of the TALIRI contract to June 2017. The Power BI Financial Report writer implementation and training is currently ongoing.

4. EVENTS

4.1 Webinar

ATONU held a successful webinar on the 24th of August 2017. The webinar was attended by total of 71 participants. The purpose of the webinar was to present the ATONU project baseline findings from Ethiopia and Tanzania. Dr Nilupa Gunaratna form Harvard Chan School of public health presented the findings from Ethiopia and Prof Joyce Kinabo from Sokoine University of Agriculture presented the findings from Tanzania.