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1. Work Packages Updates

1.1 POCTA

Terms of Reference for Social Behaviour Communication Change Strategy (SBCC)

The SBCC Terms of Reference (TORs) were developed. The field visits to Ethiopia and Tanzania highlighted key observations regarding the development of the SBCC strategy and training materials. Both countries have rich SBCC strategies and materials, which have been developed through rigorous field research and testing. In this regard, the ATONU project teams for both Ethiopia and Tanzania have agreed to use existing materials which have been already approved by government and are open for use by any public or private institution.

By using the existing national SBCC strategies and training materials in both countries, it will ATONU will carry out the formative research to contextualise the existing national materials and capture the local specific nutrition issues in areas where ATONU nutrition-sensitive (NSIs) will be implemented.

DIMELT/POCTA

1.1.2 Planning meetings with Harvard Chan School of Public Health (HCSPH), the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) and national partners in Ethiopia and Tanzania

An ATONU team comprising Lindiwe Majele Sibanda (Ethiopia only), Simbarashe Sibanda, Bertha Munthali and Tshilidzi Madzivhandila undertook missions to Ethiopia and Tanzania on 20-23 June 2016 and 2-7 July 2016, respectively. Several meetings and planning sessions were held with HCSPH, ILRI, the Ethiopia Institute of Agriculture Research (EIAR) and other potential Country Implementing Partners (CIPs) and outsourced service providers (OSPs). The meetings generated several outputs that included budgets, job descriptions for staff to be recruited (ATONU National Coordinator, Regional staff from the Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research (EIAR), Tanzania Livestock Research Institute (TALIRI) and ATONU field staff) and terms of reference for OSPs. Other meetings were held with gender
experts, potential SBCC country implementation partners (CIPs) and discussions included ATONU implementation activities and modalities.

1.2 CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT (CD)

1.2.1 Capacity needs assessment missions to Tanzania and Ethiopia
From the 5-23 June 2016, the Capacity Development team undertook missions to Tanzania and Ethiopia to meet with pre-identified potential country implementing partners (CIPS). The aim was to assess the suitability of the ATONU potential partners: experience, resources and gaps. The CD team had developed a set of criteria that was used to pre-identify potential partners in both Ethiopia and Tanzania. The criteria included, among other factors, propensity towards nutrition-sensitive agriculture, proximity to ATONU sites, comparative strengths and experience in implementing nutrition-sensitive projects. The meetings also served to prepare the partners for meetings with the ATONU missions that followed thereafter.

On 6-11 June, the CD team was in Tanzania and held meetings with the World Vegetable Centre in Arusha, the Ministry of Regional Administration and Local Government in Dodoma, Sokoine University (Crop Science department), Morogoro, the Tanzania Livestock Research Institute, Partnership for Nutrition in Tanzania (PANITA) and the Tanzania Food and Nutrition Centre in Dar es Salaam.

On 12-23 June, the team was in Ethiopia and met with the Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research, International Livestock Research/African Chicken Genetic Gains (ACGG), Alive and Thrive, the Ethiopian Civil Society Coalition, Save the Children, and Debra Berhan University-University of Maryland joint project.

In both countries, the emerging aspects were that ACGG partners – the Tanzania Livestock Research Institute (TALIRI) and the Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research (EIAR) have gender gaps, especially pertaining to the element of empowering women in nutrition related decision making at household level. Secondly, there were gaps in expertise. With regards to the extension officers working with TALIRI and EIAR, the CD team noted that training is required if they are to be utilised in the implementation of ATONU NSIs. However, there was uncertainty as to whether they would have time given their regular duties. The overall analysis of the missions did show that some organisations have a good mix of expertise that could be engaged on a case by case basis. The missions in Tanzania and Ethiopia resulted in the shortlist of potential country implementing partners and a list of service providers that could be engaged by ATONU.

1.2.2 ACBF/FAO Centre of Excellence Workshop: Consultation workshop for the needs assessment for establishment of an African Centre for best practices, capacity development and south-south cooperation.
The capacity development team represented FANRPAN in a consultation workshop to assess the needs for the establishment of an African Centre for best practices, capacity development and south-south cooperation. This workshop was held in Addis Ababa on June 20th, 2016 and was convened jointly by the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) and the Food, Agriculture Organisation (FAO). The Centre will serve as a South-South Cooperation mechanism for catalysing learning and innovation; connecting national, regional
and global policy makers and practitioners for economic and social development. The Centre, which will be established under the leadership of the African Union Commission (AUC), will seek synergies and linkages with other similar initiatives in the region, such as the AU/NEPAD networks of centres of excellence and eRAILS, an agricultural knowledge, information and learning system developed by the Forum for Agriculture Research in Africa (FARA) amongst others. FANRPAN made a presentation on Social Protection which was based on a pilot study they conducted in collaboration with World Vision International in seven SADC countries.

1.3 PACK

1.3.1 Social Media: Tweet Reach Snapshot for #ATONU (Current)

- 80,326 accounts reached (a total number of estimated unique Twitter users that tweet about #ATONU)
- 442,665k 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)

2. Operations and Systems

- Budget Reforecast - Revision of the ATONU budget to accommodate the Impact Evaluation by Harvard
- Finalization of the country implementation partners (CIP) budgets as per agreed work plan

3. ATONU Advocacy-related Activities and missions

3.1 ATONU Side Event, 21 June 2016: The Agriculture, Nutrition & Health (ANH) Academy Week

On 21 June 2016 at Hilton Hotel, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, an ATONU/ACGG/ Harvard/ team comprising Dr Lindiwe Majele Sibanda, Dr Simbarashe Sibanda, Dr Tshilidzi Madzivhandila, Ms Bertha Mkandawire (FANRPAN team), Dr Tedelle Dessie (International Livestock Research Institute), Dr Amy Webb-Girard (Emory University), Dr Jef Leroy (International Food Policy Research Institute), Dr Nilupa Gunaratna and Dr Abdallah Noor (Harvard Chan School of Public Health) and Prof Joyce Kinabo (Sokoine University of Agriculture), held an ATONU side event. Presentations included:

- Overview of ATONU and African Chicken Genetic Gains (ACGG) projects
- Frameworks for selecting agricultural development projects with potential for integrating nutrition, and NSI identification and selection
- Different nutrition-sensitive interventions, what works
- Proposed nutrition-sensitive interventions for the African Chicken Genetic Gains (ACGG)
- Impact evaluation designs for agriculture-nutrition interventions in research and development projects
- Proposed design for the impact evaluation of the ATONU - ACGG Project
Presentations are available on this link: ATONU Presentations

The plenary sessions brought out several issues that included:

- Identification of the entry points for nutrition sensitive interventions into an existing agriculture projects;
- How ATONU determines the nutrition outcome when choosing an agricultural intervention;
- The feasibility of running the social behaviour communication for change and gardens in the ACGG chicken project in relation to women’s time and energy;
- The utilisation of chicken droppings for gardens in balancing with the hygiene promotion at household level;
- In relation to gender - The sustenance of women’s empowerment throughout the project and the handling of gender dynamic between men and women once income generation begins with the chicken project;
- BCC: How will ATONU make sure that nutrients in the food are kept in the preparation process and also in post-harvest management?

3.2 EAT-LANCET Commission on Healthy Diets from Sustainable Food Systems

Dr Lindiwe Majele Sibanda attended the third EAT Stockholm Food Forum that was held in Sweden on June 13th – 14th 2016. Dr Sibanda was recently appointed as commissioner on the EAT-Lancet Commission on Sustainable Healthy Food Systems. The Commission is set to investigate the connections between diet, human health, and the state of the planet to provide a basis for new, evidence-based integrated policies. The Commission will also scientifically assess whether a global transformation to a food system delivering healthy diets from sustainable food systems to a growing world population is possible, and what implications it might have for attaining the Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Climate Agreement.

The Commission will explore synergies and trade-offs between food-related human and planetary health; identify knowledge gaps, barriers, and levers of change in support of the recent international agreements; and tackle issues such as food-price volatility and food waste. The global assessment is due for completion in 2017.

4. ATONU Related Events and Calendar