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1. DIMELT Work Package

1.1 Data Collection
Process data collection has fully successfully migrated to the online based platform using mobile tablets. Although some of the field staff are still encountering challenges with saving some of the data forms, this is being addressed on a case by case basis. Data cleaning and monitoring has also started and will continue to be done on a weekly basis.

1.2 ATONU Frameworks
The e-framework for NSI selection is now at the final stages of testing and finalization.

1.3 Funding Proposals
Received one open call for the Human Development Innovation fund.

2. POCTA

2.1 Development of facilitation guidelines and training manuals
The ATONU facilitation manuals have been completed. Below are the front covers of the Tanzania and Ethiopia training manuals.
Front cover of the SBCC training manual for Ethiopia

Front cover of the SBCC training manual for Tanzania
The playing cards designed to teach proper meal planning and costing are now ready for printing. The playing cards are used as tools to plan daily, weekly and monthly meals as well as learn about food groups and nutrients, but also to entertain the farmers. This is how the game is used to teach meal planning:

i. Start by planning the first meal of the day; select the food cards of the foods you would like to eat for breakfast, making sure you have selected at least from 4-5 food groups. Cost each selected food item depending on the market price and if that food is available from own farm, just put a Zero. Add the total amount cost the breakfast.

ii. Repeat same costing with lunch and supper, making sure that the food cards represent a diverse meal plan. Add the total cost of all the three meals.

iii. The card should help you understand the different foods from each group and the prioritisation of the foods in terms of nutrient density.

This is how the game works for teaching dietary diversity while playing a game of cards

i. Reshuffle the cards and put them just like any deck of playing cards

ii. Players pick the cards either to make the six food groups or to pick the food cards of the same family group, i.e. just pick cards of the vegetable family. The person who picks the food cards and forms the six food groups wins. Below is a sample of the playing cards.
2.2 NSI implementation update

The NSI implementation is in progress, and it includes group sessions with farmers twice a month; process monitoring data collection once a month; and home visits once a month. Almost all villages have covered two Themes: i. Family Nutrition ii. why nutrition matters/why we need to eat well. Although four more themes are yet to be covered, most of the content in the other themes is integrated in the first two themes.

In the month of June, POCTA made a supervisory trip to support NSI implementation in Ethiopia. The following regions were visited: Southern Nations and Oromia. Below are some of the images captured during the visit.
Figure 1. Woman in Tigray region, Northern Ethiopia tending to her vegetable nursery from seeds received from ATONU.

Figure 2. Joint financial planning and budgeting session in Southern Nations, Ethiopia: an ATONU beneficiary giving his remarks about how he has benefited from the session.

Figure 2. Energy saving technology adoption in one of the ATONU villages in Oromia region, Ethiopia.
2.3 Theatre for nutrition behaviour change

Planning is now underway for the second lag of the Theatre for Nutrition Behaviour Change Communication performances to be held in July.

3. OPERATIONS AND SYSTEMS

During the month of June, the main focus for Operations and Systems, was preparation for the FANRPAN Institutional Audit. Along-side audit preparation was the ongoing Power BI Financial Report writer implementation.

4. EVENTS

4.1 Second Annual Agriculture, Nutrition & Health (ANH) Academy Week and the Annual Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Nutrition Agriculture-Nutrition Scientific Symposium

The Agriculture, Nutrition & Health (ANH) Academy in partnership with the Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Nutrition will jointly host the 2nd Agriculture, Nutrition and Health (ANH) Academy week and the 5th Annual Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Nutrition (Nutrition Innovation Lab) Agriculture-Nutrition Scientific Symposium on 9-13 July 2017 in Kathmandu, Nepal. The goal of the annual event has been to facilitate the sharing and learning of evidence on linkages between agriculture and food systems for improved nutrition and health and linkages and disconnects along the agriculture- nutrition pathway. The joint ANH-Nutrition Innovation Lab programme will feature contributions from a diverse set of ANH Academy partners, Nutrition Innovation Lab partners, Nepali researchers and students with the oversight of an International Steering Committee, including:

- Learning Labs (training workshops) offered by ANH and Nutrition Innovation Lab co-hosts
A scientific symposium on Agri-Health Research with call of abstracts for global and Nepal based research in the realm of agriculture, nutrition and health (call for abstracts now open- see below).

Events led by ANH and the Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Nutrition

Opportunities for networking

4.2 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.

4.2.1 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.

4.2.2 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.

4.2.3 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
4.3 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

4.3.1 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.

4.3.2 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.

4.3.3 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.

4.3.4 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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