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### Welcome

On 1 March 2016, two new colleagues joined the ATONU team - Bertha Munthali, POCTA Manager and Samuel Wanjau Kareithi, Capacity Building (CB) Manager. Welcome to the FANRPAN team.

## Work Packages updates

### DIMELT/ POCTA

During the period 17 – 22 March 2016, the DIMELT/POCTA team undertook a mission to Tanzania to engage with the African Chicken Genetic Gains (ACGG) Tanzania project. The mission was in two phases: 17-19 March 2016 the team undertook participatory field visit to project sites. On 21-23 March, the team held a workshop on nutrition sensitive interventions (NSI) identification and selection. Activities of the mission included:

- Negotiating the collaboration arrangement between ATONU and African Chicken Genetic Gains (ACGG) project, Tanzania,
- Review of desk study to provide a situation and diagnostic analysis of chicken production systems at national and local level (i.e., covering current project activities, gaps, potential entry points/interventions and pathways and bottlenecks, among other factors, along the agriculture production to consumption cycle for the ACGG project),
- Undertaking participatory field visit that informed the selection and design of nutrition-sensitive interventions (NSIs), and
- Convening a two and half-day NSI identification and selection workshop.

Field teams and workshop participants included:

- Bertha Munthali FANRPAN
- Simba Sibanda FANRPAN
- Tshilidzi Madzivhandila FANRPAN
- Cassian Zacharia ACCG
- Margaret Kingamkono ACCG
- Ezekiel H Goromela TALIRI - ACCG
- Joweria Namboozie AFRII
- Ian Shanghavi ESRF
- Joyce Kinabo and colleagues SUA

### PACK

- The team developed the content for the ATONU website refresher. The content is currently under internal review.
- The ATONU Director released a message for Women’s Day on 8th March celebrating women as the corner stone for agriculture in Africa: <http://www.fanrpan.org/documents/d01950/>
- ATONU Managing Director contributed a blog on ATONU - “What can agriculture do for nutrition?” to the Global Panel Blog <http://www.glopan.org/news/what-can-agriculture-do-nutrition>
- Social Media: Tweet Reach Snapshot for #atonu o 13,092 accounts reached (total number

- o of estimated unique Twitter users that tweets about #ATONU were delivered to); and
- o 255,317 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).

## Monitoring & Evaluation and Environment

### ATONU Monitoring and Evaluation

- The ATONU Results Framework and its associated Process Indicators have been revised, and recast to reflect the readjustments within ATONU.
- The Results Tracker has also been revised, thereby giving room for actual data capture. The sections for each of the indicators have been created, thus allowing country implementing partners (CIPs) and

consortium members (CMs) to update the sheet appropriately.

- The overall ATONU monitoring and evaluation (M&E) Plan has been revised to make it easier to operationalize, taking into account all the planned M&E activities.

### Environment

The environmental sustainability strategy was submitted this month and is currently under review.

### ATONU 2016 Sub-grantee Financial Reporting Dates

- CMs to submit audit reports (Inception to 29 Feb 16) – by 30 June 2016 (but may submit any time before that).

### Status of the Financial Reporting by Consortium Members for the Period Jan16 to Feb 16

| Consortium Member | Due Date  | Date of Submission |
|-------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| NRI               | 31-Mar-16 | 15-Mar-16          |
| ASI               | 31-Mar-16 | 18-Mar-16          |
| FARM AFRICA       | 31-Mar-16 | 15-Mar-16          |
| LCIRAH            | 31-Mar-16 | 29-Mar-16          |
| AFRII             | 31-Mar-16 | 16-Mar-16          |
| SUA               | 31-Mar-16 | 1-April-16         |

### ATONU Work plans

Work Package Managers have developed work plans for the period March to September 2016. These will be discussed with the foundation, after which one-on-one discussions will be carried out with consortium members.

## ATONU Meetings

### Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and FANRPAN meet to discuss the ATONU Year one Progress Report, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

On 26 February 2016, FANRPAN shared with ATONU Consortium Steering Committee Members a Communique resulting from the meeting between the BMGF and FANRPAN team in Addis Ababa. The meeting focussed on the Year one Progress Report. Key issues discussed for the turnaround strategy included,

- Smaller set of project objectives rather than spreading out too thin
- Create a more manageable consortium
- Revised budget to show value for money
- Impact evaluation expertise to evaluate the NSIs embedded within the selected projects

### IMMANA Meeting on the Cost-Effectiveness of Nutrition-Focused Policies to Improve Maternal-Child Health in South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

On 24-26 February in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, FANRPAN, represented by Simbarashe Sibanda, participated in a meeting on the Cost-Effectiveness of Nutrition-Focused Policies to Improve Maternal-Child Health in South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa. The meeting was hosted by the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, Tufts University. The meeting focussed on guiding the Global Nutrition & Policy Consortium (GNPC) project cost effectiveness analyses of nutrition focussed policies for increased intake of five focus nutrients – iron, zinc, vitamin, animal protein and omega 3 fatty acids. The main objectives of the meeting were to (i) identify the critical inputs or

resources from governments or philanthropic organisations needed to implement a wide range of policy interventions capable of changing dietary intake and (ii) determine the costs of those inputs or resources using a modelling approach.

### **Foundation meeting with ATONU Team, Johannesburg, South Africa**

On the fringe of the FANRPAN Strategy Meeting on 3 March 2016, Shelly Sundberg met with the ATONU team to discuss and update each other on the activities underway and also planned activities during the transition in March. She also had the opportunity to meet the two new members of the ATONU team Bertha and Sam.

### **Harvard and Tufts Universities Visits, USA**

On 28 - 29 March, a FANRPAN team comprising Simba Sibanda and Tshilidzi Madzivhandila met with faculty in the Friedman School of Nutrition at Tufts University to explore potential areas of collaboration. On the same mission, the team met with personnel from the Harvard University Department of Global Health and Population, to discuss and finalise the partnership agreement for the support on ATONU NSI impact evaluation.

## **Advocacy & Learning Activities**

2016 Justice for Women Lecture Series - The Justice for Women Lecture Series brings distinguished speakers to Maine from around the world. The Series reveals, celebrates, and honours global voices of people who have faced grave injustices and found the strength to make a difference and inspire others to do the same. Dr Lindiwe Majele Sibanda was the 2016 Speaker for the Justice Women lecture Series under the theme of Food Insecurity. Dr Sibanda also received the Key to the City presented by Mayor Ethan Strimling. She was also speaker at the launch of the Community Food Charter. On 21 – 25 March 2016, Dr Sibanda interacted with various communities and stakeholders in Maine, including congress, policymakers' high school students, university students, community leaders. Some of the key lessons from the mission include: food insecurity is a global issue and there are lessons that can be cross fertilised between development and education practitioners from different settings. One of the main lessons was the development of Food Charter that commits communities to be part of fighting food insecurity and at the same time maximise the food resources that exist.

Below are highlights of the visit:

- Presentation on ATONU titled "1000 Days" is available on the ATONU Internal Library.

<http://bangordailynews.com/2016/03/19/news/state/global-expert-to-maine-not-all-hungry-people-are-welfare-cases/>

<http://www.wcsh6.com/life/food/leading-expert-on-food-insecurity-visits-maine-from-africa/98688891>

<http://www.sunjournal.com/news/lewiston-auburn/0001/11/30/healthy-affordable-accessible-food-goal-lewiston-auburn-food-charter/1894203>

<http://wgme.com/news/local/leader-in-fight-to-end-hunger-gets-key-to-portland>

<http://www.wcsh6.com/life/food/leading-expert-on-food-insecurity-visits-maine-from-africa/98688891>

<http://bangordailynews.com/community/maine-law-to-welcome-global-leader-in-fight-to-end-hunger-and-food-insecurity/>

## **ATONU Related Events Calendar**

- 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
- Global Alliance for Climate Smart Agriculture (GACSA) Annual Forum Planning – April 12-13, 2016
- 12th CAADP Partnership Platform Meeting "Innovative Financing and Renewed Partnerships to accelerate CAADP Implementation" 12-14 April 2016, Accra, Ghana
- Chicago Council, Global Food Security Symposium, Growing Food for Growing Cities – April 26, 2016
- ATONU Case Study: Two Donor Strategies with One Common Goal, Portland, Oregon – May 16-20, 2016  
Panellists: Shelly Sundberg – Senior Program Officer, Nutrition Team, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and -Charlotte Block – Technical Director, Nutrition, ACIDI/VOCA. Moderator: Hannah Guedenet – Nutrition Specialist, ASI
- The Agriculture, Nutrition & Health (ANH) Academy Week, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia 20 – 24 June 2016:
- 2016 African Green Revolution Forum (AGRF), Africa Rising Through Agricultural Transformation, Nairobi, Kenya, 5-9 September 2016