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1. DIMELT Work Package

1.1 Tanzania Baseline Study
In the month of October DIMELT worked on process aspects for the development of the baseline for Tanzania. The team engaged Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) to conduct the ATONU baseline survey for Tanzania.

1.2 Technical Assistance
DIMELT, together with other work packages, contributed to technical assistance to two projects submitted by the foundation by reviewing two project proposals from Kenya and Nigeria on how to integrate nutrition-sensitive interventions. The projects, which have applied for funding from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation are:
   (i) Agriculture and Food Policy Analysis for Nutrition by the African Economic Research Consortium (AERC)
   (ii) Nigerian Dairy Development Program (NDDP): Processor-led dairy development to increase incomes, improve nutrition, and empower women in Nigeria by Sahel Capital Partners & Advisory Ltd (Sahel Capital)

2. POCTA Work Package

2.1 Formative research on SBCC in Tanzania
The draft report on the SBCC formative research for Tanzania was submitted by the consultant. The strategy focused on describing the prevalence of nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive practices in Tanzania and in identifying facilitators and barriers of these practices.

2.2 Orientation of field staff in Tanzania
The three-day orientation of the ATONU field staff took place 19-21 October 2016 in Dodoma, Tanzania. It was jointly conducted by the TALIRI team leader (PI), Dr Ezekiel Goromela, the Human Resources Officer from the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, Mr D Manda and the POCTA Manager, Bertha Munthali. The objectives of the orientation included:
   - Formally orientating the field staff to the ATONU Project and each other, to enhance coordination and peer learning;
• Developing a common understanding of ATONU work, especially on nutrition-sensitive interventions (NSIs) delivery;
• Familiarizing field staff with their scope of work, including enhancing knowledge on the ATONU-ACGG linkages;
• Sharing the modalities of community mobilisation and sensitisation for ATONU activities;
• Supporting the field staff develop individual work plans for their specific villages; and
• Familiarising field staff with the human resources and operational issues under TARILI and ATONU reporting expectations (data collection tools and process monitoring).

2.3 National Stakeholder Meeting
The Tanzania ATONU National Stakeholder Meeting was held on 24 October 2016 at the Blue Pearl Hotel, Dar es Salaam. The meeting had two key objectives, that is, to officially launch the ATONU project in Tanzania and to develop a common understanding of the ATONU interventions in the ACGG project by mobilising government stakeholders to give support to ATONU activities. More than 40 participants from the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, the Offices of the Prime Minister and President and staff from national, regional and district levels, whose expertise included crops, livestock, fisheries, development and nutrition officers, attended. The meeting was officially opened by the Acting Managing Director for TALIRI, Dr Jonas Kizima, who also launched the ATONU project in Tanzania. The ACGG project presentation was presented by Dr Tadelle. Dr Simba Sibanda, ATONU Managing Director, gave an overview of ATONU project, and Bertha Munthali, POCTA Manager, gave an overview of the ATONU NSIs. Sokoine University (SUA) presented the ATONU project monitoring and evaluation, with emphasis on the baseline study which is in the pipeline.

2.4 Recruitment of the Tanzania ATONU National Coordinator
The ATONU National Coordinator position has been established as a coordinating component for ATONU engagements between FANRPAN, ILRI, TALIRI in Tanzania, EIAR in Ethiopia and other ATONU national stakeholders. In Tanzania, the coordinator will manage relations between TALIRI, ILRI and FANRPAN, while giving support to the zonal coordinators and field assistants. Interviews for the National Coordinator position for Tanzania were held on 25 November 2016. The interview panel comprised representatives of IITA (host), ILRI, TALIRI, SUA and ATONU. One candidate was recommended for appointment as soon as possible.

3. Capacity Development (CD) Work Package

3.1 Needs Assessment
CD continued to support POCTA to develop training materials for NSIs to be used for training field assistants, who, in turn, will pass the messages on behaviour change to the participating households in both countries.

4. PACK Work Package
4.1 Social Media: Tweet Reach Snapshot for #atonu

- Tweets: 167
- Tweet impressions: 65.7K
- Profile visits: 1,168
- Mentions: 141
- New followers: 289
4.2 7th Africa Day for Nutrition and Food Security

FANRPAN participated at the 7th Africa Day for Food and Nutrition Security (ADFNS). The 2016 annual theme was “Investing in Food Systems for Improved Child Nutrition: Key to Africa’s Renaissance”. The ADFNS serves as a platform to intensify political and financial commitments at all levels in order to address current the challenges of food and nutrition insecurity in Africa. The main objective for the 2016 ADFNS was to motivate commitments by decision and policy makers and all relevant actors to deliberately prioritise investment in nutrition in development planning, resource allocations and programme implementation.

FANRPAN held a side event with the theme: What can agriculture do to deliver climate smart positive nutrition outcomes? Dr Sibanda, FANRPAN CEO and Head of Mission, presented the 2016-2023 Strategy. The three key objectives of the event were:

(i) Outline FANRPAN’s perspective on how the organisation intends to make agriculture have positive nutrition outcomes;
(ii) Share the new 2016-2023 strategy that is focussed on two thematic thrusts, namely nutrition-sensitive agriculture and climate smart agriculture and
(iii) Share FANRPAN’s current efforts in the implementation of interventions in both thrusts and discuss the nexus issues between the two thematic thrusts

4.3 Communications Strategy

A consultant was commissioned to develop the FANRPAN Communication and Advocacy Strategy. A draft strategy is due end of November 2016.

5. Operations and Systems

Continued with the implementation of the new financial system (Microsoft Dynamics NAV 2016) for the automation of the FANRPANs financial processes. This is scheduled to go live in December 2016.

The activities implemented in October included:

- Installation and Import Data Preparation.
- The inception period grant for Farm Africa was closed.
- Review of the ILRI Collaborative Research Agreement.
- Revision of the work plan for October 2016 to September 2017 to enable budget Reforecast.
- Preparation of Year 2 Financial report and the budget reforecast for October 2016 to September 2020. This is due for submission to the foundation by the 30th of November 2016.

6. Forthcoming ATONU-Field Missions

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