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1. DIMELT
1.1 DIMELT worked on the development of the data collection tool for Tanzania. DIMELT also worked with Harvard School of Public Health on the modalities of the collection of baseline data in Ethiopia.

1.2 ATONU M&E Plan and tracker were finalised.


2. POCTA
2.1 Field Staff Recruitment – Tanzania
The field staff were recruited under the Tanzania Livestock Research Institute (TALIRI). The Zonal Coordinators are existing Government staff in Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, who will be giving some percentage of their time to the project. Interviews were conducted for the positions of field assistants and zonal coordinators. The panel comprised Dr Ezekiel Goromela, TALIRI Team Leader, Dr Kimbi, Regional TALIRI Coordinator for the Central Zone, Mr D Manda, Human Resources Officer, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, and Bertha Munthali, FANRPAN POCTA Manager. Twenty (20) field assistants and three zonal coordinators were appointed.

The ATONU field assistants are based at the village level and will be facilitating the nutrition-sensitive intervention (NSI) activities, including coordination at the community level. The zonal
staff will supervise the field staff. ATONU will be implementing the three NSIs in the 20 villages across the three ecological zones in Tanzania within the existing African Chickens genetic Gains (ACGG) project interventions

2.2 Consultancies for SBCC and gender specialists
ATONU engaged four (4) consultants to work on the social behaviour change communication (SBCC) and gender training for the NSIs in Tanzania and Ethiopia. Their work also includes training of field staff on the NSIs and how to deliver them to the participating households. Inception reports have been received from all consultants. All assignments will be completed by 30 November 2016.

3. CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT (CD)
3.1 CD worked closely with POCTA in managing the SBCC consultants for Ethiopia and Tanzania. This included receiving and reviewing the inception reports and facilitating consultants’ field work.

3.2 Capacity Development Strategy
CD continued to revise the capacity development strategy due for 30 November 2016.

4. PACK

4.1 CAADP Technical Network on Food and Nutrition Security
On 2-3 September 2016, a FANRPAN team comprising Sithembile Mwamakamba, Programme Manager, Climate Smart Agriculture and Rutendo Kambarami, PACK Manager, attended the launch of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) Technical Networks, in Nairobi, Kenya.

These technical networks are expected to provide technical and capacity development support in specific content areas to countries and regional agriculture sector governance entities on policies, priority interventions and good practices that can accelerate achievement of national, regional and continental agriculture production, productivity and food security goals of CAADP and specifically the CAADP Malabo Declaration. The networks are expected to function like communities of practice (CoPs) and draw membership from organisations with a proven track record, demonstrable technical capacity and resources in relevant technical networks.

FANRPAN belongs to two technical networks, namely the Food and Nutrition Security through ATONU and the Resilience, risk management and natural resources management through the climate smart agriculture thematic thrust.

4.3 ATONU Awareness
The ATONU Director, Dr Lindiwe Majele Sibanda, delivered key ATONU messages in regional and international platforms:

(i) 2016 African Green Revolution Forum, Nairobi, Kenya
On 5 September 2016, Dr Sibanda delivered a keynote address on “How do we position research to contribute more effectively to Africa’s agricultural transformation?” Dr Sibanda highlighted the importance of research in bringing about innovative approaches such as nutrition-sensitive agriculture to address Africa’s challenges of malnutrition and poverty. She challenged the agricultural sector to get out of the silo of only focusing on yield production and begin to focus on nutrition outcomes.

(ii) Launch of the report on Eliminating Hunger by 2025, Pretoria, South Africa
http://www.nepad-caadp.net/zero-hunger-africa-2025-possible
On 13 September 2016, Dr Sibanda, participated in a plenary discussion on the launch of the African Union-led report – Eliminating Hunger by 2025. Dr Sibanda highlighted that hunger affects women and children disproportionately, while women are the backbone of agriculture in Africa; agriculture needs to be more nutrition-sensitive to address the challenges of hidden hunger and stunting.

(iii) CIMMYT50 Celebration and Summit, Mexico

On 28 September 2016, Dr Sibanda participated in a panel discussion on “Food and nutrition security in changing environments – Past, present and future. Key points from Dr Sibanda’s address included focus on “nourishing” families through nutrition-sensitive interventions instead of focusing on “feeding” and the potential risks of focusing solely on boosting yields and fortifying grains with micronutrients and vitamin A, rather than developing strategies for increased dietary diversity. The panel also discussed topics related to agricultural research and development such as food security and nutrition, climate change, the social tensions that are both causes and results of migration, scientific developments and new technologies.

5. Operations and Systems
- Implementation of the new financial system (Microsoft Dynamics NAV 2016) for the automation of FANRPAN’s financial processes is in progress. This is scheduled to go live in December 2016. The steps implemented in September included System requirements gathering and detailed design configuration.
- The AFRII inception period grant was closed.
- Sign off of the Collaborative Research Agreements with the country implementation partners (CIPs), i.e. Tanzania Livestock Research Institute (TALIRI) and the Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research (EIAR), was finalised.

**ATONU Forthcoming Field Missions**

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<td>Field staff training</td>
<td>Dodoma, Tanzania</td>
<td>Familiarise field staff with ATONU work to be carried out at village level</td>
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<td>24 October 2016</td>
<td>ATONU National Stakeholder Meeting</td>
<td>Dar es Salaam, Tanzania</td>
<td>To have a common understanding of the ATONU interventions in the ACGG project by mobilising government stakeholders to give support to ATONU activities.</td>
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**ATONU Related Events**
- **26-28 October 2016**: Africa Day for Food and Nutrition Security, Accra, Ghana