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1. End-line data collection

The ATONU project implemented a package of nutrition-sensitive interventions (NSIs) in Ethiopia and Tanzania from the beginning of 2017 to April 2018. The implementation period has now come to an end and we are now assessing the impact of NSIs.

1.1 Tanzania

The end-line data collection for impact evaluation of NSIs in Tanzania was carried out from the 1st to the 31st of May 2018. Below are some of the images from end-line data collection in the Southern Highlands of Tanzania.

From right: Mr Oscar Ngezi (Utindile Village chairperson); Elkanah Joseph (Enumerator) and Agnes Mahembe (ATONU National Coordinator) during data collection in Utindile Village, Southern Highlands, Tanzania
Elkanah Joseph, enumerator, interviewing ACGG beneficiary during ATONU end-line data collection in Utindile Village, Southern Highlands, Tanzania
1.2 Ethiopia

In Ethiopia, end-line data collection commenced on the 15th of April 2018 and concluded on the 15th of May 2018. Below are some of the images of the data collection in Amhara, Ethiopia.

*Enumerators taking anthropometric measurements during ATONU end-line data collection in the Southern Highlands of Tanzania*

*Health worker takes a sample to measure blood iron during ATONU end-line data collection in Amhara, Ethiopia*

*Enumerators from Addis Continental Institute of Public Health take anthropometric measurements during ATONU end-line data collection in Amhara, Ethiopia*
2. ATONU stories of change

2.1 The Muidete family

Mr Emmanuel Muidete is one of the men who actively attended ATONU SBCC sessions. He is the chairperson of the Uhambule ATONU village champions. His uncle, Thomas Muidete, is also an ATONU champion who participated actively in all ATONU activities, including cookery sessions. Mr Emmanuel Muidete’s wife is also an ATONU beneficiary. According to the Muidete family, in Uhambule village, men consider issues of health and nutrition to be women’s issues. The family, therefore, expressed their gratitude for the ATONU women’s empowerment approach that engages men in order to empower women. Because ATONU engaged men from the beginning of the project, men did not distance themselves from the intervention but, instead, took ownership of the intervention. In the case of Uhambule village, men like the Muidetes are proudly ATONU champions who share ATONU knowledge with other men.

“I am really thankful to ATONU for engaging men in this project because before ATONU most men took nutrition and health issues as issues for women. But after my husband started participating in ATONU I was surprised one day when my husband brought home some fruits. Something he had not done before. When I asked him why he bought the fruits instead of giving me the money to decide what to buy like he always does, he said that ATONU had taught him about the importance of fruits as part of a diverse diet. That’s when I realized the effectiveness of engaging men in nutrition and health initiatives. In this way, men can drive behavior change within the family.”

Mr Thomas Muidete, the uncle to Emmanuel Muidete, loves how the ATONU calendar helps him to plan his meals. Below is a picture of Mr Thomas Muidete showing Agnes Mahembe, the ATONU National Coordinator for Tanzania, how he uses the calendar.
The ATONU project was very helpful in teaching me the importance of different food groups for nutrition and health. However, it would have been useful to have an income intervention in order to allow the project to be more sustainable. I say this because now we have the knowledge, but without income to purchase the diverse foods, knowledge will remain just as knowledge. However, when people have an ongoing source of income, then they can afford to purchase nutritious foods that are not grown by the farmer. Access to food is also an issue in our village. We do not have a food market in our village and this makes it difficult for us to access fresh food regularly.”
2.3 Mr Titus Kipangula

Mr Titus Kipangula is a husband to an ATONU beneficiary in Mbalizi village. He actively attended ATONU sessions and even offered his home for cookery sessions. The ATONU solar drier for the village is also accommodated at Mr Kipangula’s home. Mr Kipangula is a pastor and he chose to become an ATONU champion, going to the extent of inviting the ATONU field assistant, Emelda Paul, to his church to give a talk on ATONU. According to Mr Kipangula, his community and church members greatly appreciated ATONU education and wished the project could have continued longer.

![Mr Titus Kipangula (ATONU champion) and Agnes Mahembe (ATONU National Coordinator) looking at a vegetable drier at Mr Kipangula's home in Mbalizi, Southern Highlands, Tanzania](image)

3. Web-based framework for selecting nutrition-sensitive interventions

The Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network (FANRPAN) and partners developed a web-based tool “ATONU’s Nutrition-Sensitive Intervention (NSI) Selection Tool”. The tool assists development practitioners working in the agriculture sector to integrate NSIs into their existing and pipeline agricultural development projects. For ease of application, this tool takes development practitioners through a step-by-step process of identifying and selecting appropriate nutrition-sensitive agricultural interventions. The updated online tool is accompanied by a User Guide.

Apart from assisting with the selection of appropriate NSIs, the FANRPAN-ATONU Team is readily available to help with the design, implementation and evaluation of appropriate NSIs for your project. The tool is available online in English (NSI Selection Tool). Below is a summary of the top 10 visitors to the web-based tool webpage since January 2018.
4. Events

4.1 ANH Academy Week 2018

ATONU will be presenting three papers at this year’s ANH Academy Week. The ANH Academy Week is organised by the Leverhulme Centre for Integrative Research on Agriculture and Health (LCIRAH) through the Innovative Methods and Metrics for Agriculture and Nutrition Actions (IMMANA) Project. It is an annual event that brings together the community of researchers and users of research (practitioners and policymakers) working at the intersection of agriculture, nutrition and health. The objectives of the ANH Academy Week series is to foster knowledge exchange, innovation and learning around ANH research.

The ANH Academy Week consists of two interlinked components:

1) Learning Labs - a series of training sessions in interdisciplinary agriculture, nutrition and health research;

2) Research Conference - an abstract-driven symposium featuring oral presentations, poster sessions and keynotes speeches, as well as plenary round tables, side events and working group discussions.

The 2018 ANH Academy Week will be held in Accra, Ghana, from 25-29 June.