



Ethiopia Partners' Mid-annual and Monitoring and Evaluation Review Meeting

12-13 October 2016, ILRI Campus

Venue: InfoCenter Meeting Hall, ILRI Campus

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Project Background

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) funded project entitled "Putting nitrogen fixation to work for Smallholder farmers in Africa (N2Africa) aims to build sustainable, long-term partnerships to enable African smallholder farmers to benefit from symbiotic N₂-fixation by grain legumes through effective production technologies including inoculants and fertilizers. National level capabilities will be developed to sustain the pipeline and delivery of continuous improvement in legume production technologies tailored to local settings. The project will reach more than 550,000 farmers with a return on investment of US\$3.5 for each US\$ invested.

The project is implemented by a diversity of public and private sector partners using various methods and approaches. An assessment of status of implementation is required semi-annually to enable the identification of lessons learnt, challenges and rectify such challenges. In this regard a four day workshop is planned from Oct. 12-13. An internal N2Africa Ethiopia team section will take place on Monday with a field visit on Tuesday. On Wednesday and Thursday the project partners will also participate to discuss the implementation status of the project and review the partnerships on delivering the joint milestones and objectives.

Objectives of the workshop

The overall objective of the workshop is to have a review of the implementation process and develop strategies for improvement. Specific objectives will include:

- 1) To establish the country and partner level progress in project implementation along approach, activities, their effect, sustainability, learning and relevance;
- 2) Share lessons learnt and challenges from implementation of project activities by the various partners;
- 3) To interact and discuss with the respective partners, issues / challenges in implementation;
- 4) To incorporate lessons learnt in the country project implementation strategies.

Expected Outputs

- 1) Interim evaluation of the project established;
- 2) Lessons learnt from implementation shared amongst the project partners;
- 3) Partner specific challenges discussed and solutions sought;
- 4) Lessons learnt incorporated into the country strategy to improve implementation of activities.

Process

Overall country target areas and related milestones for 2016 presented and individual partners' present results of their progress based on their result areas. Levels of achievement and the underlying factors discussed in plenary. Partner specific challenges will be discussed with the coordination team. General plenary discussion will generate consensus for improvements to be made on the overall country implementation strategy.



Programme for N2Africa Ethiopia Partners' Mid-annual and Monitoring and Evaluation Review Meeting

Day One, Wednesday 13th October 2016 – Lead Facilitators: Theresa Ampadu-Boakye / Edward Baars				
Start	End	Activity	Presenter/facilitator	Rapporteur
8.00	8.30	Registration of participants	All	
8.30	8.45	Welcome remarks, programme	Endalkachew/Fred	
8.45	9.15	Country progress & targets for 2016	Endalkachew	
9.15	10.15	1. South Cluster: a) HwU, MARC and SCS Implementation progresses, achievements (planned), challenges, lessons and way forward b) Sidama Elto Union Experiences on seed production and supply, inoculants supply and grain marketing	Tulu D., Amare F. and Takele P. Sisay Y.	
10.15	10.35	Discussions	All/Tamiru	
10.35	10.50	Coffee Break		
10.50	12.50	2. South East Cluster: a) SARC Implementation progresses, achievements (planned), challenges, lessons and way forward b) Balegreen Seed production and supply, and experiences of out-growers model towards grain production and marketing	Kisi W. Million B.	
12.50	01.50	Lunch Break		
01.50	02.10	Discussions	All/Tamiru	
02.10	03.10	3. Chewaka Cluster: a) BARC Implementation progresses, achievements (planned), challenges, lessons and way forward b) Anno Agro Industry Experiences on seeds production and supply, challenges and way forward	Zerihun A. and Kifle D. Benti T.	
03.10	03.30	Discussions	All/Tamiru	
03.30	03.45	Coffee Break		
03.45	04:45	4. Jimma cluster: a) JARC Implementation progresses, achievements (planned), challenges, lessons and way forward b) FC Implementation progresses, achievements (planned), challenges, lessons and way forward	Gebresilassie H. /Beza E. Getachew K./Egata S.	
04:45	05.05	Discussions	All/Tamiru	
05.05		End of day one		



Day Two, Thursday 14 th October 2016 – Lead Facilitators: Theresa Ampadu-Boakye/Edward Baars				
Start	End	Activity	Presenter/facilitator	Rapporteur
8.30	09.30	5. Central cluster: a) DZARC Implementation progresses, achievements (planned), challenges, lessons and way forward b) Becho Woliso/Erer Union Experiences on seed production and supply, inoculants supply and grain marketing	Sofia K. /Abera G. Dejene H./Mekonnen H.	
09.30	09.50	Discussion	All	
09.50	10.50	6. Pawe cluster: a) PARC Implementation progresses, achievements (planned), challenges, lessons and way forward	Getachew Y./Desalegn T.	
10.50	11.05	Coffee Break		
11.05	11.25	Discussion	All	
11.25	12.25	7. North Cluster a) GARC Implementation progresses, achievements (planned), challenges, lessons and way forward b) Tsehay Union Experiences on seed production and supply, inoculants supply and grain marketing c) ADARC Implementation progresses, achievements (planned), challenges, lessons and way forward	Yonas W. /Baye A. Endalkachew A. Yazie C.	
12.25	12.45	Discussion	All	
12.45	1.45	Lunch Break		
1.45	2.15	Presentation Matrix on Partnerships key Milestones findings – updated	Edward	
2.15	3.00	Capitalization and progressive insight based strategy adjustments in activities – approaches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Input supply; • Output markets; • Dissemination. 	Theresa/Edward	
3.00	4.00	General discussions and conclusions (<i>roll-out coffee</i>)		
4.00	4.15	Closing	Fred/Endalkachew	