June 9th 2016 ANRM Task Force Call

Notes

Update on Key ANRM Activities

- **ANRM Technical Guides** forthcoming. In final design phases.
  - Agroforestry
  - Financial Planning
  - Post-harvest Losses

- **Updates from the region**
  - Eric writing case studies every month to highlight a program or approach that’s working well; use as a knowledge sharing method. First one available on FSN Network website ([Cascading the Permagarden Method in Ethiopia](https://www.fsnnetwork.org)).
  - Visiting programs to provide technical support and identify and help fill knowledge gaps. Providing post-training follow-up support.
  - Contact Eric Carlberg at ecarlberg@mercycorps.org for further information, suggestions for case studies, or with any questions

- **Communications**
  - Resilience Design Facebook group - https://www.facebook.com/groups/1322580984425620/
  - Bi-weekly listserv email to ANRM TF members

- **Core Competencies Resource List**
  - TOPS is developing lists of key resources to support each ANRM Core Competency Area
    - **What?** Collection of resources (practical guides, toolkits, resource portals, manuals, etc.) supporting each CC
    - **Why?** To minimize the amount of time practitioners spend searching for valuable information on specific topics
    - **For whom?** Ag program managers, HQ technical support staff
    - **TF involvement?** Provide feedback: does your organization have a resource that hasn’t been included? Have we included something you find unhelpful?
      - You help review the resources. Okay, now what?
        - Utilize the resources we’ve collected
        - Repackage the lists for your own organization’s needs
        - Get your organization’s resources on the list
        - Be acknowledged as a contributor
      - Special thanks for your help up to this point:
        - Gitau Mbure, Shaun Ferris, Anne Turner, Paul Sommers
  - Access to information survey forthcoming – will help inform types of resources included in the list, and the dissemination plan.
  - 4 modules have been sent to the TF for review. 3 more to come.
  - Contact Abby Love at alove@mercycorps.org for more information

TOPS Regional Knowledge Sharing Meeting
- Kampala, Uganda Sept 20-22
- Small group discussions to come up with ideas on themes within sessions, and to discuss whether livestock/nutrition or youth/agriculture is more timely and of interest to the group.
  - Market facilitation
  - Climate and agriculture
  - Livestock and nutrition OR youth and agriculture

**Market Facilitation Group Discussion**

- We kept talking about how to focus on the target group we’re trying to reach
  - How do we do that through the life of the program?
  - How after the program?
- SPRING nutrition-sensitive agriculture training materials
  - How do we have a market project with a nutrition target?
- Target parents and care givers –
  - Targeting this group has an impact on reduced stunting
- How do we make sure that post-project, the free market benefits the target group as it did when the project/program was there?
- Examples of facilitation
  - Village Agents on the input market and output markets
  - Contracts with output market buyers
  - ENSURE Program connecting beans and livestock buyers
- How can we give more power to specialized farmer cooperatives to produce and market seeds to reduce counterfeiting, etc.?
  - LAHIA DFAP in Niger trained village agents to sell seeds and production advice to farmers from a local seed company- will have a village agent handbook by Sept 22
  - Senegal Entrepreneurs working with ISRA and Africare
- Topics of interest
  - Causal linkage to reduce stunting
  - Targeting parents and care givers of 0-5 year olds who are vulnerable to stunting
- Follow up
  - How have projects actually reached those “target populations” well?

**Climate and Agriculture**

- Do some follow up on the resilience design trainings
  - Agroecology training in DC
  - 2 RD trainings (Malawi, Zim)
  - Uganda would be a good time to review
    - How are implementers able to apply principles to increase climate change resilience?
      - ENSURE examples
• Malawi projects?
  ▪ Share constraints, opportunities, lessons learned
    o Management of demo sites
      ▪ Key to RD
      ▪ How do we manage demo sites better?
      ▪ How do we make this more sustainable and equitable?
    o Behavior-change programming. How does this fit with RD?

• Engaging with policy makers
  o UN Climate negotiations- INDC (intended nationally determined contributions)
  o CSA activities we’re doing could support nationally strategy around CSA, but could be good to engage Uganda’s policy makers, or USAID, to see how they link into climate change strategy at a national level.
  o One of the speakers, local farmer, he’s on the CSA task force of Uganda (his role is to represent the smallholder farmers. He’s the practitioner). So, could be a good link to the policy side in Uganda and how that affects smallholder farmers.

Livestock and nutrition OR youth and agriculture

• Youth & Agriculture
  o Emerging theme in FFP
  o Good timing to do a youth program
  o Youth employment has been a focus – but what about a more ag-focus?
  o Could be a discussion rather than presentation on what’s going well/working
  o What’s diff in design and implementation when targeting youth?

• Livestock
  o Livestock-nutrition may not have enough presenters
  o Livestock broaden out to pastoralism
  o Within pastoralism, could include something on youth, economics, nutrition as well
  o Could be very topical in Uganda
  o TF Member thoughts
    ▪ Dan - Small livestock
      • Indigenous poultry (road runners)
      • Goats
      • Sheep
      • Pigeons
    ▪ Gitau - How do we better integrate livestock into demo plots?
      • Different audiences - women/men
    ▪ Dan - Climate change
      • Many smallholder farmers moving to livestock instead of crops because of El Niño in Zim.
- Madeleine - I am doing some work on integrating nutrition into agriculture information systems in Ghana, and am very interested in how we also link climate change, nutrition, and gender
- Norman - regarding livestock in drylands, and given the prevalence of pastoralism, maybe it might take an important relevance to focus on vet services.
  - Could this be applied in the Uganda national context?
- Amadou
  - Integrating livestock and crop production and address carbon sequestration