Regional Strategic Analysis and Knowledge Support Systems (ReSAKSS) work in relation to Food Security and Nutrition Action Mapping

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About ReSAKSS

• Created and launched in 2006 to provide credible information, analysis and knowledge products to support implementation of CAADP

• Policy-relevant analysis, data, and tools to improve policy making, fill knowledge gaps, promote dialogue, and facilitate the benchmarking and review processes associated development strategies under CAADP

• Charged with taking lead in developing and implementing CAADP M&E framework
How does ReSAKSS Work?

• Common agenda across all the ReSAKSS nodes:

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...or country-specific information.

• A tool for review and mutual learning
• Data on various indicators, knowledge products – Working Papers, issue briefs, e-newsletter, reports, presentations, posters

When a country is selected, the map, charts and bottom narrative change to provide all available information on that country.
Spatial distribution on Ag Investments in ECA

• Part of our M&E and KM agenda, documented agricultural interventions

• Why?
  – Getting to know who is investing where in agriculture
  – Establishing areas where there are investment gaps
  – Potential areas for collaboration and synergies among the actors
  – How pledges translate into actual implementation of agricultural interventions (Feed to the CAADP Mutual Accountability Framework)
Spatial distribution on Ag Investments in ECA

Why?........
   — providing an indication of how targeting of agriculture and food security projects relates to aspects such as vulnerability, poverty, and others

   — Inform site selection of future agricultural interventions

   — providing knowledge basis for learning from successes, experiences, challenges and failures of past projects implemented in similar settings

   — assisting development planners to avoid duplication and enhance the coordination of investments
Spatial distribution on Ag Investments in ECA

• Projects/programmes/ initiatives

• Regional overview on Ag investments (multiple countries and stakeholders)

• Information to improve decision making
  – Enhance: programming, policy making, collaboration, value addition and synergies among the agricultural stakeholders, Mutual accountability, coordination, alignment of investments

• Efforts to inform other questions:
  – Targeting of interventions (investment priorities)
  – What are the impacts of interventions?
  – What can we learn from past/ ongoing investments?
Some Observations from Ag investments mapping

• High potential (rainfall) areas are mostly targeted than the low potential areas, this is not necessarily where poverty is high

• High poverty areas have less number of interventions

• A large proportion of interventions in region are taking place in high potential areas with poor market access.

• Although there is potential for agricultural growth by investing in high potential areas:
  – poverty reduction outcomes can be best achieved if the market access constraints are addressed.
  – Make efforts to enhance distribution of food from surplus to deficit areas
Link to country processes

• Multiple generators and users of ag information, including actions and impacts

• Could be an asset but also a challenge:
  – Different information, efforts duplication
  – Difficulties in information sharing (coding, activity classification....),
  – Value addition? (e.g. in addressing analytical questions?)
  – How is the information used? Inform programming?
  – Country capacity?
  – Sustainably?

• Country SAKSS could be a platform for promoting action mapping
SAKSS: Broker of Strategic Analysis/Knowledge

Demand → Broker → Supply

SAKSS Oversight Body
- Credence of SAKSS in CAADP process
- Governance
- Channel knowledge and evidence to policy makers
  - ...

SAKSS Node
- Identify and sensitize knowledge gaps
- Synthesize knowledge
- Mobilize and coordinate knowledge generation
- Facilitate training
  - ...

SAKSS Network
- Express interest and buy into vision
- Align knowledge generation activities
- Receive funding and training
  - ...

Parliament, PS, FBOs, Donors, Directors
Policy Analysis Units
Think Tanks, Central Bank
Statistics Bureaus, Universities, FBOs
Clear links with the FSN action mapping

Objective of the mapping (to inform decision making),
technical aspects,
target audience,
challenges,
Opportunities

ReSAKSS committed to contribute the to FSN action mapping, Plan to implement recommendations, this will enhance the utility of the work
ReSAKSS Network and activities can be useful in promoting FSN action mapping

- Wide range of collaborative networks of users and suppliers of knowledge and research products
  - Regional Economic communities (COMESA, EAC, IGAD)
  - Country CAADP stakeholders (governments, civil society, private sector...)
  - Development partners (donors, NGOSs, private sector)
  - National & International Research Institutes
  - International Organizations

Technical support to M&E, Regional & national workshops