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ACTIVITIES

IP IN THE PARTNER COUNTRIES

The main purpose of the IP in Phase-II is to promote and use an interdisciplinary and collaborative approach to mitigate the negative impact of HIV/AIDS on agriculture production and household food security in Uganda, Namibia and Zambia. For more general information about Phase-II, please see [here](#).

Specific programme activities on the national level include:

- A desk study to review available data and to identify data-gaps and existing coping
- A baseline survey (quantitative questionnaire and qualitative survey) to determine problems and needs;
- A national stakeholder workshop to review the results of the desk study and baseline surveys to suggest normative and operational solutions;
- Develop and test mitigating methods and tools in and with partner communities;
- Manage and disseminate information and research finding.

Namibia

Progress to date: The questionnaire was field-tested in July, and 15 enumerators have been trained in use of the questionnaires. The enumerators have carried out interviews with 600 households in nine constituencies within the Ohangwena Region. An interdisciplinary qualitative investigation is now being conducted over a five-day period in three communities through the use of SEAGA, PRA and PRCA methodologies and tools. The qualitative survey will serve as a means to triangulate and verify the results of the quantitative questionnaire, and vice versa.

Upcoming activities: The Namibia partners will analyse and interpret the baseline survey data and the qualitative data from 14 to 26 October. They will receive technical assistance from Dr John Curry and Esther Wieggers from Headquarters, as well as Atsuko Nonoyama, a statistician specialist from Penn State University. Since the protocol activities are similar in all the three countries, the

countries will share their knowledge and develop similar methods for analysing the data, which in turn will make it easier to compile and compare the findings across the IP countries. Representatives from the IP in Uganda and Zambia will therefore participate in a one-week capacity building session (20 to 25 October). The draft research report and desk-survey will be compiled and presented at a three-day national stakeholder workshop in January 2003. Shortly afterwards, the IP in Namibia will select and develop mitigating strategies for testing in the country.

For more information about these project activities, please contact Imms Namaseb, Project Coordinator at Africa Institutional Management Services (AIMS). Tel: +264 61 245917, fax: +264 61 241914, e-mail: iprogram@web.com.na.

Uganda

Ongoing activities: The IP in Uganda has started reviewing available data and identifying data-gaps and existing coping mechanisms. This information will feed into the field testing of the questionnaires, which will start 25 October. The baseline surveys will be conducted in Masaka, Iganga and Nakasongola districts in the first part of November, and the data will be entered by data-managers in the field. IP staff from FAO HQ has recently been in Uganda assisting NAADS in developing the sampling strategy, research questions and indicators for the qualitative and quantitative field surveys.

Upcoming activities: The research findings will be analysed and compiled into a report that will be presented to the national stakeholders' workshop on 3 to 5 February. The participants at the workshop will review the results of the desk study and baseline surveys, and agree upon normative and operational solutions to carry the activities forward.

For more information about these project activities, please contact Catherine Barasa, the National Facilitator (barasa@infocom.co.ug) or Dr. Silim Nahdy Executive Director at National Agricultural Advisory Services (NAADS). Tel: +256-041-345440, fax: +256-041-347843, e-mail: naads@utlonline.co.ug, web: <http://www.naads.or.ug/>.

Zambia

Ongoing activities: The IP in Zambia has compiled a comprehensive annotated bibliography identifying major effects of HIV/AIDS on the agricultural sector and existing coping strategies. This information will feed into the development of the questionnaire and the field work that will commence 28 October. The fieldwork will be conducted in rural, small-to-medium scale communities in Monzo, Choma and Sinazongwe districts in Southern Province. Central Statistics Office staff at district level may assist to enter the data locally while interviewing is still in process. IP staff from FAO HQ has recently been in Zambia assisting FASAZ with the analysis of the desk study and with the design of the baseline survey. FAO-Zambia, other UN agencies and NGOs show a genuine interest in the IP Phase-II activities and desire to collaborate in the formulation and implementation of mitigating strategies through collaboration

with FASAZ and IP/FAO.

Upcoming activities: The research findings will be analysed and compiled into a draft report that will be presented to the stakeholders at the national workshop 27 and 28 January. For more information about the IP Phase II activities in Zambia, please contact Coillard Hamusimbi, tel: +260-097-787078, e-mail: fasaz@zamnet.zm/chamusimbi@yahoo.com or Mukelabai Ndiyoi, tel: +260-097-849468, e-mail: fasaz@zamnet.zm/mndiyoi@zamnet.zm at The Farming Systems Association of Zambia (FAZAS), <http://www.fasaz.org/>.

RELATED ACTIVITIES

Informal Uganda interest working group

As a follow-up to a meeting held between SDRE, GILF and the IP, it was decided to establish an informal Uganda interest working group at FAO. The main purpose of the working group is to share information among those having activities in Uganda and to improve in-house coordination. The working group will also collaborate closely with the FAO-office in Uganda. More specifically, the group members will:

- Inform each other when travelling to Uganda and/or when project staff in Uganda is travelling to Rome;
- Inform each other about workshops and other important meetings in Uganda and/or Rome;
- Share project documents, proposals, study reports, baseline data, questionnaires, etc. For this a shared public folder will be created;
- Share BTORs and the contacts made during the duty travel.

For more information about the working group, please contact the moderator, Anne Nicolaysen (anne.nicolaysen@fao.org), who is working for the IP.

IP AT HEADQUARTERS

New TCP in Namibia

FAO recently approved a new Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP) in Namibia. The title of the TCP is Decentralised Information Management and Participatory Communication for Food Security in Namibia. The overall objective is to increase agricultural productivity and food security in Namibia by creating capacity in decentralised agricultural information management and participatory communication. One major output is to establish computer-based information networks in three pilot regions (Omusati, Kavango and Omaheke). When establishing these pilots, the TCP will develop an organizational framework and infrastructure, which can be applied as a model to create other centres nationally. The IP is also involved in communication and information management, and the two programmes are

investigating how they can combine resources and avoid duplication. The main partners involved in the TCP are the Ministry of Agriculture Water and Rural Development in Namibia and Extension, Education and Communication Service (SDRE) and Waicent at FAO. For more information about this TCP, please contact Riccardo Del Castello (SDRE) (Riccardo.DelCastello@fao.org) or the IP.

New members in PITF

The IP established an interdepartmental Programme Implementation Task Force (PITF) at FAO headquarters in 1998. The role of the PITF is to give advice and oversee the programme, to review and comment on proposals from the IP countries, to provide technical backstopping, and to promote interdisciplinary collaboration at headquarters. In Phase-I of the IP, the PITF consisted of eleven officers from five different services in the Sustainable Development and Agriculture Departments. In Phase-II, the PITF has been enlarged by six new members from additional technical fields and services. They will provide expertise and assistance in the development and implementation of Phase-II, and ensure that the ongoing activities are built upon existing experiences in FAO. Similarly, field level testing of new methodologies and approaches is expected to generate synergy and useful insights of value to the regular programme of FAO in many areas. The current PITF members are (new members marked with a star):

- Sissel Ekaas (PITF Chair), Director, Gender and Population Division (SDW)
- * Emmanuel Chengu, Rural Development Analysis Officer, Rural Development Division (SDAR)
- John Curry, Gender and Research Officer, Gender and Development Service (SDWW)
- Riccardo Del Castello, Communication Officer, Extension, Education and Communication Service (SDRE) has replaced Mr Loy Van Crowder who left FAO in 2002)
- * Amdetsion Gebre-Michael, Senior Economist, Food Security and Agricultural Projects Analysis Service (ESAF)
- * Jan Peter Johnson, Programme Coordinator Livelihood Support Programme (LSP), SDAR. Alternate: Stephan Baas
- Jelle U. Hielkema, Senior Remote Sensing Officer, Environment and Natural Resources Service (SDRN)
- Catherine Hill, Household Resource Management Officer, SDWW, replaced Ms. Cornelia Koenraadt (retired in 2002)
- John J. Hourihan, Senior Officer and IP coordinator, SDWW
- Henry K. Mwandemere, Agricultural Research Officer, Research and Technology Development Service (SDRR)
- * Pratap Narain, Senior Officer, Statistical Analysis Service (ESSA)
- Kalim Qamar, Senior Officer, SDRE
- Beate Scherf, Animal Production Officer, Animal Production Service (AGAP)

- William Seiders, Agricultural Training and Extension Officer, SDRE
- * Brian Thompson, Senior Officer, Household Food Security and Community Nutrition Group (ESNP). Alternate: Karel Callens
- Jeff Tschirley, Senior Environment Officer, SDRN
- * Marcela Villarreal, Service Chief, Population and Development Service (SDWP). Alternate: Libor Stloukan

NEW IP PUBLICATIONS DEVELOPED DURING PHASE I

Guide for Gender-disaggregated data in agriculture and rural development

FAO has increased its support to Member Nations to assist in producing and using gender-disaggregated data and statistics. Between 2000-2002, the Gender and Development Service (SDWW) developed a training methodology and materials to help improve the skills of agricultural data producers such as statisticians, planners, and policy analysts in this area. Under the IP, SDWW developed and tested the methodology and materials with partners in Namibia, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe. They were also tested at a workshop in Romania for Central and Eastern European Countries. Based on the experience and inputs from these workshops, a Facilitators Guide for Gender-disaggregated data in agriculture and rural development has been compiled. This guide includes:

- Training methodology and facilitation plans for a 10 day workshop (which can be adapted to different time frames)
- Handouts
- Sample tabulation plans
- Sample graphs
- Overhead presentations
- Computer software help-guide

The guide can be obtained by contacting the IP or catherine.hill@fao.org. The guide will shortly be available at the IP website. The training materials are currently being translated into Spanish and French so that they can be field-tested and adapted in the near future. Phase-II of the IP will build on the expertise and knowledge gained in this protocol. See also article on the SD-dimensions website http://www.fao.org/sd/2002/PE0901_en.htm.

IP information

The IP leaflet, fact sheet and poster can be obtained by contacting the Integrated-Programme@fao.org. You will also find an overview of other **IP publications** on the website.

WHAT'S COMING UP

National Stakeholder Workshops

The objective with the national workshops is to review the results/analyses of the desk study and baseline surveys, and determine the best/possible normative and operational solutions to address the problems identified together with a wide range of stakeholders.

Namibia: between 20 and 24 January 2003 (three-day workshop)

Uganda: 3 to 5 February 2003

Zambia: 27 to 28 January 2003

To obtain more information about the workshops, please contact the [lead agencies](#) or the [IP](#) at FAO Headquarters.

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