



SMART East Africa Initiative

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ACF Canada was established in 2005 and is part of the ACF International Network (France, Spain, UK, USA, India). ACF is operational in over 48 countries world wide.

ACF Canada focus:

- Global SMART Project
- Fundraising for the ACF International Network
- Human Resources (recruitment for ACF International)
- Nutrition Advocacy



SMART: The beginning

2007 - 2008

- ACF-CA, newly operational establishes key links to the SMART Technical Advisory Group (TAG) and initiated a 3 year capacity building programme with support from DFID.
- Initial capacity building resources and tools were developed and trainings/workshops begin.
- Global Nutrition Cluster (GNC) Assessment Working Group noted lack of institutional leadership of SMART.

2009

- ACF-CA is appointed by the GNC as the Project Convener linking the TAG experts, agencies and users. The main objectives at this time were:
- Development of standardized training materials (STP) and SMART Manual
- Development of a website and maintenance of a user-forum

SMART: 2010 - 2015



“Improvement of inter-agency coordination and management of emergency nutrition assessment information through SMART”

Coordination

- Provide a mechanism for inter-agency co-ordination amongst Cluster partners.

Essential Survey Service

- Meet urgent survey needs through provision of Essential Survey Service.

Capacity Building

- Improve institutional capacity across agencies through enhanced training and development opportunities.

Previous Investment into Capacity Building in East Africa

| Year | Location | Number of people trained |
|------|------------------|--------------------------|
| 2007 | Uganda | 39 |
| 2008 | Kenya | 12 |
| 2009 | Zimbabwe | 26 |
| 2010 | Uganda | 24 |
| 2011 | Ethiopia, Uganda | 20, 16 |
| 2012 | Kenya | 28 |
| 2013 | Kenya | 29 |
| | TOTAL | 194 |

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- Consultation with partners over the course of 2011 and 2012 regarding regional SMART needs
- “Validation” of job description for a regional support both at a regional level (January 2013 Nairobi) and global level (June 2013 Barcelona)



Regional SMART Coordinator

Responding to Survey Needs

- Provision of technical support to partners implementing surveys (on ground / remote).
- Identify / articulate the survey needs of agencies in EA, particularly during humanitarian emergency.
- Coordinating with partners and/or mechanisms on the necessary human and financial resources for undertaking surveys.
- Ensuring collaboration with authorities and relevant groups.

Regional SMART Coordinator

Training and Development

- Provision of technical guidance and support to the development of training tools for SMART.
- Identification and coaching of individuals for the Global Pool of Master SMART Trainers.
- Lead Survey Manager and Master Level trainings.
- Oversee the planning and organization of SMART training events in East Africa.
- Conduct learning needs assessment for the region.

Regional SMART Coordinator

Representation,
Coordination and
Communication

- Act as technical point of contact and representative of SMART in the region
- Raise awareness and share lessons learned on the methodology
- Engage with regional coordination mechanisms, consortia or national working groups to better understand country level needs.
- Build a pool of SMART survey consultants for the region.
- Act as focal point for dissemination of nutrition information from SMART surveys in the region.

November 2013 to January 2014 Priorities

Coordination

- Regional scoping exercise with cluster and national level coordination mechanisms to identify of key SMART priorities.
- Definition of strategic support from the SMART Regional Coordinator.

Essential Survey Service

- Identification of survey support criteria with the Core Nutrition Group.

Capacity Building

- Analysis of LNA data for the region and follow up with agencies and cluster and/or national coordination mechanisms to fill information gaps.
- Development of a regional training schedule for Survey Manager and Master Level Trainings.
- Identification of specific national level training needs which could be supported.

Way forward.....

- What will be the role of the Nutrition Core Group in relation to SMART?
- What are some of the expectations of the Nutrition Core Group for the SMART Coordinator?
- How can we best engage with you and provide added value to ongoing initiatives?