



Final Validation Workshop of Agricultural Extension Guides

SORUDEV and FSTP Food Security Programmes

Wednesday 18th May, 2016

Hosted by the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)

Workshop Report

Opening

The final validation workshop of the agricultural extension guides was held at the NRC Head Office in Juba on 18th May, 2016. It was officially opened by the NRC Director of Programmes and Acting Country Director Ms Carina Vedvik Hansen. In her remark, she welcomed every participant and highlighted the importance of having the extension guides available for the use of both government extensionists and the development partners' extension staff. The output of the effort put into compiling the guides hopefully will support the food security drive of the country particularly at this period in the nation's history. She pledged the support of NRC in this endeavour and thanked the European Union for the funding and assistance provided to all SORUDEV partners.

Objectives

The purposes of the session are to (i) review the guides for the last time before it is printed, (ii) to get the endorsement of the government, (iii) to confirm, obtain the financial commitment of all partners (SORUDEV, FSTP and ZEAT BEAD) concerned to fund the production and (iv) to discuss the launch and dissemination plan.

Issues: Review of the documents

The general look and design of the booklet was endorsed as readable and attractive. The following corrections on the content were made: All tables should be in black and white. The pictures in the booklets should be captioned and the booklets should be detribalised to allow for use across the country without reservation. Maintain reference to old states since the booklets compilation stated since 2015. Remove Maps. Logos of both the Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Livestock should be in front in that order. EU logo should be prominent in the acknowledgement page as agreed in Yei. Reference should be replaced with Bibliography. So many tables in the 3rd booklets on general guidelines are out of place and a few pictures do not have the right resolution hence should be replaced, work with the designer to correct the problems.

Discussion on financial commitment

In line with the agreement reached in Yei in 2015, participants at the final review meeting agreed on producing 300 copies of each of the booklets bringing the total to 9000. Six SORUDEV and FSTP partners will fund the printing of 1000 booklet each. The breakdown is as follows:

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Organisations	Crop Production Booklet	Livestock Production Booklet	General Guideline Booklet	Total
Norwegian Peoples Aid (NPA)	380	310	310	1000
Concern Worldwide (CWW)	380	310	310	1000
Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)	380	310	310	1000
Veterinaire Sans Frontiere Germany (VSF-G)	380	310	310	1000
Hope Agency for Rural Development (HARD)	380	310	310	1000
World Vision International (WVI)	380	310	310	1000

Primary distribution channel will be at state level. However, each NGO will donate 10% of the booklets funded to the national ministry of agriculture (5%) and the ministry of livestock (5%). FAO was unavoidably absent in the meeting.¹

Agreement of procurement and printing

The participants again affirm their confidence in NRC to lead the production of the booklets on behalf of the partners. To this end, the preferred arrangement is for NRC to proceed with sourcing the quotations from minimum three printing houses in Juba. Do an analysis of the quotes and share this with the partners. Document the process. Contract and pay the selected printing press. NRC will issue an invoice to each partner after production and partners will collect and reimburse NRC accordingly. Since FAO was not in the meeting to confirm their commitment, the five partners agreed to proceed with printing the 5000 copies of the booklets regardless.

Launch and Distribution

The Extension Guides will be launched on Wednesday 15th June 2016; along with NALEP by FAO and the official inauguration of South Sudan Forum on Agricultural Advisory Services (SoSFAAS). The World Vision seminar session will be incorporated. The proposed seminar topics and speakers are:

- (i) Adoption of improved Agricultural Practices: challenges and impact on Food Security in South Sudan by Prof. Matthew Udo the Under Secretary of Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security and
- (ii) Challenges and opportunities in the livestock production sector in South Sudan by Dr. Makuei Malual Kaang the Under Secretary of Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries. This day will be informally dubbed the “Agricultural Extension Day”.

Closing

The review workshop was closed by Mr. Anthony Raymond the DG Special Projects Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries. He thanked the participants for the significant contribution and critic of the document from user and technical practitioner perspective. The extension guide is an excellent document of importance in moving extension and agriculture advisory services forward by the government. He and colleagues at the Ministries are grateful to the EU for funding the process and

¹ It is hoped that the remaining 4000 copies will be printed by FAO. Most of these will go to the national government for distribution to research, academic and other states outside the Greater Bahr el Ghazal states.

grateful to development partners for their commitment to the production of the booklet all the way. He looks forward to the production, distribution and to the launch of the booklets. He gave special appreciation to NRC for hosting the final review session.

Annex 1: Attendance List

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Annex 2: Photographs



Participants during the final review workshop in Juba

Annex 3: Agenda

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- Objectives: 1. to carry out final revision of the guides (technical details and design layout)
2. to finalise discuss and get commitment of partners on printing cost and quantities
3. to agree on next steps with concrete actions to meet the launch date of June 15,
2016

Time	Activities	Responsible
8.00-8.30	Arrival, introduction and registration	TA-EU
8.30-8.35	Welcome remark by Norwegian Refugee Council	NRC
8.35-8.40	Objective, procedure and process of review	TA-EU
8.40-9.40	Guideline on livestock management	MLFI
9.40-10.30	Guideline on crops	MoA
10.30-10.45	Tea Break	NRC
10.45-11.45	Guideline on Agric Marketing, VSLA, Community mobilisation & FFS	FAO
11.45-12.30	Next steps: Printing, launch(15th June) and distribution	TA-EU
12.30	Closing remarks	NMoA & MLFI
13.00	Refreshment	NRC

