**WORKSHOP DESIGN**

**Lessons Learned from Farmers’ Involvement in GAFSP Processes**

Nov 8-11, 2012 | Phnom Penh, Cambodia

**Background:**

1. Agricord is implementing a two year project entitled “Supporting Inclusive Planning of country projects financed by the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program.” The project, being supported by IFAD, will end this December 2012.

2. The goal of the Project is to ensure that smallholder farmers in developing countries benefit from public investment projects and programs for agriculture and rural development financed under the GAFSP initiative. The objective of the Project is “to support membership-based producer organizations representing small farmers to actively participate and provide an effective contribution to the national design phase of the investment projects financed under the public sector financing window of the GAFSP initiative.”  
  
3. The GAFSP Project is being undertaken in 10 countries in Asia and Africa. In Asia, countries covered include Cambodia, Nepal, Bangladesh and Mongolia.

4. The Project‘s Implementation Procedures has 4 steps. Step 1 is “ensuring FO involvement in the institutional setting of the country’s design process.” Step 2 is “choice of in-country FOs to benefit from the grant”. Step 3 is “national FOs to prepare a proposal for their involvement in the design phase” and Step 4 is “FO involvement in the GAFSP project full design.” In Asia, Steps 1-3 was undertaken with AFA, since AFA is the support organization to the GAFSP CSO Asia representative. Step 4 is being implemented by AsiaDHRRA, an Agricord member. In all the steps, national FOs and NGOs working on food security and smallholder agriculture are involved from design to implementation. Steps 1-3 ran till May 2012, and Step 4 from June 2012 onwards.

5. Under Step 4, small grants were given directly by AsiaDHRRA, an Agricord member, to the identified FOs/NGOs under Step 2 of the Process: Farmer and Nature Net (FNN) for Cambodia, All Nepal Peasant Federation Association for Nepal (ANPFa), Action Aid Bangladesh for Kendrio Krishok Moitree (AA-B-KKM) for Bangladesh, and Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) for Mongolia.

6. With regards to the status of the official GAFSP projects in the countries, only Bangladesh has started implementation of the Project last June 2012. Mongolia, Cambodia and Nepal are still in the project design phase. Mongolia hopes to start implementation before the year ends; Cambodia at the start of next year; and Nepal at the middle of next year.

7. As the Agricord–IFAD Project on GAFSP, is winding to a close, it will be good to gather the project implementors at the national and regional levels to take stock of what happened, get lessons learned, and plan for future collaboration.

8. One of AFA’s main programs is Knowledge Management and Sharing. One of its staff members, Jun Virola, has undergone a series of training activities on Knowledge Management organized by IFAD the past two years. As a result of AFA’s participation in this training, AFA is the site host for the MTCP site in the IFAD Asia portal, facilitating the online exchange of knowledge and information through this site. AFA sees this activity as an extension of its work for MTCP, given that two countries are MTCP countries (Cambodia and Nepal). Moreover, AFA sees this activity as an opportunity to service FOs in the region in terms of KM and further strengthen its capacities on KM.

**Description:**

The activity is a knowledge sharing and learning session among national and regional project implementors of the Project. Results of the activity will feed into efforts in strengthening FO involvement in government’s agri-related policies and programs as well as in future project proposals that may be developed to support FO involvement in policy making processes for GAFSP.

**Objectives:**

1. Organize all available information and know the processes undertaken by each national and regional implementors in the implementation of the Project – the experiences in engaging GAFSP, achievements, limits, challenges and constraints faced, the status of the implementation;

2. Analyze the experiences in order to generate knowledge and draw conclusions and key lessons, especially on the kind of intervention and support needed by FOs to facilitate their partnerships with other CSOs, FOs and governments to access public resources;

3. Outline future steps, possible elements of proposals that can be submitted, possible cooperation among implementors and other interested donor partners, and management arrangements of future projects;

4. Facilitate south-south exchanges between Asian and African FOs engaging their governments in GAFSP processes, and strengthen solidarity work; and,

5. Understand the work of FOs and NGOs in Cambodia, especially those related in engaging government in agri-related policies and investments.

**Expected Outputs:**

1. Written and photo documentation of the activity

2. Articles/reports on the experiences of each GAFSP country

3. Documented learnings and insights

4. Country-specific recommendations

5. Recommendations for future development of cooperation to strengthen involvement of FOs in public investment programs

**Date and Venue**

Date: Nov 8-11 (excluding arrival and departure dates)

Venue: Phnom Penh, Cambodia

**Participants**

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| Country | Organization | Number | | Total |
|  |  | Farmer | Transltr |  |
| Bangladesh | KKM and Action Aid | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Nepal | ANPFA and WOCAN | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Mongolia | ADRA and NAMAC | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Cambodia | FNN | 2 | 1 | 3 |
|  | FliFly | 1 | 1 |
|  | CFAP | 1 | 1 |
|  | Farmer and Water Net | 1 |  |
| Phils | AFA |  | 3 | 3 (EP,LR,JV) |
| Phils | AsiaDHRRA |  | 2 | 2 |
| Belgium | CSA |  | 1 | 1 |
| Senegal | ROPPA |  | 1 | 1 |
| FAO\* |  |  | 4/1 | 4/1 |
| WB\* |  |  | 4/1 | 4/1 |
| IFAD\* |  |  | 4/1 | 4/1 |
| ADB\* |  |  | 4/1 | 4/1 |
| GAFSP (Dr. Koma) |  |  | 1 | 1 |
| Total |  |  |  | 37/25 |

\*representative from each country, otherwise one key representative that can cover the four countries

**PROGRAM**

Nov 7 Arrival

Nov 8 National GAFSP dialogue  
Nov 9-10 GAFSP KM Workshop

Nov 11 Field Visit

Nov 12 Departure (except for M&E Team, CSA,ROPPA)

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| **Date/**  **Time** | **Session** | **Person-in –Charge/Facilitator** | **Preparations Needed** |
| Nov 7 | Arrival of International Participants | FNN/AFA | -kit  -registration form  -name tags |
| Nov 8 | National GAFSP Dialogue | FNN | -FNN to develop program  -AFA to give TA |
| Nov 9 | | | |
| 09.00-09.45 | **Opening Session**  *Welcome Remarks*  *---Uon Sophal, AFA Chairperson and FNN as local host ---Marek Poznanski for the Agri-Agency ---Dr. Yang Saing Koma, GAFSP CSO-Asia representative*  Introduction of Participants  Objectives and Flow of Meeting | AFA |  |
| 09.45-12.30  health break at 10.15-10.45 | **Session 1: Sharing of Experience -- Nepal, Bangladesh, Mongolia, Cambodia**(15 minutes to share, 15 minutes for open forum)  Proposed Format for Sharing Session (Description):  1. Brief profile of GAFSP project in the country: Title, Area/Location, Stakeholders, Starting date and duration, Objectives, Strategy/Approach, Components  2. Experience with the Instrument, process and modalities of FO partnership with governmet on public resources: context, problem, initiatives, results , facilitating and hindering factors in effective partnerships with government and effective access to its resources | AFA | -ask each country org to prepare ppt  (see ppt templates) |
| 12.30-14.00 | Lunch Break |  |  |
| 14.00-15.30 | **Continuation of Session 1 -- AFA, AsiaDHRRA, Africa** (same process as above) | AFA | -ask each org to prepare ppt  (see ppt templates) |
| 15.30-17.30  health break at 16.00-16.15) | **Session 2: Capturing the Lessons Learned** (10 minutes for presentation, 5 minutes for open forum)  Proposed Format for Knowledge Generation (Analysis):  1. What were the positive, negative, and unknown factors that affected:  a. FOs effective partnerships and active/meaningful participation with government and international institutions in GAFSP processes  b. Multi-stakeholder cooperation with government, other NGOs and other FOs in accessing the public resources, particularly GAFSP  c. Effective and efficient project management | AFA | -ask each country org to prepare ppt  (see ppt templates) |
| 17.30-17.45 | Announcements |  |  |
| 19.00 | Solidarity Dinner |  |  |
| Nov 10 | | | |
| 09.00-10.00 | Synthesis of Day 1 |  |  |
| 10.00-11.00 | **Session 3: Recommendations**  Guide Questions:  1. What concrete activities can be undertaken to improve processes at country level?  2. What follow up activities are needed?  3. What kind of intervention and support do FOs need to facilitate their partnerships with government and be able to access public resources, esp. GAFSP?  4. What structures for management and cooperation among FOs and international CSO communities can be put in place?  (Each country will be given 5 minutes to think through their responses ) | AFA | -ask each country org to prepare ppt  (see ppt templates) |
| 11-11.30 | Health break |  |  |
| 11.30-12.00 | Responses from  -AsiaDHRRA -CSA -other support groups  Synthesis of Discussions of Way Forward | AFA |  |
| 12.00-12.30 | Closing Remarks  (Each country will be given 5 minutes to make closing remarks)  Announcement for Field Visit | AFA |  |
| 12.30-14.00 | Lunch Break |  |  |
| 14.00 till evening | FREE TIME  Note: Organizers to have a planning meeting |  |  |
| Nov. 11 | Field Visit to a GAFSP area |  | -FNN to make preparations, brief for field visit |