Orange Sweet Potato Feeding The Future:


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Take home messages

1. H+ Uganda delivers the OSP technologies to 286,000Hhs in 25 districts
2. HarvestPlus Uganda has further developed its M&E system by defining its objectives & scope
3. The H+ M&E system is designed on 8 key pillars
4. A data quality assurance policy & plans is essential for good data quality
5. A well designed M&E system is crucial for decision making and fundraising
6. Staff & Partner M&E capacity levels is crucial for good data quality
Harmonizing Demands
Goal: Reducing micronutrient malnutrition and improve dietary intakes of vitamin A and iron for 286,000 Hhs in 25 districts in Uganda by 2015.

Purpose: Increasing production & consumption of Orange Sweet Potatoes (OSP) and high iron beans in the area of influence

Delivery mechanism: we deliver OSP vines and training services through direct and Indirect channels
Objectives of the HarvestPlus Uganda M&E system

- Generate high quality M&E data for decision making
- Specific objectives are:
  - Setting M&E standards that conform to global M&E best practice
  - Timely recording, processing, and sharing M&E data
  - Generate accurate data for organizational learning and accountability
- We track 4 process, 8 output, 12 outcome & 3 impact level indicators
Core components of the H+ Uganda M&E system

- A data Quality Assurance Policy & Plans
- Defined critical reflection platforms - sets basis for learning
- Toolkits; M&E plans
- Online database & repository system
- M&E Staff with adequate M&E Capacity levels
- M&E manual (Framework)
- Well defined ToCs/Impact pathways
- Priority OVI & indicator definition manual
Field or Community Level project sites
IP Field Officer/community facilitators
Collect data from the farmer & transmit to the IP M&E Unit

H+ Uganda Country M&E Unit with db. access point
Receive, verify, validate data & enter into database for approval by CM

Once CM approves data is available
At H+ Global MLA Database

IP M&E Unit without database access point
Verify forms and submit completed forms to H+ Country M&E Unit

DONOR Information Needs
Other SH Information Needs
HarvestPlus Information needs MGT

Feedback is provided at all levels
How do we ensure high data quality at H+ Uganda

- Keep reference to priority indicator list & reference manual
- Customising generic data collection tools
- Sharing tools with partners and training utilisation
- Developing country level data quality assessment plans
- Periodic data quality assessments at country program and partner level
Main M&E Outputs for H+ Uganda

• Raw data
  – On hard copy forms from partners
  – Country specific database
  – In the Household Workflow database – H+ wide
  – Data files from surveys

• Reports
  – Annual report to USAID
  – Annual and quarterly reports for HarvestPlus
  – Survey reports

• Mid term evaluation

• Success/impact stories
Utilization of our M&E Outputs for H+ Uganda

• Data is well disaggregated to allow better planning & decision making -
• Cleaned raw data in the database is used for research work
• Inform Learning from our results
• Fundraising with donors
• Advocacy at public policy
Constraints for M&E activities

Limited capacity for local partners
  - Data capture, processing and management

Budget cuts for M&E activities

Harvest Plus Global
  - Different crops (6) for ten countries
  - Harmonizing tools for different indicators
  - Different data bases for different countries
  - Different implementation approaches

Different indicators for different systems
  - Feed the future system
  - USAID
  - Harvest Plus global
Looking ahead for improved M&E delivery

• Strengthening data collection capacity at partner level
• Finalizing the new expanded database and training staff in its use
• Fundraise for M&E or lobby at H+ level for more $
• Intensify data quality checks and develop formal reports that enable easy follow up to ensure improvement
• Focus on pilot cost indicators to enable management to compute:
  - Cost of **producing a unit** of planting material
  - Cost of **delivering a unit** of planting material
  - Cost of **reaching a household**...........with planting material
Sample of data collection tools

– Distribution forms
– Training attendance sheets and training reports
– Review tools for farmers growing OSP
– Tools for children under five
– Tools for tracking OSP vines disseminated by non partner NGOS and private sector
– Tools for estimating OSP vines with multipliers
Farmers reached through marketing vines

- Multipliers data
  - Collected from multipliers
  - Captures NGO data

- NGO data
  - Reveals how many farm Hhs reached with vines
  - Called indirect hhs