Monitoring, Learning and Evaluation in Going-to-Scale

SASHA

Sweetpotato Action for Security and Health in Africa

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Presentation outline



Historical perspective

Lessons from past interventions

What we need to learn going forward BIGGER

What system of MLE will facilitate the learning?

SASHA Interventions – the vines

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SASHA intervention contd...

- Nutrition...
 - Information on the benefits of consuming OFSP
 - Nutrition information via CHWs in Mama SASHA
- Agronomy...
 - Sensitization in Marando Bora
- Value Chain

-- Linking farmers to markets

The result....



 More farmers planting OFSP

More land under OFSP?



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What else?



- More OFSP in local markets
 - Roadside
 - Wet/retail market outlets
- ... And in the commercial value chains



So what do we know....



- # 1: It is possible to increase adoption of OFSP given the right mix of factors (RAC)
- # 2: SP (and hence OFSP) is not just a woman's crop – Okello, Sindi et al, 2014; RAC (David)
- # 3: Consumption of OFSP contribute to reduction of VAD
- # 4: Kids actually like the orange color of OFSP
- # 5: There is commercial sector interest in

How did we learn these?



- Proof of concept studies
 CIP, HarvestPlus,
- Monitoring what we are doing
 - Rwanda, Mozambique, Malawi,, RAC designed and used tools for monitoring
 - Going-to-scale Mozambique, Ethiopia
- Evaluation studies.....
 - Early adoption --- in Tanzania

So CIP has been doing M&E, BUT.....

There are many things we still don't know yet...



...and many others we need to better understand.

Here are the things we need to learn

- # 1: Vine delivery system
 - Multiplier characteristics & supply
 - Targeting vulnerable households.
 - Capturing indirect beneficiaries
 - Quality assurance
- # 2: OFSP production
 - Who is planting our vines?
 - Is there planting in season 3, 4, ... season?
 How best do we capture production, yield?





Things to learn contd....



- # 3. Markets
 - 1. Producers:
 - Share sold; where sold; # supplying processor
 - Prices by market type
- 2. Consumers
 - Frequency and vol of purchase of roots; products
 - Price of roots by market type
 - # and price of products

Things to learn contd....



- # 4. Key household welfare indicators
- 1. Dietary indicators
 - Gendered nutrition knowledge; diet diversity; freq of Vit A consumption (incl OFSP); min acceptable diet; IYCF practices; ...

Food security indicators

 Copying strategy, World Bank index; HIAS



Things to learn contd...



- # 5. Gender
 - Min. vs desirable gender disaggregation of data
 - Measurement of empowerment
- # 6. Gross margins
 - Capturing returns to family labor roots and vines
- #7. Agro-processor
 - # products

- akarabo biscuits
- Vol and value of sales by store and trader

Hence in going-to-scale....



..... the emphasis will be on Monitoring Learning Evaluation



BIG



- # 1. How do we the MLE to...
 - Generate credible data
 - Enhance learning
 - At the lowest possible time and



- Without exasperating field staff/partners

• # 2. What system of MLE do we adopt?

M&E Systems (some)...



Utilization-Focused M&E – SUSTAIN?

Results-Based M&E – RTB?

What is Utilization-Focused Evaluation?

- Focuses on intended use and users.
- Key users (stakeholders) decide
 - Purpose and criteria
 - Content, theory of change,...
 - >> evaluator is a negotiator of consensuses
- It is highly personal and situational
 Focuses on users rather than audience
- Data collected & used for decision-making.
 - "No report to gather dust on the bookshelves" (Patton M. Quinn, 2009)

UFE contd...



- UFE recognizes need to collect credible data
- Evaluator:
 - Is scientist must collect "technically impeccable data while staying above ... project politics and utilization relationships" Quinn (2009)
 - Consultative seek to hear and adjust according to the situation >>>Be Active-Reactive-Adaptive
 - Surveillance and compliance keep an eye on expenses

Result Based M&E



 In RBE, the focus of the monitoring is on the outcomes of a project
 >> Result = Outcome

M&E as conceptualized by RTB

Structured in 2 blocks





Way forward....

- Which system of MLE?
 Hybrid?
- How do we collect this data – Paper or Smart phone?
- Monitoring projects
 - "Rent or buy"?
- Regularity of monitoring
 - Lesson from RAC





Thanks!!!