

MLE CoP Update



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Sweetpotato
to Profit and Health
Initiative

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Purpose of MLE CoP



- Share experiences, knowledge and skills
- Identify harmonized approaches/methods for monitoring and tackling challenges
- **GET BETTER TOGETHER**
 - At generating & documenting the evidence base



RALLYING VISION



Update

Who we are...



Now we're 45, and growing..



March 2015 = 16

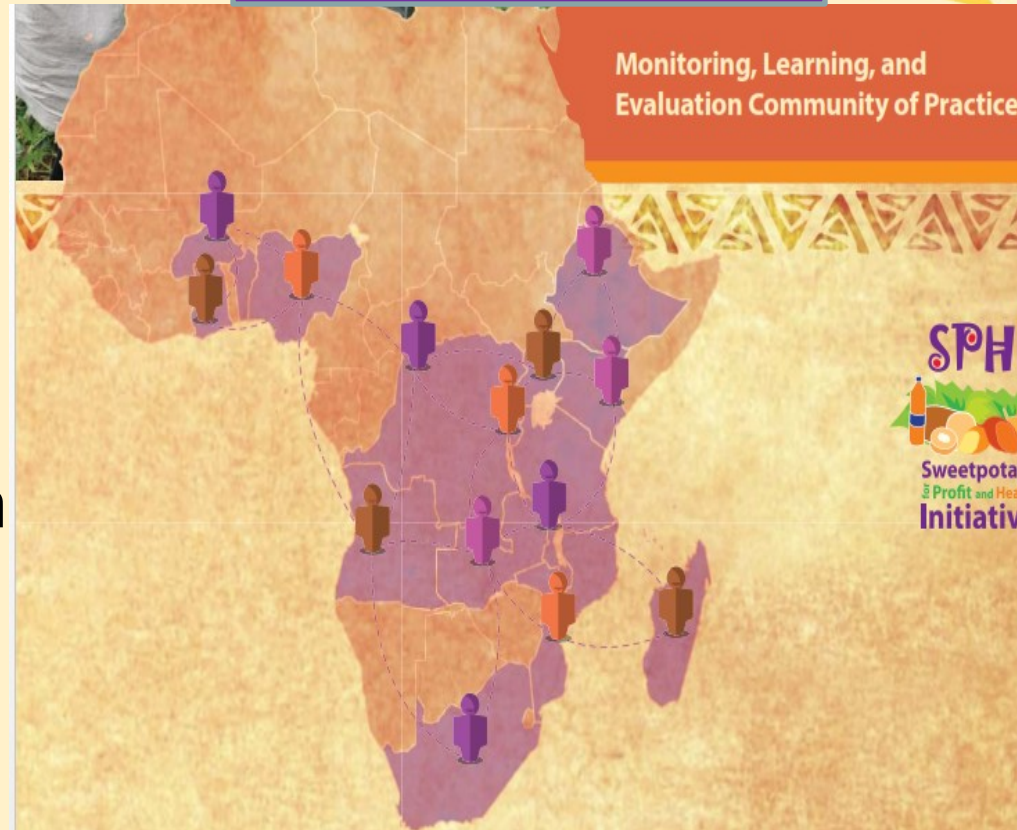


Who we are ... Diverse



- Disciplinary areas
 - Agricultural Economics
 - Int'l development
 - M&E ↗
 - Agribusiness/marketing
 - Animal breeding
 - Computer science
 - Biometrics & project plan
 - Value chain
 - Gender
 - Public health
 - Agronomist

Geographical placement



Organizational diversity



Review of achievements in 2016



- **4 active online discussions:**
 - **Topic #1: Production metrics in Sweetpotato Projects – How do we measure output, area, yield and GM?**
 - **Topic #2-2016: Sweetpotato variety identification**

Discussion topics contd....



- **Topic #3: M&E data quality management**
1- data accuracy, sysmis and extreme values
- **Topic #4: Capturing vine/seed beneficiaries in mass dissemination event**

Some consensuses...



- **#1: Yield and Gross margin measurement**
 - Estimates based on recall riddled with problems
 - Best to use crop cut
- **#2: Variety identification**
 - Use local experts and knowledge >> finger printing coming but not here yet
 - Label, label, label >>> when it has a FANCY name already, they need not give it another

Some consensuses contd...



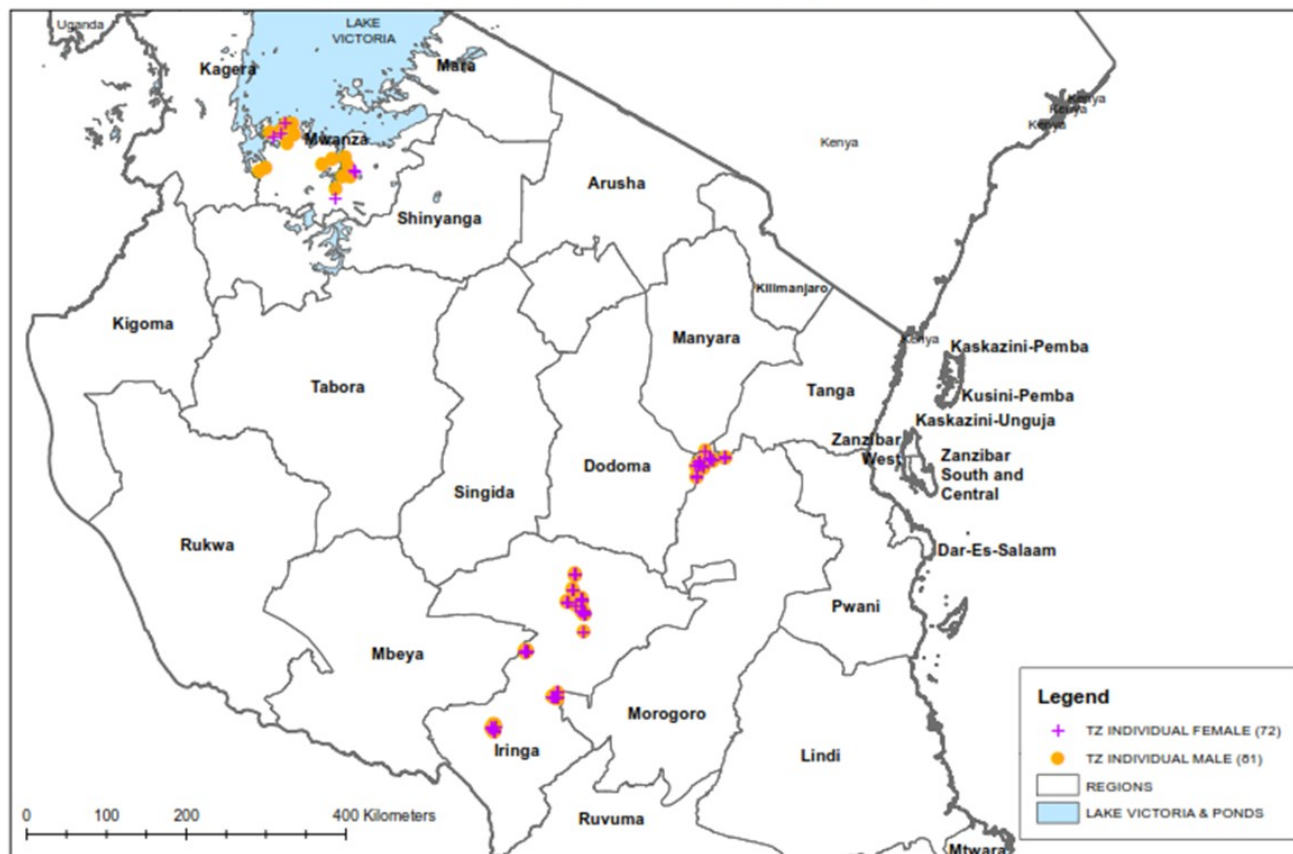
- **# 3: Data quality management**
 - Spend enough time in designing questions, training enumerators & hire keen supervisors
 - Use scientific methods if replacing missing data
- **#4: Planning mass distribution event**
 - Do good forward planning & allocate sufficient time
 - Work with community leaders to list beneficiaries ahead of time

Mapping of vine multipliers



- Conducted successful mapping of vine multipliers in 9 SSA countries
- And you mostly did it on your own!
 - Only Uganda was supported by Norman

TANZANIA VINE MULTIPLIERS - 2016



M&E MANUAL



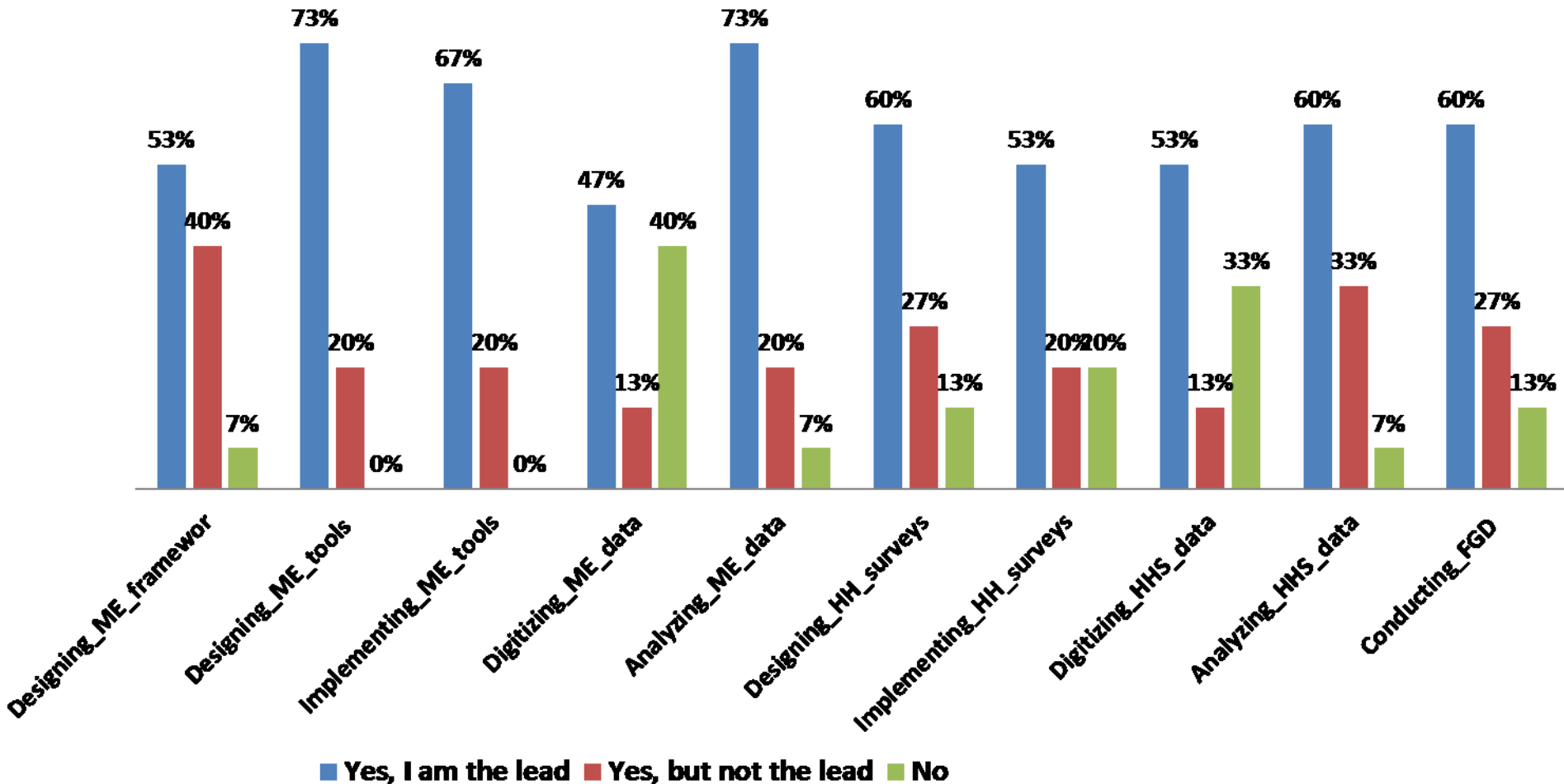
This is MAIN subject of this meeting

2016

Tools and Techniques for Monitoring Key Indicators of Sweetpotato Interventions in sub-Saharan Africa: A Practitioner's Manual

Prepared by CIP Monitoring Learning and Evaluation Team
Temesgen Bocher, Luka Wanjohi, Jan Low, Julius Okello, Srinivasulu Rajendran, Kirimi
Sindi and Christine Bukania

Thinking ahead...



The overwhelming majority are non-M&E professionals by training.
This is one of the major reason why the CoP is so crucial
✓ To build our collective capacity to deliver

.. .and therefore this meeting has a session
on M&E planning
(Thursday morning)

Thanks!!!