



ACTION PLAN FOR AFRICA TRAINING COMPONENT

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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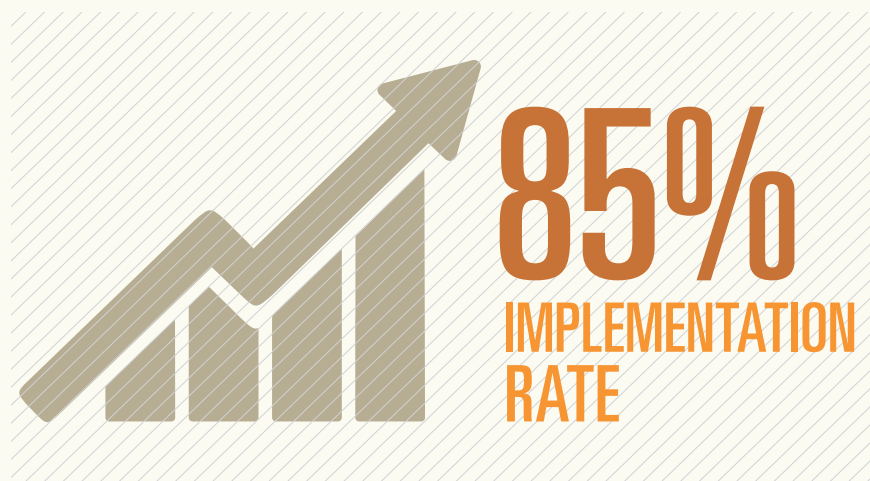
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FEATURE STORY:

SUMMARY OF THE TRAINING COMPONENT: 6 MONTHS PERFORMANCE REPORT

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The advent of the third quarter in July beacons that we stop and take stock of activities implemented by the Training Component during the first 2 quarters of the year. The training component needed to meet a number of milestones and financial targets in order to advance into implementing its ensuing period of programme activities; as well as obtaining additional financial support for the same.

As a result, the mid-year performance report of the Global Office has praised the performance of the Training Component implementation by ECA to a very large extent. The report has also indicated serious areas for improvement, promising and good practices and essential areas that needed to be sustained.

One of the major milestones within the implementation is output in relation to the “Increased capacity of agricultural statistics staff in training centers and target countries”. The indicator for this out-

put “Number of technical reports, guidelines and training material developed” is met “Above The Target”. This takes into consideration the 80 different types of training materials produced and disseminated by ECA since the onset of the component implementation. On the overall financial performance of the training complement, ECA has managed to attain 85% implementation of the resources taking into consideration the obligations and commitments made under the component. Based on this performance, the GO Office has undertaken a possible Risk analysis concerning the capacity of partners to implement in 2018. Out of the six outputs where the training component is concerned, the GO has rated the ECA as no risk involved in 5 of the outputs and indicated some potential risk in regards to sustaining staffing. The global office has lauded the increased efforts of ECA to implement improved communication and visibility of its activities and recommended this to continue further.

PRACTICAL TOOLBOX FOR EU FUNDS PROJECT MANAGERS AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT 30TH AUGUST – 1ST SEPTEMBER 2017 BERLIN, GERMANY

The Training Component Management team had been part of a training entitled: Practical Toolbox for EU Funds Project Managers and Project Management at the European academy for Taxes, Economics and Law. The training focused on the EU requirements of managing funds, managing projects and the process of preparing for audits and evaluation as per EU regulations. The training was provided by experienced facilitators from various walks of experience in managing and lading EU funded programmes and activities. The topics covered included Cost

Benefit Analysis by Mateu Turró of European Investment Bank, Evaluation Techniques by Mr. Stanisław Bienias Former Head of the National Evaluation Unit of the Polish Ministry of Regional Development, Poland and Project Management by Bénédic Wauters Deputy Director for Innovation, Belgium and Anna Kanakaki, Agency for the Management of Development Ministry of Health, Greece. The Training Component team has gained strong insight into EU fund management and processing aspects.

ACHIEVEMENTS

QUARTER THREE IN NUMBERS



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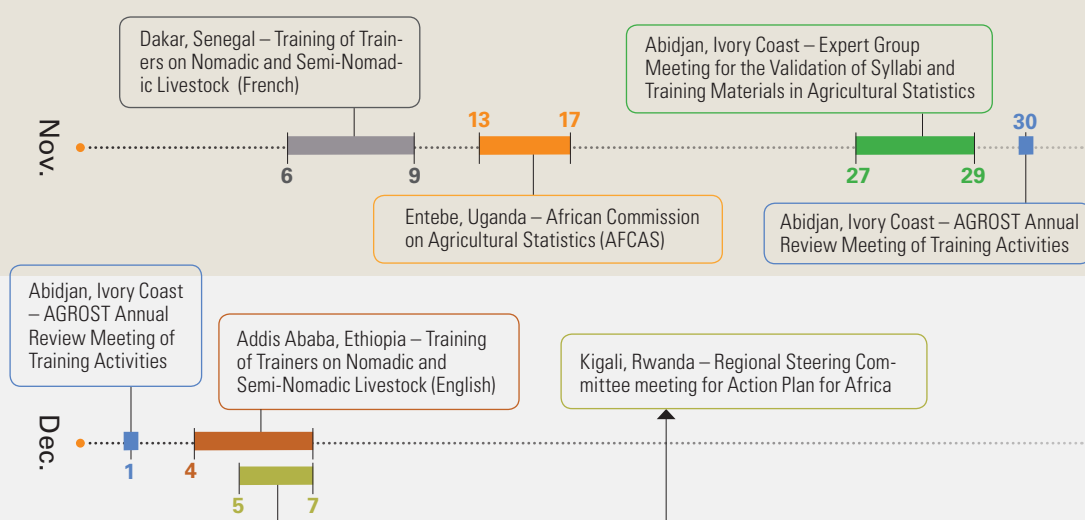
Countries recieved appropriate training on the use of cost-effective methodologies



MISSIONS UNDERTAKEN

- Gaborone, Botswana
- Berlin, Germany
- Tunisia, Tunis
- Rabat, Morocco

ACTIVITIES IN THE LAST QUARTER 2017



November

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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December

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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TRAININGS OVERVIEW

In this quarter, the training component focused on extending the implementation of the training of trainers to additional universities, training centers as well as NSOs and Ministries of Agriculture. Three training of trainer workshops on the topics of Effective use of Administrative Data, Food Balance Sheets in English and French have been delivered. The trainings have been generously hosted by the respective national statistical offices of Statistics Botswana, National Statistical Institutes of Morocco and Tunisia. The three workshops have served almost 80 participants from a total of 21 African Countries. Institution wise, an extensive reach has been undertaken in inviting new and active universities working in Agricultural Statistics training and research across the various sub-regions in the continent.

TRAINING OF TRAINERS WORKSHOP ON AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS: FOOD BALANCE SHEETS

FROM 7 TO 11 AUGUST, 2017 GABORONE, BOTSWANA

The main objectives of this Training of Trainers (ToT) workshop was to give the participants the skills and competencies necessary for producing and using as a team a Food Balance sheet based on agricultural censuses and surveys that allow easy integration of the data from various areas of statistics, including demographic statistics and other economic statistics.

The ToT was primarily designed to serve Statistical Training Centers, Schools, and Universities as well as national statistical offices and Ministries of agriculture dealing with the production and contributing to the development of National Food Balance Sheets in their respective countries. Some selected NSOs were invited to present their experiences as practical showcase. The participants for this training were drawn from statistical training Centers and Universities such as L'Institut Sous-régional de Statistique et d'Economie Appliquée (ISSEA)- Cameroun, Institut De formation Et de Recherche Demographiques (IFORD)- Cameroun, Haremaya University- Harar, Ethiopia, Makerere University – Kampala, Uganda , Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS)- Egypt, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Khartoum, Sudan; Fisheries Hatchery Management, Aquatic Pollution and Toxicology, University of IBADAN- Nigeria ; University of Nairobi, Faculty of Agriculture, Nairobi, Kenya ; University of Namibia, Faculty of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Windhoek, Namibia; Department of Mathematics and Sta-



tistics, University of Zambia, Lusaka Zambia ; School of Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science, University of Kwazulu-Natal, South Africa. The National Statistical Offices from the following countries were also integral part of the training of trainers: Lesotho, Malawi, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Gambia, Libya, Rwanda, and South Sudan

The workshop was officially opened by Ms. Ms Anna Majelantle, Statistics General of the National Statistics Office of Botswana. In her opening Ms. Majelantle stated FBS were the main source of data used in the assessment and appreciation of the world food situation and they were also suitable in estimating the overall food shortages or surplus in a country. "They are useful in developing projections of future food supply and demand as well as evaluating national food and nutrition policies," she said, adding that FBS provided sound baseline data for policy analysis and decision-making needed to ensure food security. She said they expected the workshop to result with better understanding of the requirements for producing and using FBS to enhance statistics on agriculture and to improve physical scope of official statistics by mainstreaming agricultural statistics within the national statistical systems of Africa. On the other hand, she said this would ultimately result in an enhanced capacity of African national statistical systems that produced and disseminated high quality agricultural statistics.¹

¹ Goweditswe Kome: 08 August 2017, "Development stakeholders collaborate to improve agricultural statistics" Botswana Daily News. <http://www.daily-news.gov.bw/news-details.php?id=37681>

LES STATISTICIENS AFRICAINS RENFORCENT LEUR SAVOIR-FAIRE DANS LE DOMAINE AGRICOLE DU 22 AU 25 AOÛT 2017 À RABAT (MAROC)



Dans le cadre de la Stratégie mondiale pour l'amélioration de l'agriculture et du milieu rural la CEA, en partenariat avec l'Organisation des Nations unies pour l'alimentation et l'agriculture (FAO), la Banque Africaine de Développement (BAD) et le Haut-Commissariat au Plan (HCP, Maroc), a organisé du 22 au 25 août 2017 à Rabat (Maroc) un atelier de formation sur les bilans alimentaires pour les statistiques agricoles. L'atelier a réuni 21 participants issus de 10 pays africains francophones (Cameroun, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Mali, Maroc, Mauritanie, Niger, Sénégal, Tchad et Togo). Le but de l'atelier était d'améliorer la disponibilité et la qualité des statistiques nationales et internationales dans les domaines de l'alimentation et de l'agriculture en vue de faciliter la prise de décision dans ces domaines. Les participants ont ainsi pu approfondir leurs connaissances des principes et des méthodes, ainsi que des différentes composantes des bilans alimentaires. Un cas pratique leur a aussi permis d'établir étape par étape l'élaboration des bilans alimentaires. Par ailleurs, tout au long de l'atelier, les participants ont pu partager leurs expériences et observations sur l'élaboration des bilans alimentaires de leur pays respectifs.

Dans l'ensemble, les participants ont été satisfaits du déroulement de l'atelier et ont trouvé la formation utile. Ils sont donc encouragés à partager leurs connaissances nouvellement acquises au sein de leurs organisations respectives.

21 participants
de 10 pays

Cameroun (1), Côte d'Ivoire (1), Djibouti (1), Mali (2), Maroc (10), Mauritanie (1), Niger (1), Sénégal (2), Tchad (1), Togo (1)

FORMATION SUR L'UTILISATION DES DONNÉES ADMINISTRATIVES POUR LES SYSTÈMES DE STATISTIQUES AGRICOLES TENU DU 3 AU 6 OCTOBRE 2017 À TUNIS, TUNISI



La Commission économiques des Nations unies pour l'Afrique 'CEA' a organisé un atelier régional de formation sur l'utilisation des données administratives dans les statistiques agricoles du 3 au 6 octobre 2017 à Tunis (Tunisie). Il a été ouvert par le Directeur Général de Statistique Tunisie et clôturé par le Directeur des statistiques agricoles de la Tunisie. L'atelier a regroupé 24 participants provenant de 9 pays africains francophones conformément au tableau suivant: Les représentants des pays respectifs provenaient des Ministères de l'agriculture, des universités, des centres de recherche et des centres de formation statistique.

La formation a été officiellement ouverte par le Directeur général de l'Institut national de statistique de Tunisie, M. Hédi Saïdi. Dans son allocution d'ouverture, le directeur général a souligné l'importance de la statistique agricole. Plus important encore, il a déclaré le rôle que joue la Stratégie mondiale pour faire progresser les compétences et les capacités en matière de statistiques agricoles en Afrique. La Tunisie a une expérience louable dans l'utilisation efficace des données administratives dans la production de statistiques agricoles. Ceci est également renforcé par le fort partenariat avec le ministère de l'Agriculture.

24 participants
de 9 pays

Burkina Faso (2), Cameroun (2), Côte d'Ivoire (2), Mali (1), Maroc (2), Rwanda (1), Sénégal (1), Tchad (1), Tunisie (12)