

Prolinnova–Uganda Country Platform Annual Report Summary, 2016

Key activities	Key achievement
<p>A) Participatory innovation development (PID) through joint experimentation</p>	<p><i>a) Farmer innovations for climate change adaptation and mitigation identified and promoted through PID.</i></p> <p><i>b) Enhanced collaboration between stakeholders (i.e. farmer innovators, agricultural extension workers, local government technical leaders and researchers) towards advancing farmer innovations through PID.</i></p> <p>PID was conducted through joint experimentation in Moyo and Nakasongola Districts as part of the activities implemented through the CLIC–SR project. This process involved key stakeholders such as farmer innovators, agricultural extension workers, local government technical leaders and researchers. The innovations further developed through joint experimentation were largely those that contributed to climate change adaptation and mitigation such as the transition beehive and water harvesting and conservation in tree nursery management.</p>
<p>B) Documentation and dissemination of innovations for climate change adaptation and mitigation</p>	<p><i>a) The contribution towards climate change adaptation and mitigation through farmer innovation was profiled through documentation and dissemination of farmer innovations in climate change adaptation and mitigation.</i></p> <p>This was conducted largely through implementation of targeted participatory processes involving key stakeholders at community, local and national levels, as part of activity implementation under the CLIC–SR project. Consequently, the following publications were generated and disseminated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) A booklet of innovations for climate change adaptation and mitigation ii) Policy brief on innovations for climate change adaptation and mitigation iii) 2 case studies on innovations for climate change adaptation and mitigation, i.e. the transitional beehive in Moyo District and the economic utilisation of water in tree nursery management in Nakasongola District.
<p>C) Supporting innovation for exposure through participation in exhibitions in national events</p>	<p><i>a) Farmer innovations and associated concerns/issues presented and shared with key stakeholders (i.e. policy- and decision-makers) during exhibitions for celebrated days at community, local and national level.</i></p> <p><i>b) Improved networking and information sharing among farmer innovators, their farmer groups and other stakeholders at community, local and national level.</i></p>
<p>D) Engagement with policy- and decision-makers (e.g. through targeted dialogues)</p>	<p><i>a) Key policy issues (challenges and gaps) limiting innovation for climate change adaptation and mitigation identified and documented through key stakeholder engagement at national level.</i></p> <p><i>b) Recognition of farmer innovativeness by the extension staff and researchers.</i></p> <p><i>c) Key policy recommendations for advancing climate change adaptation and mitigation identified and documented through key stakeholder engagement at national level.</i></p>

	<p>These were achieved through targeted dialogues involving both relevant duty bearers (such as National Research Organisations, Uganda National Council of Science and Technology, Universities, Local Government, Uganda National Farmers Federation, Civil Society...) and rights holders (i.e. farmers, innovators) at local and national level; the latter workshop held on 6 July at Eureka Place Hotel in Ntinda, Kampala, involved 36 participants (28 men and 8 women).</p>
<p>D) Governance of Prolinnova–Uganda Country Platform</p>	<p><i>a) Technical and policy guidance provided to the Prolinnova–Uganda Secretariat to advance implementation of the programme of the Country Platform (CP).</i> <i>b) The members of the steering committee and core team of Prolinnova–Uganda are well informed about the Prolinnova international network’s strategic plan 2016–20.</i></p> <p>These were achieved through organising and conducting the following: i) 3 core team meetings ii) 2 steering committee meetings.</p>
<p>E) Membership coordination, servicing, and mobilisation</p>	<p><i>a) The members of Prolinnova–Uganda are well informed about the Prolinnova International network’s strategic plan 2016–20.</i> <i>b) The members of Prolinnova–Uganda receive regular updates with information about promoting local innovation in sustainable agriculture and natural resource management.</i></p> <p>These were achieved through regular sharing of information through the online platforms (website, social media and email). Besides, a members’ forum was organised during which the new strategic plan was presented and discussed.</p>
<p>F) Attended International Partners Workshop (IPW) 2016</p>	<p><i>a) Two members of the Prolinnova–Uganda, i.e. from Environmental Alert (Joshua Zake) and Kulika–Uganda (Harriet Ndagire) as representatives were informed about the Prolinnova International network’s strategy 2016–20 and shared reports and experiences about the Uganda CP (i.e. progress, achievements, challenges, experiences and lessons learnt). This was largely through participation in the IPW held in Thiès, Senegal, on 16–20 May 2016.</i></p> <p>This workshop brought together representatives of CPs, the Prolinnova Oversight Group (POG), the International Support Team (IST) and the International Secretariat of Prolinnova to discuss the CPs’ progress, share experiences and learn from each other. The meeting discussed local innovation and methodologies to promote PID, International Farmer Innovation Day, status and future prospects for Prolinnova, and the Prolinnova international network strategic plan 2016–20 and approved it as a working document. Besides, it provided opportunity for sharing experiences and lessons in respect to CLIC–SR project implementation in Uganda. Thus, key documented cases on farmer innovation were exhibited during the workshop.</p>
<p>G) Prolinnova–Uganda CP development</p>	<p><i>a) Submitted a proposal to donor for possible funding as part of development of the Uganda CP. This was largely through generating new ideas into the proposal as a response to a funding call. It involved strategic partnership engagements.</i></p>

	<p>The proposal <i>“Improving Nutrition through Local Innovation in Food Processing and Marketing (NutriPro)”</i> was developed and submitted in response to a call from the German Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL).</p> <p><i>b) Engaged new partnership to further develop the Prolinnova–Uganda programme</i>, for instance, partnership with AGC (A Growing Culture), which held a stakeholder’s workshop on 19–22 September at Kikandwa Environmental Association in Mityana, during which modalities and strategies for setting up an online-based farmers’ library were discussed.</p>
Key challenges	Key steps for addressing the challenges
a) Inadequate funding for Prolinnova–Uganda	This is still work in progress and will be addressed through continuous fundraising and initiating/establishment of strategic partnerships.
b) Inadequate staffing for Prolinnova–Uganda	The coordination of Prolinnova–Uganda is now managed through the Executive Director’s office at Environmental Alert.

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