

PROLINNOVA

PROMoting Local INNOVAtion
in ecologically-oriented agriculture and natural resource management

SUMMARY WORKSHOP REPORT

BUILDING THE CAPACITY OF RESOURCE PERSONS IN PARTICIPATORY INNOVATION DEVELOPMENT

TRAINING OF TRAINERS COURSE IN KENYA

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1.0 Introduction to training

PROLINNOVA International in partnership with IIRR conducted a Training of Facilitators course in Ethiopia last year with the main objective of building in country capacity on Participatory Innovation Development (PID). PROLINNOVA Kenya sent two participants to the course (Esther Bett and Qureish Noordin). World Vision sponsored Emmanuel Fondo for the course. One of the way forward identified at the training workshop in Ethiopia was for these trained facilitators to support PROLINNOVA country programs to train other members and continue building the PID pool of expertise. PROLINNOVA Kenya had already in its work plans a training to build capacity of its members on PID. This was to be in two stages: first, it was to facilitate the training of development agents, researchers, academicians and practitioners supporting key farmer organizations. The second phase was to involve members of farmer organizations at the grass root level.

PROLINNOVA Kenya organized the first training in Nakuru from 28th to 30th November 2007 and 28 participants attended the two day workshop which was facilitated by Qureish Noordin as lead trainer, Maryleen Micheni (PELUM Kenya) and Shikuku (SACDEP). Participants came from different organizations/institutions namely, NGOs, key CBOs, research institutions, universities, government departments and some from private sector. Egerton University participated from the academic institutions and the Kenya Agricultural Research Institute (KARI) from the research organizations.

The training program is at the end of the report. However, due to time limitations, the topics on M&E for PID and the one on methods for data collection were not handled. However, participants were given hand outs on these two topics. The mode of delivery was through lectures, group discussions, plenary debates and hand outs. The training materials used were mainly those from the Ethiopia workshop but were adapted to fit the Kenyan context.

2.0 KEY ISSUES FROM WORKSHOP

Key deliberations from the workshop are summarized below

2.1 CONTINUOUS NETWORKING AND INFORMATION SHARING: HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL SHARING

- Start from the same level as researchers and farmers
- During trainings carry out networking
- Membership – target teams in organizations not an individual person; loyalties where members are expected to contribute in certain aspects;
- During agricultural shows
- During field days e.g. with KARI which are regional
- During advertisements of stakeholder organizations, take advantage of sharing info as PROLINNOVA
- Research week at Egerton Univ
- Use farmer field schools, during farmer competitions and exhibitions
- Updates / e-newsletter from the secretariat (Monthly)
- Referencing may be required for something to be crowned an innovation (product)

2.2 POLICY INFLUENCING

- Take into account organizational policies in information sharing
- Policy issues affecting patenting – study and identify the areas that need emphasis in PROLINNOVA; minimizes litigation issues
- Entry point - Innovations that fit into the systems can be incorporated immediately e.g. moringa in health, NR, Agric etc
- Strengthen communication channels to strengthen the voices by use of e.g. use of policy briefs i.e. target specific
- Devise a way in which farmer innovators have credibility by working with credible sources. This will convince them that the innovation is fit for consumption
- Sharing inventions / innovations should have the protection in the event of anything when working with e.g. research institutions so that the innovators information is protected by MoUs or agreements etc
- Work with KIPPI and find out ways of protecting information

2.3 EXPERIMENTATION IN PID

- How do we validate innovations so that they are credible? Some issues are under discussion and members will be brought on board to contribute and share
- The review of the experimented work becomes the entry point to the validation process

2.4 STRUCTURES AND CAPACITY BUILDING OF POOL OF EXPERTS AT LOCAL LEVEL

- Trainings – consistency where certain people go through the whole process for continuity purposes. Use references of participants
- Identification of researchers – not only the academicians but include those farmers that make deliberate efforts to solve a problem

2.5 RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

- Fund raising e.g. writing proposals
- Technical assistance
- Volunteer services
- Membership fee,
- Government – CDF, Njaa marufuku, youth fund, women fund, etc
- Subscriptions
- Philanthropists
- Member institutions incorporate a component in their routine proposals so that there is a component of Promotion of local Innovation work

2.6 HOW TO PROMOTE INNOVATORS

- Co-author and acknowledge them in published documents
- Enhance the capacity of farmer innovators in IPR
- Facilitating their exposure e.g. during exhibitions
- Supporting them in up scaling their innovations e.g. linking them to financial institutions
- Technical support i.e. from research institutions, product development etc
- In marketing they can be promoted by institutions

- Linking them with Industry e.g. medicinal products
- Support in the value chain development

3.0 WAY FORWARD

Organisations were asked to prepare realistic activities that they will undertake to promote PID. Below are the workplans

1) Busia Environmental Management Association (BERMA)

1. Awareness creation (make copies of the training materials).
2. Writing proposals
3. Inventorization of innovations

Resources required:

- Photocopies
- Financing workshop for 3 days
- Collection of innovation
- members come together
- review of submissions
- compilation of submissions

2. VIFAN

TOPIC	ACTION – WHAT WILL BE DONE	SUPPORT REQUIRED
Awareness Creation	a) Talk to community groups, youth, women. b) Develop information sheets to disseminate to the community c) Holding 2 day seminars or training.	a) more information on PID b) funds to develop information sheets to disseminate c) funds to move about

		(transport), funds for training, meals, writing material
Collection of Innovations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) village walks b) seminars c) local exhibitions to identify innovations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) mobility funds b) writing material c) stationery d) transport reimbursement for participants e) meals

3. CODEP

TOPIC	ACTION – WHAT WILL BE DONE	SUPPORT REQUIRED
Awareness Creation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Training other members of our staff b) Training farmers in different areas c) Include PID in COSDEPs newsletter (Ecostyle) 	Funds for transport, meals and photocopies
Collection of Innovations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Assist in identification of innovations b) Co-work in modification in closing the gaps c) Link innovators with relevant partners e.g. market, researchers d) Up scaling 	Funds for incentives

4. RURAL OUTREACH DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES (RODI – KENYA)

TOPIC	ACTION – WHAT WILL BE DONE	SUPPORT REQUIRED
Awareness Creation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Incorporating into the training programme b) Incorporating into the organization brochures c) Training opinion leaders in the communities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Provision for travel, facilitation b) Updates on new information c) Sharing among the stakeholders
Collection of Innovations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Working closely with the community livelihood group formed around the ex-prisoners b) Networking with the opinion leaders in the community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Provisions for travel and facilitation b) materials

5. NFCI

TOPIC	ACTION – WHAT WILL BE DONE	SUPPORT REQUIRED
Awareness Creation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) farmer groups training on policies in relation to PID b) create awareness to the farmer groups about PROLINNOVA c) promoting ideas of PROLINNOVA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) pamphlets additional financial support to organize workshops
Collection of Innovations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Documentation of farmer innovations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Additional financial support for field survey documentations

6. NECOFA

TOPIC	ACTION – WHAT WILL BE DONE	SUPPORT REQUIRED
Awareness Creation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Training the community groups under the organization at grassrootsb) Organize a farmers exhibition/cooperative training day (join all the groups)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Training material (simplified notes)b) Invite a secretariat from PROLINNOVA
Collection of Innovations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Organise an exhibition field day in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture to identify different innovations.b) Help document different innovationsc) On farm visits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Financial support to cater for lunch and transport

7. EGERTON UNIVERSITY

Value adding of milk to the farmer

1. Awareness: You can add value by making yoghurt using different flavours e.g. charcoal to make mursik and artificial culture from the supermarket.

2. Collect information from: Bulbul – Kalenjin community
Ng’ondu – Kikuyu Community

3. Support/Action

- i. bring farmers together for training

- ii. give technology to them on how to go about
- iii. funds for stationery
- iv. buy milk and ingredients, hiring the hall and equipment

8. RIDEP

TOPIC	ACTION – WHAT WILL BE DONE	SUPPORT REQUIRED
Awareness Creation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Hold discussions at the board level on the sameb) Bring together the collaboratory institutions, groups, relevant government ministries representation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Some funds to make reimbursements for transport costsb) Facilitator
Collection of Innovations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Bring together the innovatorsb) Organize for open field day for the innovatorsc) Field visitsd) Conduct interviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Funds to hold the exhibitions , make documentation, give incentives to innovators.

9. SACRED KENYA

Awareness Creation

- a) Offering training to members
- b) Writing proposals to donors
- c) Voluntary services by its members
- d) Support for PROLINNOVA

Collection of Innovation

- a) Facilitate them to exposure i.e. during field day exhibition
- b) Linking them with institutions of higher learning
- c) Technical support i.e. from research institute

10. WORLD NEIGHBORS – BUSIA AND NYANZA

TOPIC	ACTION – WHAT WILL BE DONE	SUPPORT REQUIRED
Awareness Creation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Mobilization of reps (change teams) b) Sharing information about PROLINNOVA. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Highlights on farmer led experimentation and set date for identifying innovations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Lunch 3 people and transport b) Lunch 30 people and writing materials
Collection of Innovations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Identify available innovations b) Suggest on major challenges that can be tackled through experimentation c) Set date, place and what needs to be experimented 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Writing material b) Lunch c) Transport

11. KENDAT

TOPIC	ACTION – WHAT WILL BE DONE	SUPPORT REQUIRED
Awareness Creation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Hold a one (1) day sensitization meeting for all KENDAT staff on PROLINNOVA initiative b) Develop a community development officers action plan on existing innovations generation and documentation c) Hold a plenary session on 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 1 taskforce resource person b) Standard tools for information generations and documentation c) 1 taskforce resource person and lunch

	sharing of innovations generated and documented	
Collection of Innovations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Hold community awareness meeting on innovations b) Conduct documentation sessions with groups and communities on innovation 	b) Community lunch

12. UCRC

TOPIC	ACTION – WHAT WILL BE DONE	SUPPORT REQUIRED
Awareness Creation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Share in community meetings b) Put in local/user friendly language c) Use target group friendly mode e.g. orally to the community members and through newsprints or internet for other partners or affiliates. 	
Collection of Innovations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) By use of extension farmers b) Observations c) Home/field visits d) Exposure visits 	

13. KARI

TOPIC	ACTION – WHAT WILL BE DONE	SUPPORT REQUIRED
Awareness Creation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Seminars and workshops management scientists b) Talk in the upcoming conference c) Agricultural forum exhibition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Technical support b) Technical support c) Technical support
Collection of Innovations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Capacity building in identifying farmer innovation and working with them in experimentation and validation b) Inventory of farmer innovations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Funds b) Technical support

14. ROP

TOPIC	ACTION – WHAT WILL BE DONE	SUPPORT REQUIRED
Awareness Creation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Sensitize b) Train c) Evaluate 	<u>Financial support</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Teaching, training and sensitization. ○ Pay trainers ○ Writing materials (paper, flip charts, felt pens)
Collection of Innovations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Through the various women's groups in the district b) Through the different farmers groups c) Observation d) Through training and sensitizations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Financial support to cater for lunch and transport b) Human resource support c) Up scaling of innovation needs support from various organizations

15. SACDEP

TOPIC	ACTION – WHAT WILL BE DONE	SUPPORT REQUIRED
Awareness Creation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Training in the field and among staff on the role of innovation b) Promote farmer exchange visits on innovation sharing c) Produce some written materials with photographs on farmers deemed to be innovators and what 	

	they are innovating on d) Hold field days for innovations exhibition	
Collection of Innovations	a) Identification of farmer innovators within the working area b) Compiling some background information on the innovation.	

16. YOUTH ACTION FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

TOPIC	ACTION – WHAT WILL BE DONE	SUPPORT REQUIRED
Awareness Creation	Share information with members of staff and at the community level	YARD to facilitate
Collection of Innovations	a) Request the staff involved to document what the communities have (i.e. document the innovations) b) Staff to identify innovators c) Staff to take the photographs of innovators/innovations	YARD to facilitate

17. NEIGHBORS INITIATIVE ALLIANCE – PELUM

TOPIC	ACTION – WHAT WILL BE DONE	SUPPORT REQUIRED
Awareness Creation	a) At organization level b) At community level	a) More information/ a resource person b) Transport and lunches
Collection of Innovations	a) Field visits to identify farmer innovations b) Documentation of innovators	a) Transport and lunches b) Expert to verify the innovations and guide in documentation

5.0 PROLINNOVA KENYA- PID TRAINING PROGRAMME

Hotel Waterbuck, Nakuru. 28th - 30th November 2007

Day/Date	Time	Activity	Resource person
Wednesday 28 th October	3.00- 8.00	Reporting to hotel/registration	Hotel Water buck Rosemary
Thursday, 29 th October	8.00-8.30	Registration	Rosemary
	8.30-9.00	Welcome/introductions	Qureish
	9.00-9.15	Objectives/expectations	Shikuku
	9.15-9.45	About PROLINNOVA	Maryleen
	9.45-10.30	Introduction to PID	Qureish
	10.30-11.00	Health break	
	11.00-1.00	Innovators, innovations and joint experimentation	Qureish
	1.00-2.00	Lunch	
	2.00-3.30	Sharing experiences by participants on PID/PTD/Local innovation	Shikuku
	3.30-5.00	Looking for things to try out: idea/experiment sheets (group work)	Qureish
		End of day 1	

Friday, 30 th October 2007	8.15-9.00	Presentation form group work	Maryleen
	9.00-10.30	Record keeping and documenting PID experiments/local innovation	Qureish
	10.30-11.00	Health Break	
	11.00-1.00	Methods and tools for data gathering in the field for PID	Qureish
	1.00-2.00	Lunch	
	2.00-3.3.0	M&E for PID	Qureish/Shikuku
	3.30-4.00	Discussion forum	Shikuku
	4.00-4.30	Action plans/way forward	Qureish
	4.30-5.00	Evaluation and closing	Maryleen
Saturday 1 st December 2007		Breakfast and departure	