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# African Regional Partners Virtual Meeting: 26-28 October 2020

Ghana Country Platform report

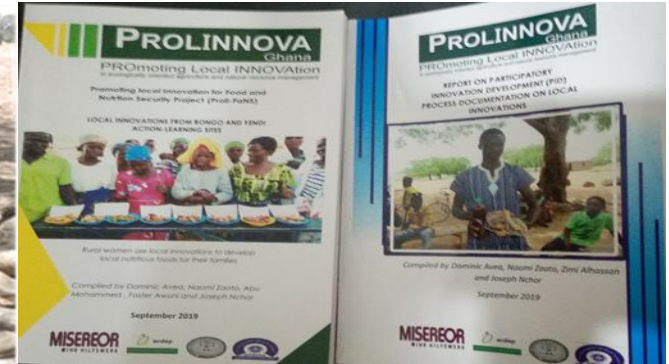
# Outline

1. Key activities implemented and achievements from June 2019 to October 2020
2. Key achievement on new projects – SULCI-FaNS and Ethnovet projects
3. Key Challenges and measures adopted
4. Conclusion

# 1. Key Activities implemented in Ghana

## Identification, documentation and dissemination of local innovations:

- 40 innovations (30 by women, 7 by men and 3 by mixed groups documented
- 29 innovations were shared at learning sites and to the general public reaching approximately 10,500 people.
- Produced documentation materials for sharing and advocacy activities on LI/PID.



# 1.1 Participatory Innovation Development

- 8 innovations (2 by men and 6 by women/women's groups) were improved through PID processes and the results disseminated.



Madam Atingaboro with her shea butter and crushed nuts

## 1.2 Recognition of women innovators

- 10 deserving innovators (9 women and 1 man) awarded at the annual National Farmers Day
- Bongo sheabutter innovation group registered to become a legal
- The group enter into a partnership with Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA ) for further training and equipment support



Group exhibiting their sheabutter at a KOICA supported fair and exhibition event

## 1.3 Networking at local, national, regional and international level and policy dialogue

- ACDEP gave support in organizing and facilitating the Proli-FaNS end-of-project sharing and learning workshop in May 2019 in Senegal
- The Centre for Ecological Agriculture and Livelihoods (CEAL) participated in two major organic farming conferences in Ghana
- In November 2019, CEAL and NABOCADO (Navrongo Bolgatanga Catholic Diocesan Development Organization) attended the 5th West Africa Organic Conference in Accra on behalf of Prolinnova–Ghana.
- Sharing on LI/PID approach by NABOCADO at regional Research & Extension Liaison Committee (RELC) meetings

# 1.4 Fundraising

- In June 2019, CP supported and coordinated the preparation and submission of a proposal to Misereor for a follow-on project to Proli-FaNS
- ACDEP and partners developed and submitted a proposal to Misereor for a 3-year ethnoveterinary medicine project - implementation began in October 2019
- A funding proposal was submitted in October 2020 to Expertise France / ECOWAS - ACDEP in partnership with Univ. Development Studies

## 2. Key Activities implemented in SULCI-FaNS

### 2.1 Farmer-led Research

- 30 innovations (15/site) documented
- 8 priority innovations (6F/2M), 4/site selected for PID



### 2.2 Capacity building

- Anglophone sub-regional workshop on LI/PID, gender and M & E in Feb 2020
- Same training replicated at CP level and benefitted 23 (9 F/14M) persons in June 2020
- Trained on LISF in September 2020



## ***2.3 Policy-dialogue and Advocacy on PID/LI Approach***

- District policy dialogue meetings held at learning sites for total of 39 persons **(30M/9F)**
- 6 innovations (3/site) shared by women innovators at stakeholders policy dialogue meetings, also aired by 3 local radio stations

## ***2.4 Governance***

- Governance bodies reconstituted (7-member NSC, Core working group expanded)

## 2.4 Key Activities implemented in Ethnovet

- Project inception was held with multi-stakeholders in Jan 2020
- 20 project communities selected
- 24 innovations (herbal treatments) selected for treating 18 different diseases/conditions & documented
- 6 innovations selected for scientific validation
- District platforms established for learning and advocacy

## 3. Challenges faced and measures adopted

- The CP still faces inadequate capacities to effectively facilitate and support the LI/PID approach
- Government imposition of COVID-19 lock down in the country from March to July drastically activities
- CP membership and networking activities at country level thwarted due to the COVID-19 restrictions
- CP provided awareness and education on safety protocols
- CP increased used of virtual means in communicating with partners
- Procured and distributed PPEs

## 4. Conclusion

- With the easing on restrictions, the CP hopes to be able to undertake more activities geared towards creating greater awareness on the LI/PID approach to positively influenced national/regional extension programs and actors on farmer innovation and participatory research approach

# THANK YOU