

Strengthening Knowledge Management for Greater Development Effectiveness in the Near East, North Africa, Central Asia and Europe



## **Annual Performance Report 2020**

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## **SKiM Project Overview: Goal and Outcomes**



### **ABOUT THE PROJECT**

GOAL: Develop effective and long-term knowledge managementrelated capacities in target countries

### **OUTCOMES:**

- ► Improved understanding of KM capacities of the key rural institutions in 3 (+2) target countries
- Effective learning systems established and embedded in organizational processes with strengthened human and institutional capacities to manage the systematization of good practices
- Improved knowledge exchanges among stakeholders based on increased adoption of good practices and knowledge transfer for increased SSTC, replication and scaling up

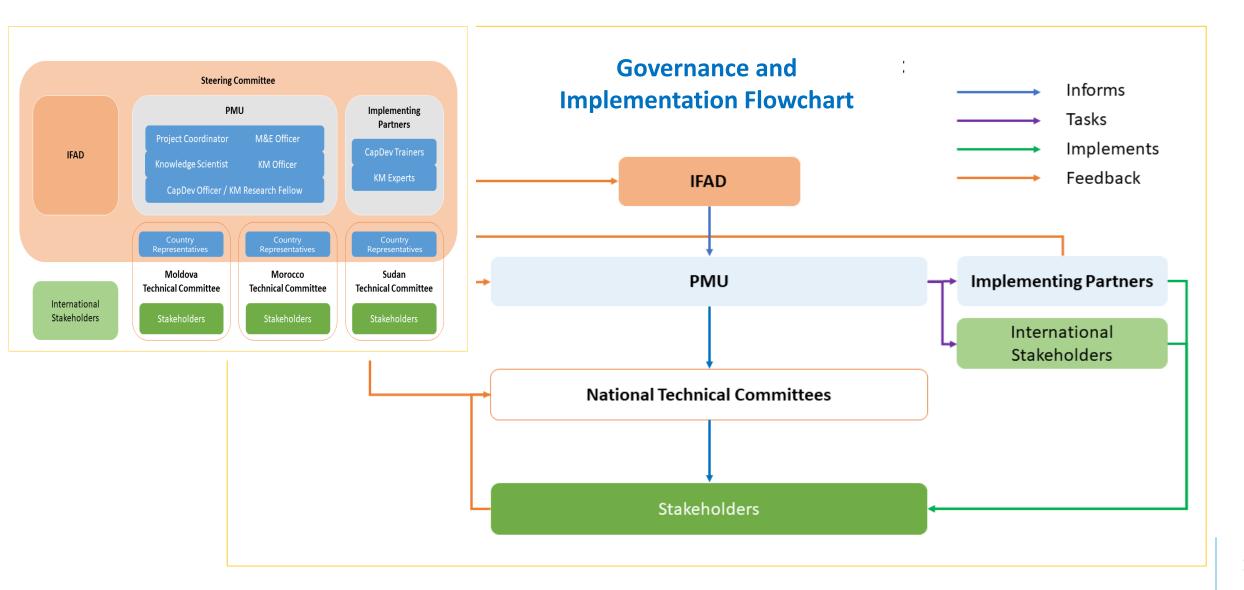
PERIOD: JUNE 2018 – JUNE 2022 (4 years) TARGET COUNTRIES:

1 MOLDOVA 2 MOROCCO 3 SUDAN



## Organization and Project Management



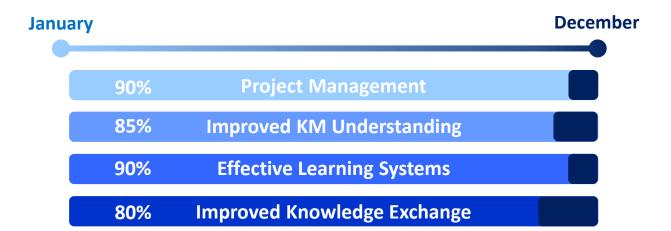


### **Components and Activites**



- Component/Output 1: KM capacity assessment for enhanced formulation of learning needs
- Activity 1.1: Assessment of knowledge management capacity gaps and learning needs
- Activity 1.2: Formulation of Approach Paper on knowledge management and communication strategy
- Activity 1.3: Formulation of capacity development and innovation plans for the target countries
- Activity 1.4: Regional workshop to kick-start implementation plans and Community of Practice establishment
- Component/Output 2: Capacity development and knowledge systematization
- Activity 2.1: Delivery of on-demand training courses
- Activity 2.2: Organization of 'learning routes'
- Component/Output 3: Enhanced regional knowledge exchange
- Activity 3.1: Set-up and regular maintenance of online portal that builds upon previous tools and capacities
- Activity 3.2: Roll-out of five knowledge symposia
- Activity 3.3: Development and dissemination of knowledge products

## **Progress by Component**





**Completeness** 



### **Carrying to 2021**

(1.4) National Working Meeting on KM Value (2.1) Curriculum on-Demand Training Courses (3.2) Symposium Implementation

### **0. Project Management**



- 10 Partnership Agreements signed.
- 3 National Focal Points.
- M&E Plan, Mid-Term Evaluation ongoing.

### 1. KM Understanding



- Knowledge Projects and Entry Points study conducted.
- Approach Paper delivered.
- 3 NTCs support Communities of Practices

### 2. Learning Systems



- Virtual Learning Week, MOODLE.
- 2 On-Demand Online Training Courses.
- Virtual Learning Route delivered.

### 3. Knowledge Exchange



- KM Portal scored 6000+ visits.
- MELSpace OA repository scored 3000+ visits and 2000+ downloads for SKiM knowledge.
- 7+ Knowledge Products

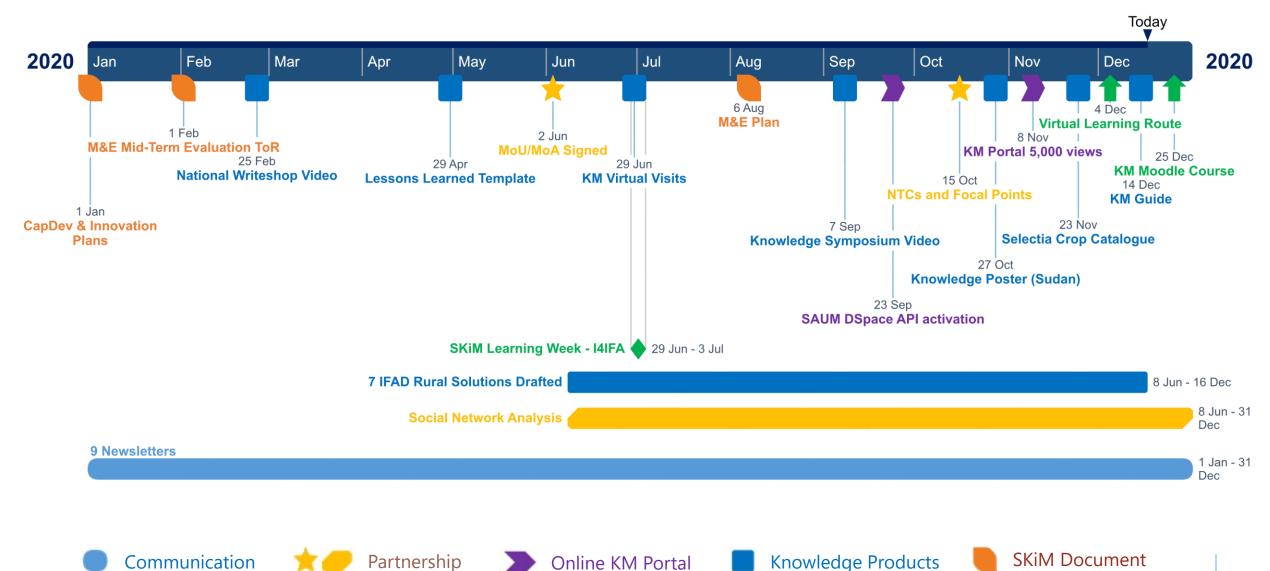
## **Progress by Planned Indicators**



| Activity | Outputs/indicators   | Planned           | Reported                                     |
|----------|--|-------------------|--|
| 0.1      | <ul> <li>Planning and implementation of project activities, technical and financial reporting</li> <li>Development and follow-up of agreements with co-implementing partners</li> <li>National partners in focus countries</li> </ul>  | • 2<br>• 3<br>• 1 | 3 4  |
| 0.2      | <ul> <li>Annual workplan and budget review and planning, M&amp;E plan</li> <li>Mid-term evaluation: TOR</li> <li>Selection and Implementation</li> </ul>   | • 1<br>• 1<br>• 1 | 1 1 1  |
| 0.3      | <ul> <li>Regular virtual meetings and email correspondence to review project progress, contribute inputs into project activities and decision<br/>making. Annual Face-to-Face Meeting</li> </ul>   | • 1               | 1  |
| 1.1      | <ul> <li>Reports on institutions committed to the project detailing baseline in KM including capacity assessment and options/responses to address identified gaps</li> <li>Report detailing organizational overview and active projects</li> <li>Report on IFAD Projects x countries with Knowledge Entry point</li> </ul> | • 1               | 3 (by 31/12)<br>1 (by 31/12)<br>1 (by 31/12) |
| 1.2      | Finalized Approach Paper   | • 1               | 1  |
| 1.3      | Documents uploaded online (access to developed innovation plans)   | • 1               | 1  |
| 1.4      | <ul> <li>ToR and Action Plans for CoPs (or innovation platforms)</li> <li>National working meetings in country to evaluate institutional knowledge "value"</li> </ul>  | • 3               | 3<br>0 (carried to<br>2021)                  |
| 2.1      | <ul> <li>One training course organized (at least 20 participants; &gt;=80% satisfaction/effectiveness rate)</li> <li>MOODLE module         Develop curriculum for on-demand training course on KM.     </li> </ul>   | • 1<br>• 1<br>• 1 | 1 (by 31/12) 0 (carried to 2021)             |
| 2.2      | <ul> <li>Number of learning routes organized (target=1; at least 25 participants, &gt;=80% satisfaction/ effectiveness rate)</li> </ul>  | • 1               | 1  |
| 3.1      | <ul> <li>Frequency of use of knowledge products (target = 600 downloads per year and 3,000 visits per year)</li> </ul>   | • 1               | 1  |
| 3.2      | At least one national symposia organized by national partners.   | • 1               | 0 (carried to 2021)                          |
| 3.3      | <ul> <li>Communication material including briefs, videos, print materials, visualizations of developed knowledge products. Newsletters.</li> </ul>   | • 7               | 7  |

### **Progress Roadmap**





## Virtual Multi-Stakeholder Successful Events

Seminar/Workshop/Training Course - Workshop on

### Knowledge Management and Capacity Development Best Practice: Valorization and Transfer of Research Results

In Jun 29, 2020 - Jul 3, 2020

|                        | Monday, June 29  | Tuesday, June 30   | Wednesday, July 1  | Thursday, July 2   | Friday, July 3  |
|------------------------|--|--|--|--|---|
| Morning                | Virtual visits to KM<br>assets (ICARDA,<br>participant institutions)             | Review of CapDev and<br>Innovation Plans<br>(ICARDA)<br>Participatory CapDev<br>Activities (CIHEAM-Bari) | ICT and RTA tools<br>(CIHEAM-Barl)<br>KM Tools (ICARDA)<br>SKIM KM Portal (ICARDA)             | AGRIS (FAO)  | Innovation Models and<br>Organizations (CIHEAM-Bari)<br>Knowledge Ecosystems<br>(CIHEAM-Bari, H&D Partners) |
| Afternoon              | Enhancing<br>Communication skills<br>(CIHEAM-Bari)                               | Newsletter Making<br>(ICARDA)<br>Social Media Guidelines<br>(ICARDA)                                     | IFAD Rural Solutions (IFAD)  |  | Knowledge Ecosystems<br>(CIHEAM-Bari, H&D Partners<br>Network Analysis (ICARDA)                             |
| Daily<br>Responsible   | Valerio Graziano<br>(ICARDA)   | Jocelyne Jawhar<br>(CIHEAM-Bari)   | Luigi Sisto (CIHEAM-Bari)  | Imma Subirats<br>(FAO/AGRIS)   | Damiano Petruzzella<br>(CIHEAM-Bari)  |
| Sessions<br>Moderators | Valerio Graziano<br>(ICARDA)<br>Gabriella Gentile,<br>Eleonora Ciciriello, Laura | Akmal Akramkhanov,<br>Valerio Graziano<br>(ICARDA)<br>Luigi Sisto, Onofrio<br>Lorusso, Jocelyne Jawhar   | Enrico Bonaluti, Valerio<br>Graziano (ICARDA)<br>Luigi Sisto, Onofrio Lorusso<br>(CIHEAM-Bari) | Imma Subirats, Ilkay<br>Holt, Karna Wegner,<br>Stefano Anibaldi<br>(FAO/AGRIS) | Demiano Petruzzella, Jocelyn<br>Jawhar (CIHEAM-Bari)<br>Giordano Dichter<br>(H&D partners)                  |
|                        | Scivetti (CIHEAM-Bari)   | (CIHEAM-Bari)  | Elena Bertusi (IFAD)   |  | Murat Sartas (ICARDA)   |

#### **Target Audiences**

- · Academic Institutions (universities, colleges, etc.)
- National Agricultural Research System (NARS)
- · Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO)
- Governmen
- International Agricultural Research Centers
- Advanced Research Institutions
- · International Development Organizations (including Development Projects)
- Regional and sub-Regional Organizations

#### Participants Countries

- Italy
- Uzbekistan
- Todoo

#### Participants Gender

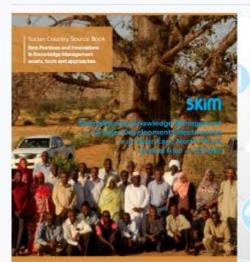




Seminar/Workshop/Training Course - Training Course on

### Virtual Learning Route on Knowledge Management Best Practices in Sudan

In Nev 30, 2020 - Dec 4, 2020



The Sudan Country https://hdl.handle.net/20. Source Book 500.11766/12117

Step 0 - Introduction to Knowledge Management https://hdl.handle.net/20. 500.11766/12118

Step 1 - Learning Routes

https://hdl.handle.net/20. 500.11766/12119

Step 2 - Gender Action Learning Systems https://hdl.handle.net/20. 500.11766/12120

Step 3 - Community Knowledge-based Peer Networks

https://hdl.handle.net/20. 500.11766/12121

Step 4 - Natural Resources Governance

The Learning Survey

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**ICARDA** 

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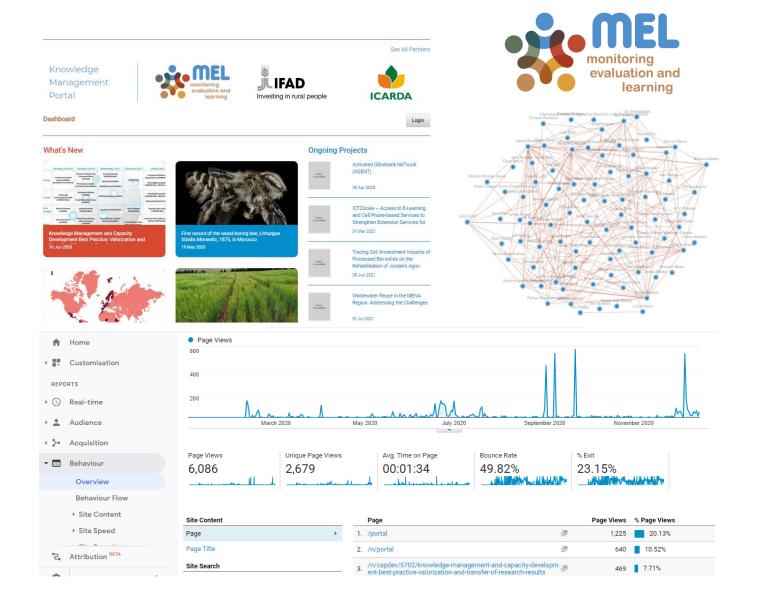
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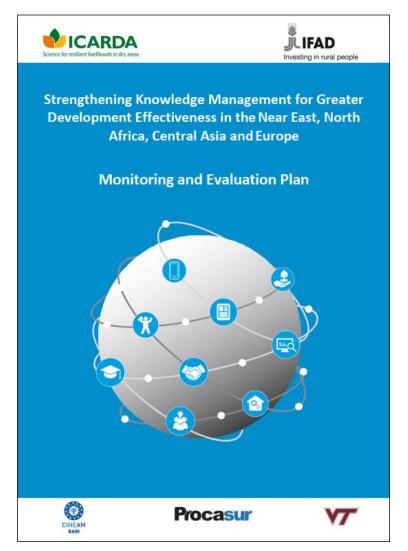
#### **GENERAL OVERVIEW**

In the framework of the IFAD funded SKM project, the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA) and Procasur Corporation (PROCASUR) publish together a wealth of Information on Sudanese agricultural knowledge management best practices through a closely monitored and interactive-like social media campaign on Virtual Learning Route from 30 November to 4 December, 2020. This new approach shall contribute to raise awareness on the importance of knowledge management as an asset for rural development, trough peer-learning, knowledge sharing and south-to-south triangular cooperation.

## Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning







## 2020 Budgetary Information

|   |                            |   |              | Target                |                      |   |           |             |                       |            |
|---|----------------------------|---|--------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---|-----------|-------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Ouctome   | Activity                   | Description of Activity   | Year 2021    | Entire Project (2018- | Progress (2018-2020) |   | Unspent   | Budget 2020 | Budget to<br>Partners | Co-funding |
| Component 0: Project managemen  | at (coording               | stion M&E steering committee)   |              | 2022)                 |                      |   |           |             | T ditalolo            |            |
| Component of Project management   | _                          | Project coordination  | 7            | 17                    | 4                    |   | \$0       | \$40,463    |                       |            |
| Project management  | 0.2                        | Monitoring and evaluation / financial audit   | 2            | 5                     | 1                    | MTR started end of<br>November 2020 - 1<br>implementation fund carry<br>forward                   | \$19,000  | \$30,000    |                       | \$15,000   |
|   | 0.3                        | Steering Committee  | 1            | 5                     | 2                    | Physical SC not possible 2020   | \$24,000  | \$24,000    |                       | \$3,250    |
| Component 1: KM capacity assessi  | ment for ei                | nhanced formulation of learning needs   |              |                       |                      |   |           |             |                       |            |
|   | 1.1                        | Assessment of available knowledge, identification of knowledge management capacity gaps and prioritizing learning needs | 3            | 5                     | 2                    |   | \$0       | \$14,400    |                       |            |
| Improved understanding of KM capacities of the key rural  | 1.2                        | Approach Paper on knowledge management and communication strategy   | 1            | 1                     | 0                    |   | \$0       | \$23,775    | \$1,275               |            |
| institutions in 3 (+2) target countries in NEN region   | 1.3                        | Development of capacity development and innovation plans for the target countries                                       | 0            | 3                     | 3                    |   | \$0       | \$0         |                       |            |
|   | 1.4                        | Regional workshop to kick-start implementation plans and Community of Practice establishment                            | 4            | 5                     | 1                    | Workshop, travels, country funds carry forward  | \$22,600  | \$44,820    | \$34,320              | \$2,500    |
| Component 2: Capacity developme   | ent and kno                | wledge systematization  |              |                       |                      |   |           |             |                       |            |
| Effective learning systems established and embedded across organizational processes with strengthened human and | 2.1                        | Delivery of on-demand training courses in knowledge management and capacity development best practice                   | 2            | 8                     | 1                    | Travel funds were directed to organize 2 more on-<br>demand short-trainings (Sudan&Moldova)       | \$0       | \$41,750    | \$36,750              |            |
| institutional capacities to manage<br>the systematization of good<br>practices                                  | 2.2                        | Organization of at least 3 learning routes in the target countries  | 1            | 3                     | 0                    | Logistics funds not spent by<br>Procasur and ICARDA<br>(tentative estimate)                       | \$72,520  | \$112,532   | \$60,000              | \$10,000   |
| Component 3: Enhanced regional k  | nowledge                   | exchange.   |              |                       |                      |   |           |             |                       |            |
| Improved knowledge exchanges  | 3.1                        | Set-up and regular maintenance of online portal that builds upon previous tools and capacities                          | 1            | 1                     | 0                    | KM online portal<br>maintenance costs were<br>lower in 2020                                       | \$4,000   | \$35,041    |                       |            |
| among stakeholders based on<br>increased adoption of good<br>practices  | 3.2                        | Roll-out of five knowledge symposia   | 1            | 5                     | 2                    | Two-stage symposia (shareton<br>+ TEDx) in Sudan prepared but<br>physical event could not be held |           | \$15,691    | \$8,000               |            |
|   | 3.3                        | Development and dissemination of knowledge products   | 7            | 30                    | 7                    | Partner funds carry forward   | \$6,220   | \$25,091    | \$13,380              |            |
|   | •                          |   | Subtotal dir | ect cost              | •                    |   | \$156,340 | \$407,564   | \$153,725             | \$30,750   |
|   | Programme suport cost (8%) |   |              |                       |                      | \$12,507  | \$32,605  |             |                       |            |
|   |                            |   | 2% CSP       | , ,                   |                      |   | \$3,444   | \$8,979     |                       |            |
|   |                            |   | Total        |                       |                      |   | \$172,292 | \$449,148   |                       |            |

**Adaptations & Lessons Learned** 



|         | Auaptations &   | LESSUIIS LEAITIEU  | Strengthening Kno | nent -      |                 |
|---------|---|--|-------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| ctivity | Description of Activity   | Outputs/indicators   | Year target       | Total targe | Target progress |
| 0.1     | Project coordination  | Planning and implementation of project activities, technical (#1/4) and financial reporting (#2/9), development and follow-up of agreements with co-implementing partners (#0/3) and national partners (#3/15) in focus countries  | 6                 | 31          | 20              |
| 0.2     | M&E / financial audit   | Annual workplan (#1/4) and budget review and planning (#1/5), M&E plan (#0/1), Mid-term/final evaluation: ToR (#0/2), Selection and Implementation (#1/2)  | 2                 | 14          | 7               |
| 0.3     | Steering Committee  | Regular virtual meetings and email correspondance to review project progress, contribute inputs into project activities and decision making. Annual Face-to-Face/Virtual Meeting (#1/5) + knowledge sharing with IFAD HQ (#1/2)  | 2                 | 7           | 3               |
|         |   |  |                   |             |                 |
| 1.1     | Assessment of knowledge, identification of KM capacity gaps and prioritizing learning needs   |  | 0                 | 5           | 5               |
| 1.2     | Approach Paper on KM and communication strategy   | i) Follow up contributions to publications; yii) Proposing synthesis evaluation of IFAD projects using developed Approach as follow up activity, to be discussed and agreed to shift unspent logistics funds; manuscript to submit to international journal for publication.   | 0                 | 1           | 2               |
| 1.3     | Development of capacity development and innovation plans                                      |  | 0                 | 3           | 3               |
| 1.4     | Regional workshop to kick-start implementation plans and CoP establishment                    | Regional workshop (#0/1); ToR and Action Plans (#0/3) for CoPs (or innovation platforms); National working meeting (#1/1) in country to evaluate institutional knowledge "value"; National Technical Committee meetings (#12/24)   | 13                | 29          | 11              |
|         |   |  |                   |             |                 |
| 2.1     | On-demand training courses in KM and capacity development best practice                       | Training courses organized (#1/5) + MOODLE module (#1/3); Develop curriculum for on-demand training course on KM. Value of knowledge course in 3 countries (#1/1)  | 3                 | 8           | 5               |
| 2.2     | Organization of at least 3 learning routes in the target countries                            | ii) Learning Route (#1/3)  ii) Carry over and extra funds in 2021:  Option 1: consider 6,000 USD for video instruction development of LR methodology in 2020 (budget line change from workshop to Goods & Services);  Option 2: consider 40,000 USD to develop organizational/country KM Strategy in 2021 (requires budget line change from workshop to Goods & Services) (additionally to brainstorm further on what and how) | 1                 | 3           | 1               |
|         |   |  |                   |             |                 |
| 3.1     | Set-up and regular maintenance of online portal tha builds upon previous tools and capacities | Frequency of use of knowledge products (target = 600 downloads per year and 3,000 visits per year)   | 1                 | 1           | 0               |
| 3.2     | Roll-out of five knowledge symposia   | National symposia organized by national partners (#2/5)  | 2                 | 5           | 2               |
| 3.3     | Development and dissemination of knowledge products   | Communication material including briefs, videos, print materials, visualizations of developed knowledge products. Newsletters (#8/30)  | 8                 | 30          | 14              |

# Moving Forward: SKiM 2021

|   | A ativit      |   | Target |                       |                 |  | Carry over      |             |                |            |
|---|---------------|---|--------|-----------------------|-----------------|--|-----------------|-------------|----------------|------------|
| Outcome   | ACTIVIT<br>V_ | Description of Activity   | Year   | Entire Project (2018- | Progress (2018- |  | Carry over 2020 | Budget 2021 | Partner budget | Co-funding |
|   | ,             |   | 2021   | 2022)                 | 2020)           |  |                 |             |                |            |
| Component u: Project manage                                 |               | coordination, M&E, steering committee)  Project coordination  | 6      | 31                    | 20              |  | \$0             | \$140,215   |                |            |
| Project management  |               | Monitoring and evaluation / financial audit   | 2      | 14                    | 7               | MTR started end of<br>November 2020 - 1<br>implementation fund carry<br>forward            | \$19,000        | \$21,000    |                | \$15,000   |
|   |               | Steering Committee  | 2      | 7                     | 3               | Physical SC not possible<br>2020 - shift to Knowledge<br>sharing event at IFAD HQ<br>(tbc) | \$24,000        | \$48,000    |                | \$3,250    |
| Component 1: KM capacity as                                 | sessme        | nt for enhanced formulation of learning needs   |        | T                     |                 |  |                 |             |                |            |
|   |               | Assessment of available knowledge, identification of knowledge management capacity gaps and prioritizing learning needs | 0      | 5                     | 5               |  | \$0             | \$0         |                |            |
| Improved understanding of<br>KM capacities of the key rural | 1.2           | Approach Paper on knowledge management and communication strategy   | 0      | 1                     | 2               |  | \$0             | \$1,275     | \$0            |            |
| institutions in 3 target countries                          | 1.3           | Development of capacity development and innovation plans for the target countries                                       | 0      | 3                     | 3               |  | \$0             | \$0         |                |            |
|   | 1.4           | Regional workshop to kick-start implementation plans and Community of Practice establishment                            | 13     | 29                    | 11              | Workshop, travels, country funds carry forward   | \$22,600        | \$66,260    | \$38,360       | \$2,500    |
| Component 2: Capacity development                           | opment        | and knowledge systematization   |        |                       |                 |  |                 |             | ,              |            |
| Effective learning systems established across               | 2.1           | Delivery of on-demand training courses in knowledge management and capacity development best practice                   | 3      | 8                     | 5               | Travel funds were directed to organize 2 more ondemand short-trainings (Sudan&Moldova)     | \$0             | \$62,450    | \$50,450       |            |
| org.processes with human and institutional capacities       | 2.2           | Organization of at least 3 learning routes in the target countries  | 1      | 3                     | 1               | Logistics funds not spent<br>by Procasur and ICARDA<br>(tentative estimate)                | \$72,520        | \$182,346   | \$85,000       | \$10,000   |
| Component 3: Enhanced region                                | onal kno      | wledge exchange.  |        |                       |                 |  |                 |             |                |            |
| Improved knowledge exchanges among                          | 3.1           | Set-up and regular maintenance of online portal that builds upon previous tools and capacities                          | 1      | 1                     | 0               | KM online portal<br>maintenance costs were<br>lower in 2020                                | \$4,000         | \$37,831    | \$10,490       |            |
| stakeholders based on increased adoption of good            | 3.2           | Roll-out of five knowledge symposia   | 2      | 5                     | 2               | 2-stage (shareton + TEDx)<br>in Sudan prepared but<br>physical not held                    | \$8,000         | \$23,691    | \$16,000       |            |
| practices   | 3.3           | Development and dissemination of knowledge products   | 8      | 30                    | 14              | Partner funds carry forward  | \$6,220         | \$44,641    | \$4,400        |            |
|   |               |   |        | direct cost           |                 |  | \$156,340       | \$627,710   | \$204,700      | \$30,750   |
| Programme suport cost (8%)                                  |               |   |        |                       |                 |  | \$12,507        | \$50,217    |                |            |
|   |               |   | 2% CSP |                       |                 |  | \$3,444         | \$13,830    |                |            |
|   |               |   | Total  |                       |                 |  | \$172,292       | \$691,756   |                | <u>u</u>   |



### **Questions and Answers**



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## Thank You









