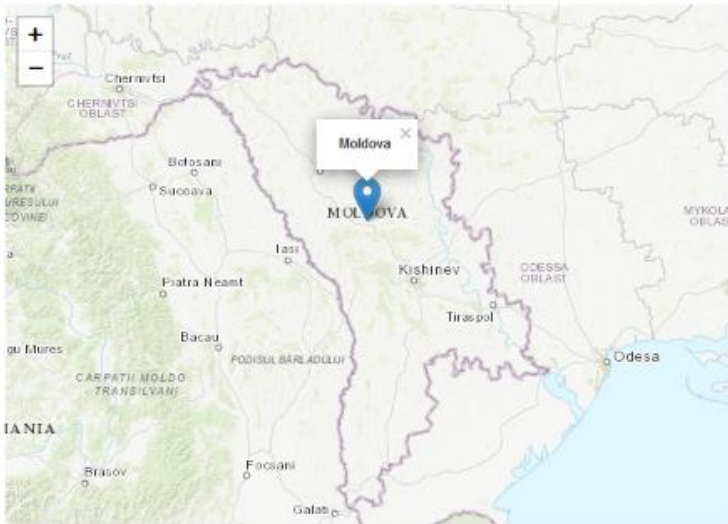


Strengthening knowledge management for greater development effectiveness in the Near East, North Africa, Central Asia and Europe

Key project info

DONOR		IFAD	
Period		June 8, 2018 – 30 June 2022 (4 years)	
Budget		1.8 mln USD	
Focus countries		Moldova – Morocco – Sudan	
Co-implementing partners		Virginia Tech, CIHEAM-Bari, PROCASUR	



Focus countries

- Moldova
- Morocco
- Sudan
- (+2 from was originally foreseen)



Project goal

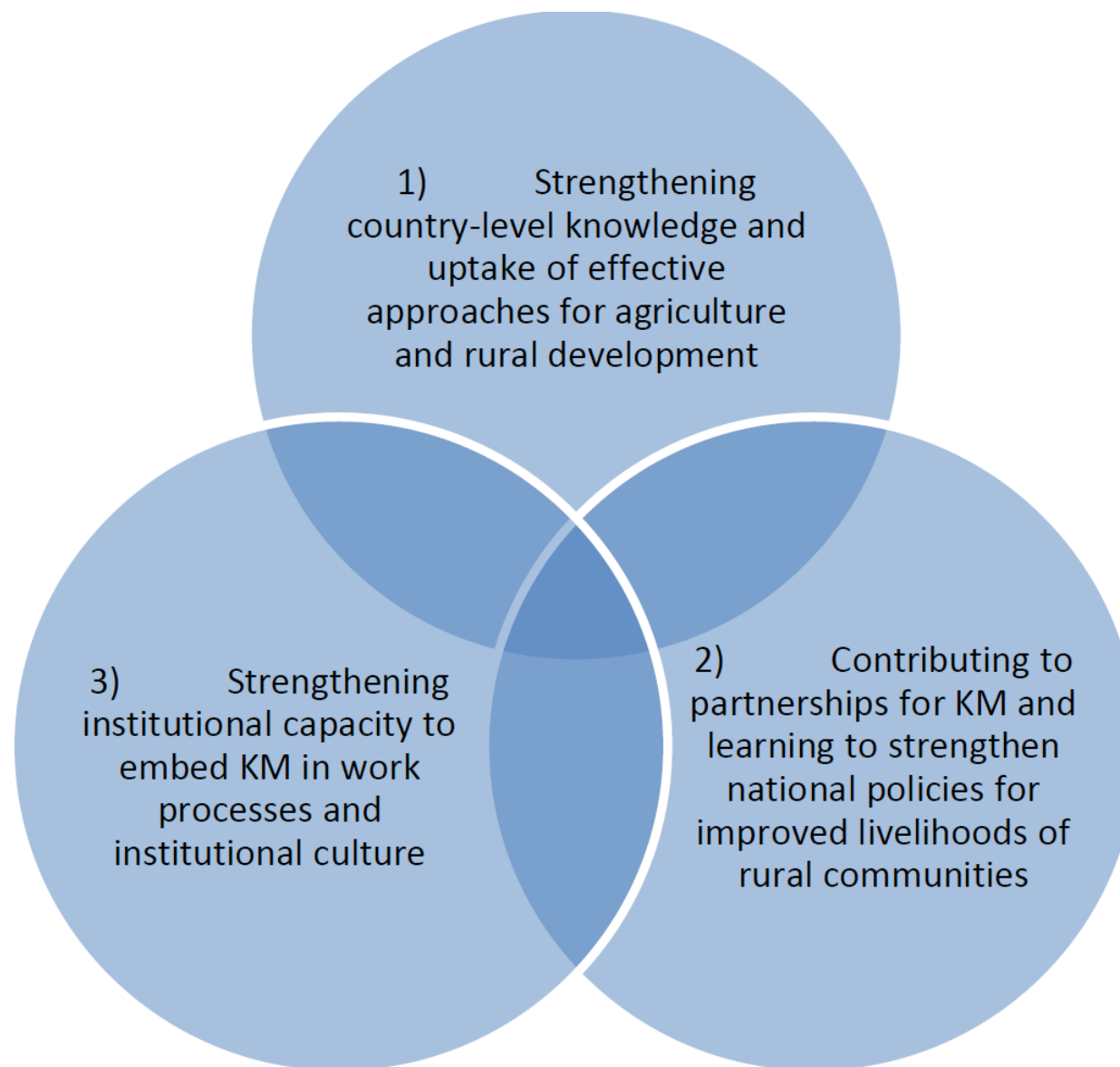
- Develop effective and long-term knowledge management-related capacities in target countries

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



IFAD Sudan Country Programme Knowledge Management Strategy





Contribution of the project

IFAD KM strategy 2019

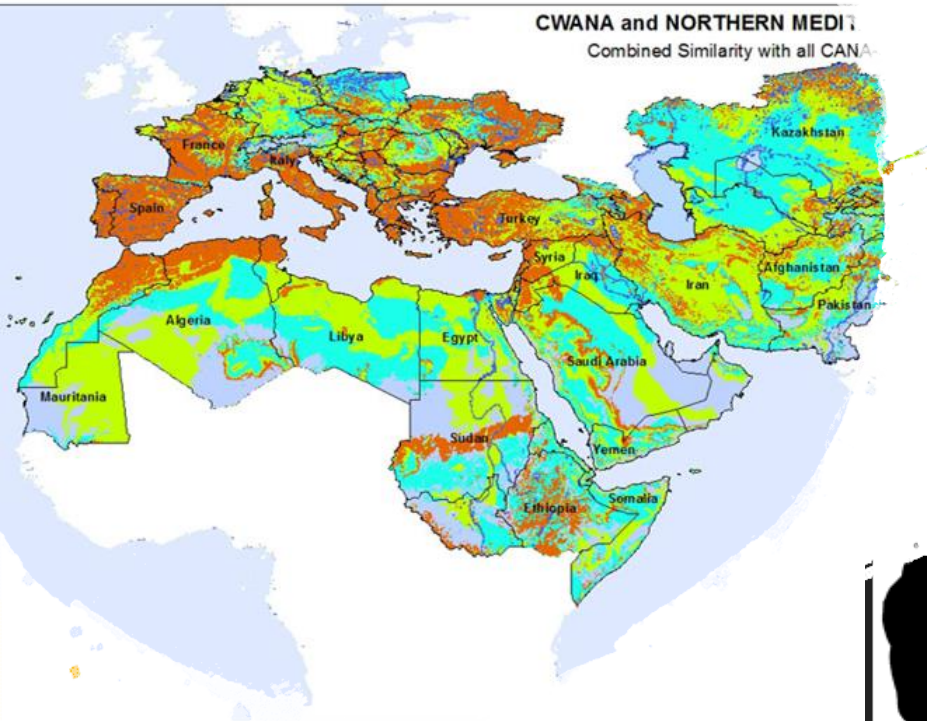
- Improved curation of and access to content;
- CoPs and networks embedded in work processes;
- Integrated systems for capturing, systematizing, storing and sharing knowledge at country, regional and headquarters levels;
- External knowledge leveraged through partnerships and global engagement;
- Evidence, best practices and lessons readily searchable and available (KM portal)

What is Knowledge Management?

Systematic approach to:

- Creation/generation
- Capture
- Storage
- Retrieval
- Enhancement
- Dissemination





Traditional
irrigation

ET-based
irrigation

Thematic areas

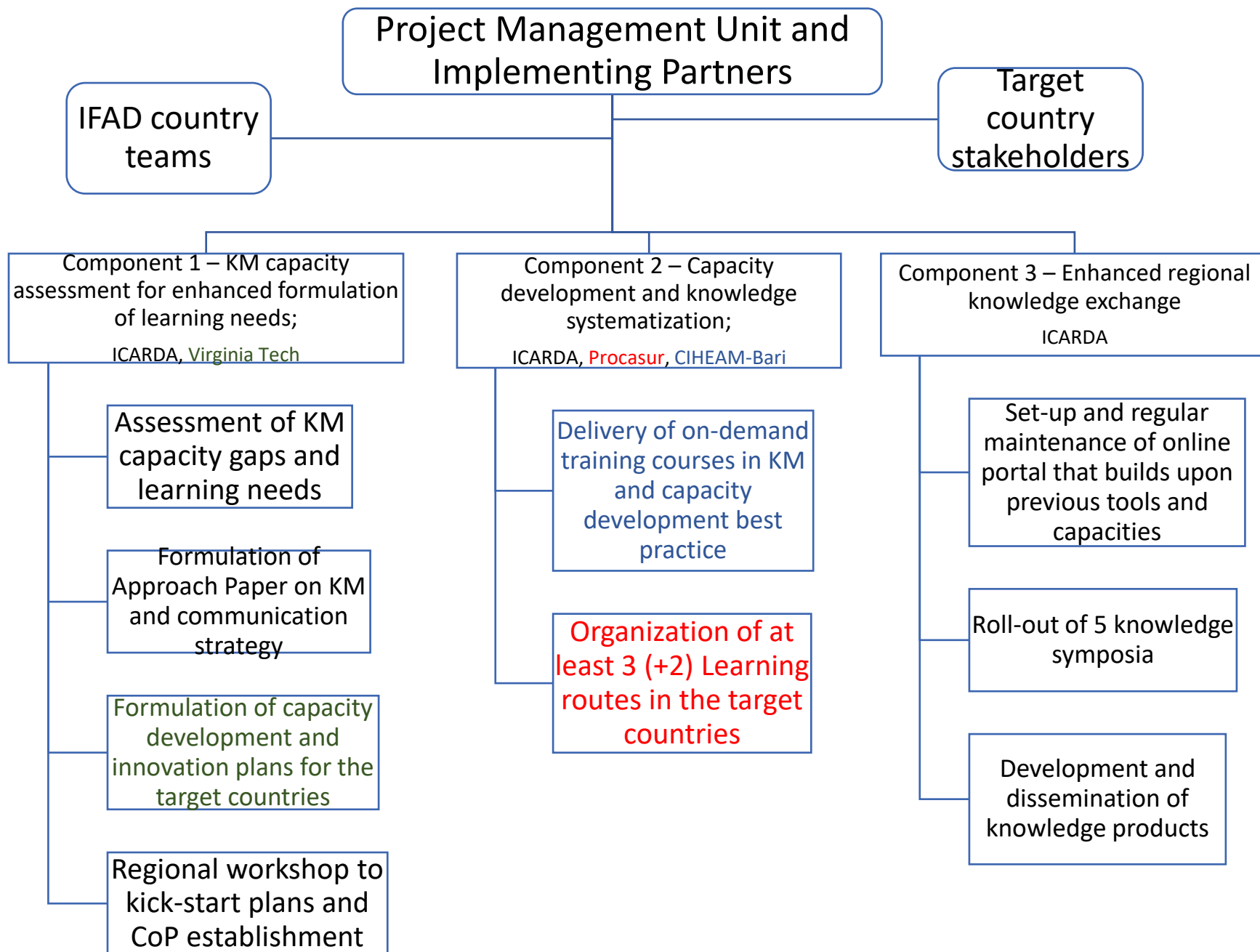
- Financial inclusion of rural women and youth
- Natural resource management and climate resilience
- Productive agricultural technologies (e.g. water management technologies, conservation agriculture, drought-resilient crops)



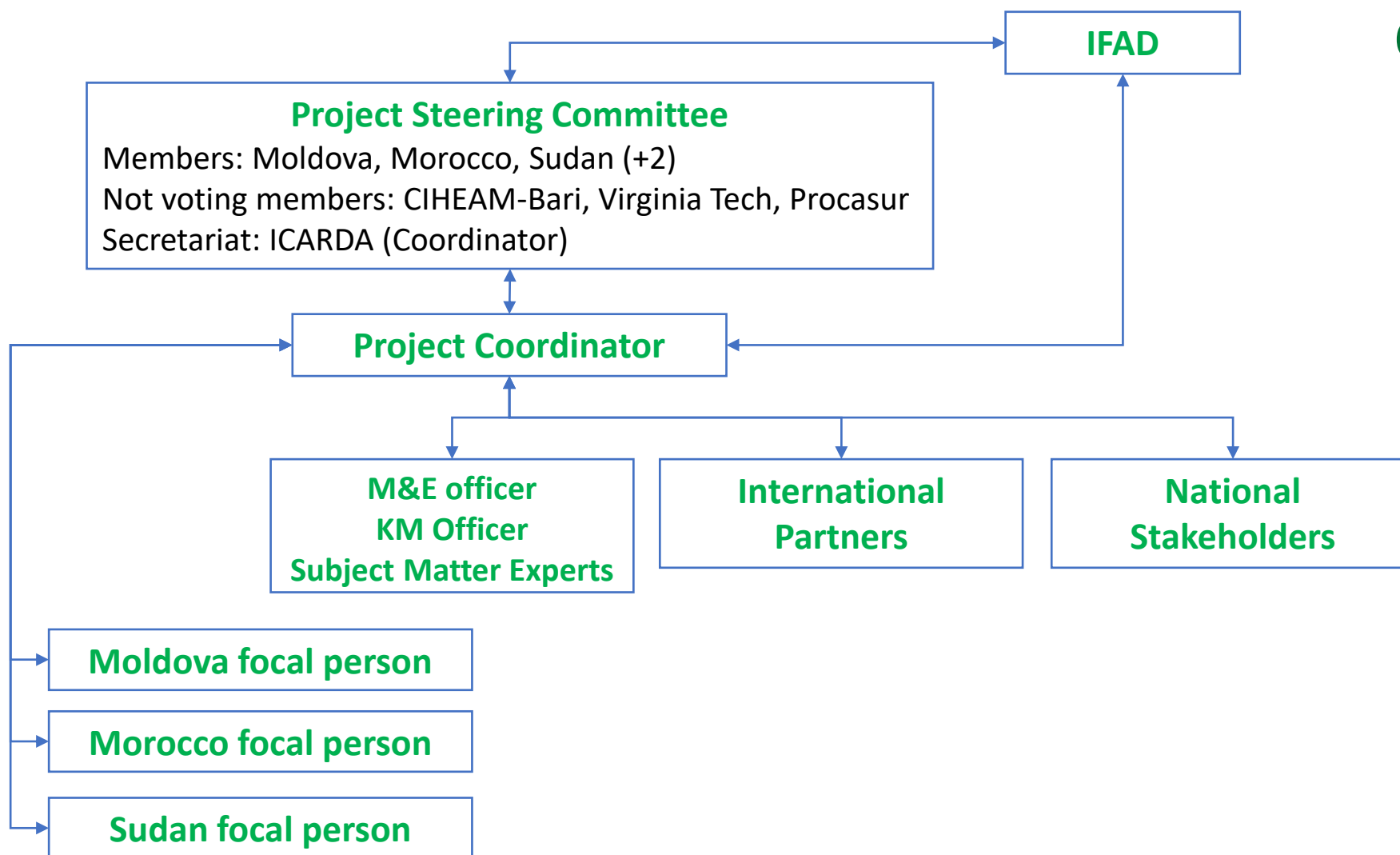
Project components and activities

- **Component 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 2: Capacity development and knowledge systematization**
 - Activity 2.1: Delivery of on-demand training courses
 - Activity 2.2: Organization of 'learning routes'
- **Component 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

Project chart



Project organization



Project stakeholders

Selection criteria

- Public
- Research or applied science
- Academic (university)
- Involved in IFAD or international projects
- Aims rural development
- Aims natural resource management
- Aims agriculture production
- Commitment and management support
- Future value
- Existing KM function (unit/processes)
- Previous experience with implementing partners (ICARDA, CIHEAM, VT, Procasur)
- Ability to mobilize other national partners

Project stakeholders

Moldova	Morocco	Sudan
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment• Consolidated Programme Implementation Unit• Research Institute of Field Crops Selectia• State Agrarian University• Institute for Development and Social Initiatives Viitorul	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Agricultural Research Institute• IFAD Country Program• National Office for Agricultural Extension• Agronomic and Veterinary Institute• National School of Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agriculture Research Corporation• Central Coordination Unit for IFAD• Knowledge Society• Knowledge Access to Inter-connected Rural Areas Network• University of Khartoum

Log-frame

Level	Objectives-hierarchy	Objectively verifiable indicators
Goal	Develop effective and long-term knowledge management-related capacities in target countries (#5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Increased budgetary commitment for KM-related activities (target \geq 60% of participating rural institutions)
Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Assess capacity and enhance knowledge management skills of key rural institutionsFoster and promote knowledge exchange across in-country, cross-country and trans-regional partners to foster knowledge management and transfer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Enhanced knowledge management skills of target institutions (target \geq 80% of participating rural institutions)Increased knowledge sharing capacity of target institutions among each other and across countries (target \geq 80% of participating rural institutions)

Log-frame

Level	Objectives-hierarchy	Objectively verifiable indicators
Outcomes	1. Improved understanding of KM capacities of the key rural institutions in 3 (+2) target countries in NEN region 2. Effective learning systems established and embedded across organizational processes with strengthened human and institutional capacities to manage the systematization of good practices 3. Improved knowledge exchanges among stakeholders based on increased adoption of good practices and knowledge transfer for increased SSTC, replication and scaling up.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of participants adopting improved KM approaches and practices in their particular function (target $\geq 60\%$) • Frequency of use of knowledge products (target = 600 downloads per year and 3,000 visits per year) • Number of innovation platforms, learning alliances, CoPs or other multi-stakeholder platforms established (target = 3)
Outputs	Components: 1. KM capacity assessment for enhanced formulation of learning needs 2. Capacity development and knowledge systematization 3. Enhanced regional knowledge exchange	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of KM capacity & learning needs assessments (gap analysis) conducted • Approach Paper developed • Number of KM training courses organized (target = 8; at least 160 participants; $\geq 80\%$ satisfaction/effectiveness rate) • Number of learning routes organized (target=3; at least 75 participants, $\geq 80\%$ satisfaction/ effectiveness rate) • Number of symposia rolled-out at country level (target = 5, $\geq 80\%$ satisfaction/effectiveness rate) • Number of knowledge products generated (target = minimum of 30 produced and disseminated to 5,000 people) • Online interoperable repository and portal established

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Annual progress report

1st Progress Report June 8, 2018 to June 30, 2019



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Resources

Crossroad to Development

What's New

Publications

Statistics

- 28,000 People Trained
- 9 Academic Score

Logos:

- IFAD: Investing in rural people
- ICARDA: Science for resilient livelihoods in dry areas
- CIHEAM IAM BARI
- Procasur
- VT

Open Access Project Website:

<https://mel.cgiar.org/projects/738>

Knowledge Portal (in development)

<http://dev.knowledgemanagementportal.org/>

Inception and partnership building workshop

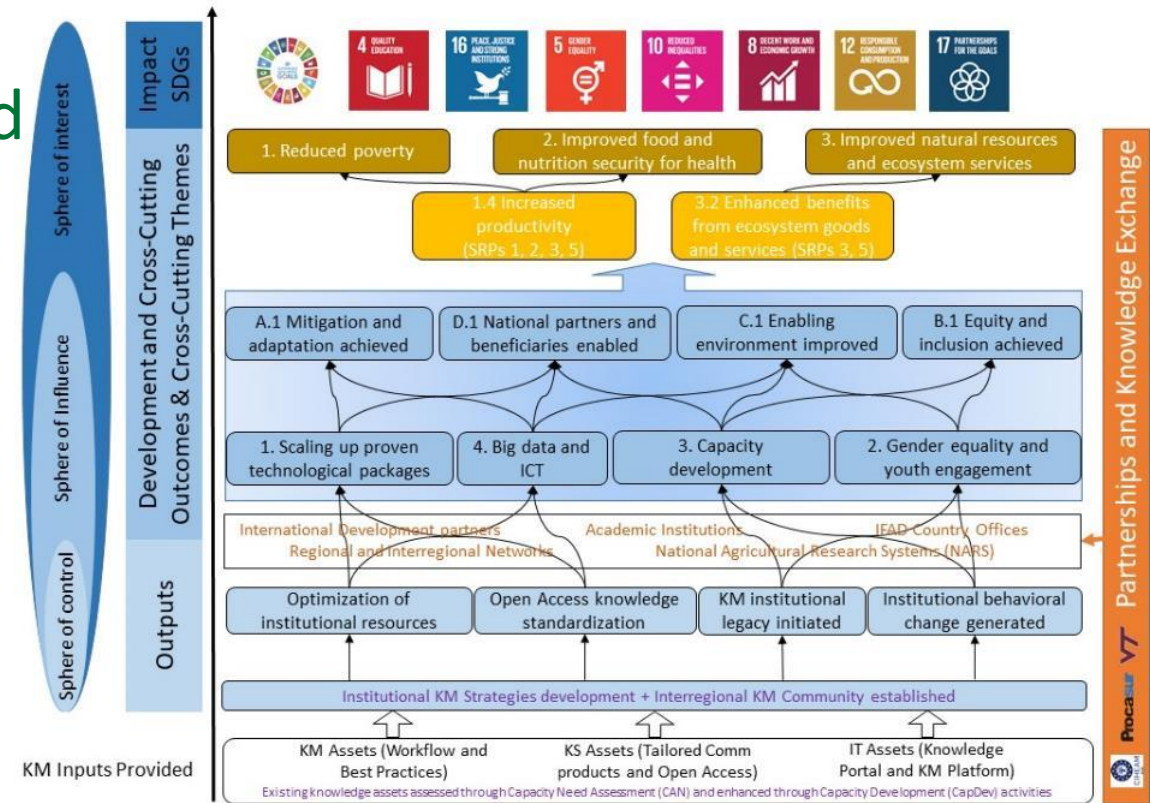
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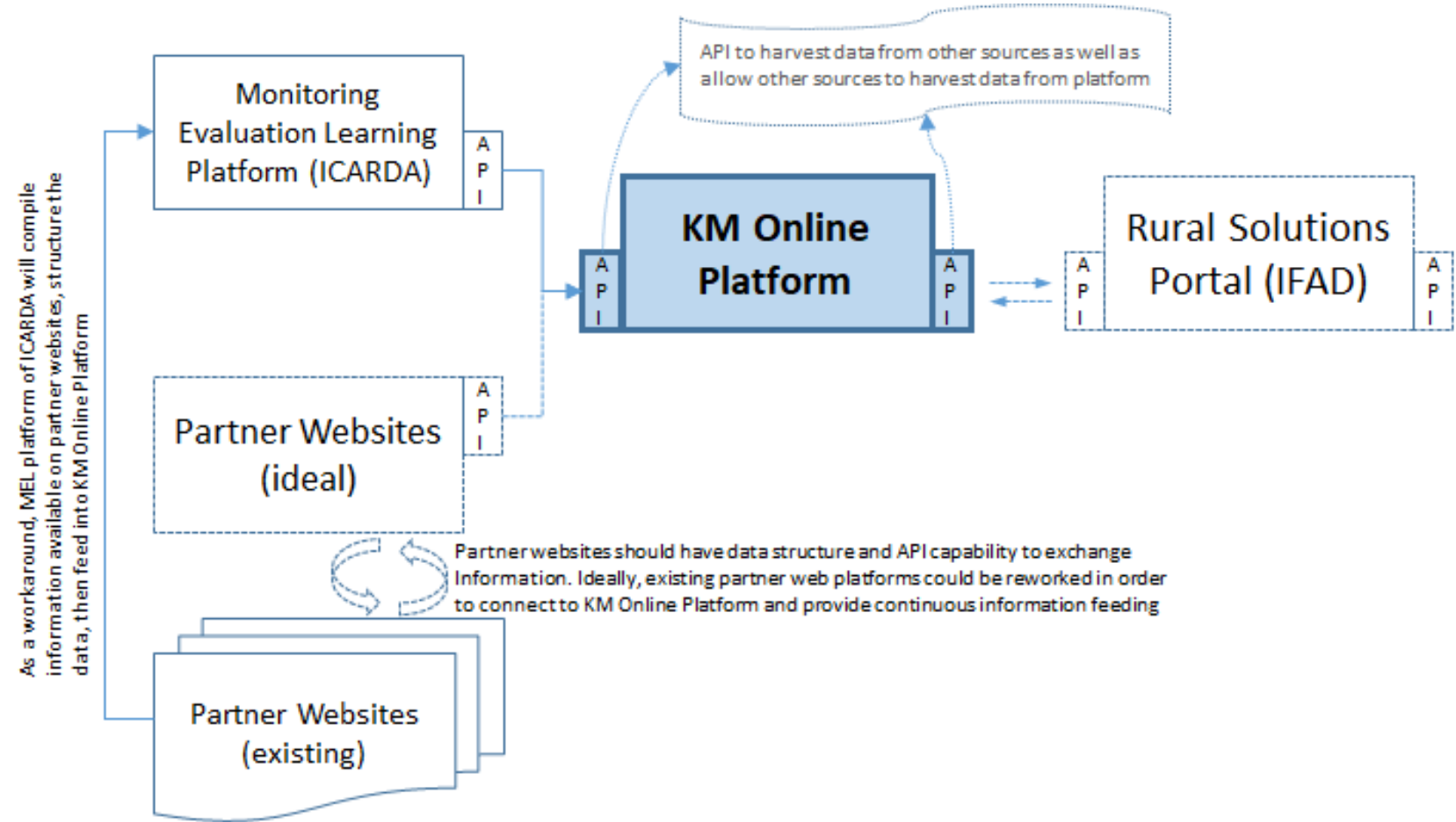
Progress report

- Project KM and communication plan;
- BigData Workshop (Morocco) (funded by CGIAR) to assess existing portals and capacities at national level;
- Capacity needs assessment;
- KM strategy;
- Approach paper – CNA tools and methodological framework;
- Writeshops to develop innovation and capacity building plans.



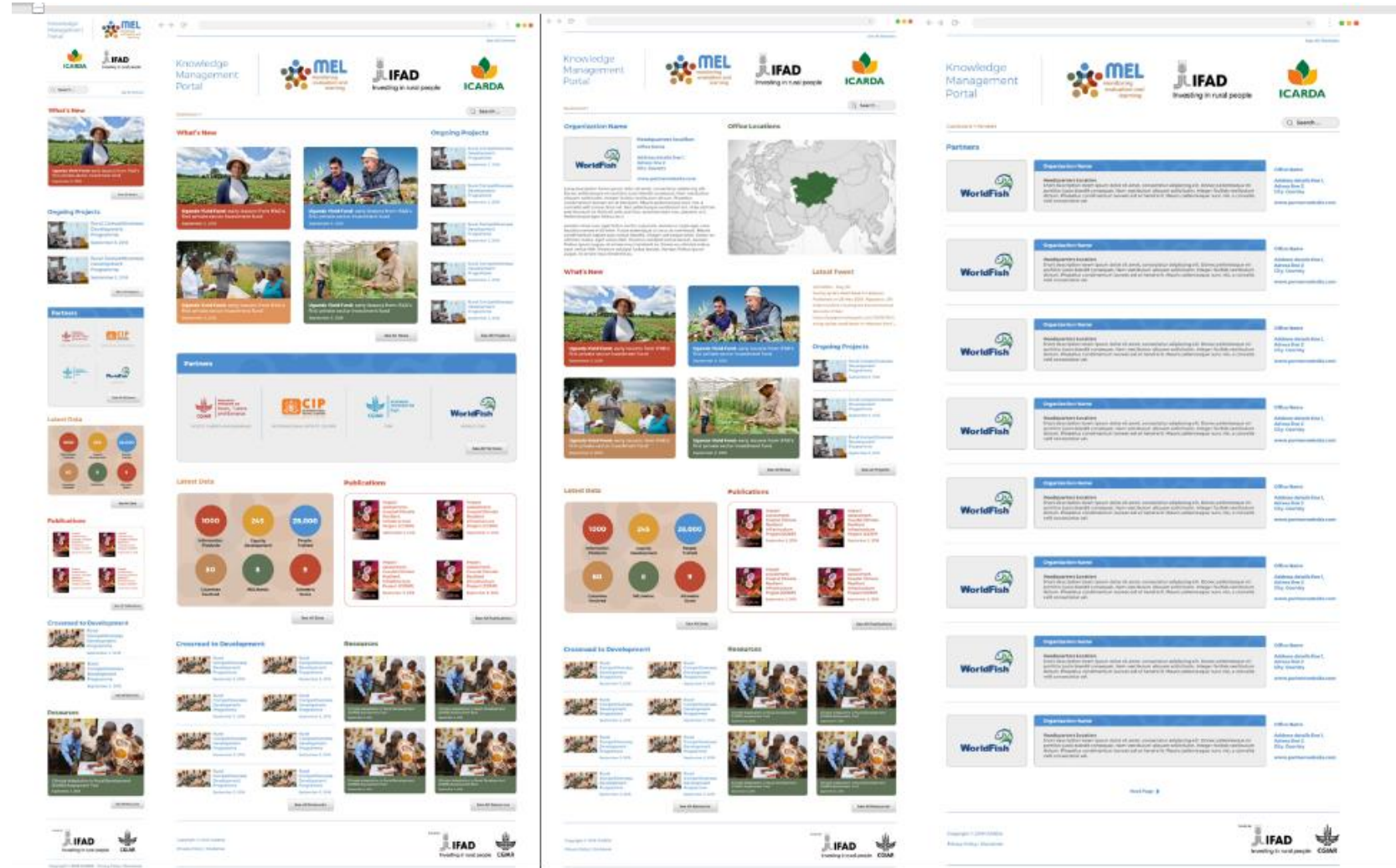
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- Portal launched and in development at <https://knowledgemanagementportal.org/n/portal>;



Progress report

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Progress report

- Symposium 1 “Bridging Knowledge Creation and Sharing for Natural Resource Management and Climate Resilience” – Rabat, Morocco in November 2019;
- Symposium 2 “Towards Sustainable Agriculture – What is missing?” – Balti, Moldova in November 2019;
- Blogs and brochure on conservation agriculture for Moldova stakeholder;
- **Administrative** – national project coordinator, partnership agreements