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Strengthening Knowledge Management
for Greater Development Effectiveness



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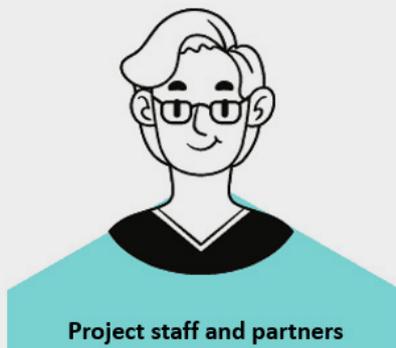
The [IFAD Knowledge Management \(KM\) resource centre](#) serves as informational hub and inspirational base for knowledge transfer, capacity building and collaborative action.

The resource centre consolidates on point practical guidance, digital tools, knowledge sharing practices from paragon sources.

Additional centre's asset is its regularly updated databases and highest interest for collaboration with new partners for innovation and best practice sharing.

Are you involved in knowledge management? Don't miss the chance to contribute to the [Resources page](#) of IFAD KM resource centre!

Main target audience



What IFAD KM resource center can help you with?

- ✔ Evaluate and build your **Community of Practice** using the detailed overview of the communities active at IFAD.
- ✔ Plan and undertake **KM** as an essential activity during design and implementation of IFAD-financed operations.
- ✔ Learn about **training opportunities** in KM-related skills offered within IFAD and externally.
- ✔ Stay informed about the latest KM tools to support learning and knowledge products development, as well as facilitation of **meetings, workshops and other events**.

SKiM Products on IFAD KM Resource centre



[SKiM Knowledge Management Portal](#)

[Moldova Country Source Book](#)



[Sudan Country Source Book](#)



More information to be uploaded within SKiM Project duration to provide more visibility and knowledge sharing. Explore more [here](#).

Communities of Practice Tracking Tool

Continuing the review of Communities of Practice (CoPs) shared within the [previous Newsletter](#), we would like to focus on analysis of the participation and engagement dynamics within the CoPs.

The SKiM project experts developed the monitoring tool capitalizing on the experience of [the Learning System in Agricultural Research for Development \(LESARD\)](#) (Sartas, 2017). By combining [the Event Log](#) with the elements of [the Learning Log](#) of LESARD, [the survey tool](#) was designed for **CoP-Track**, that documents multi-stakeholder interactions within CoPs. Specifically, the tool collects information about:

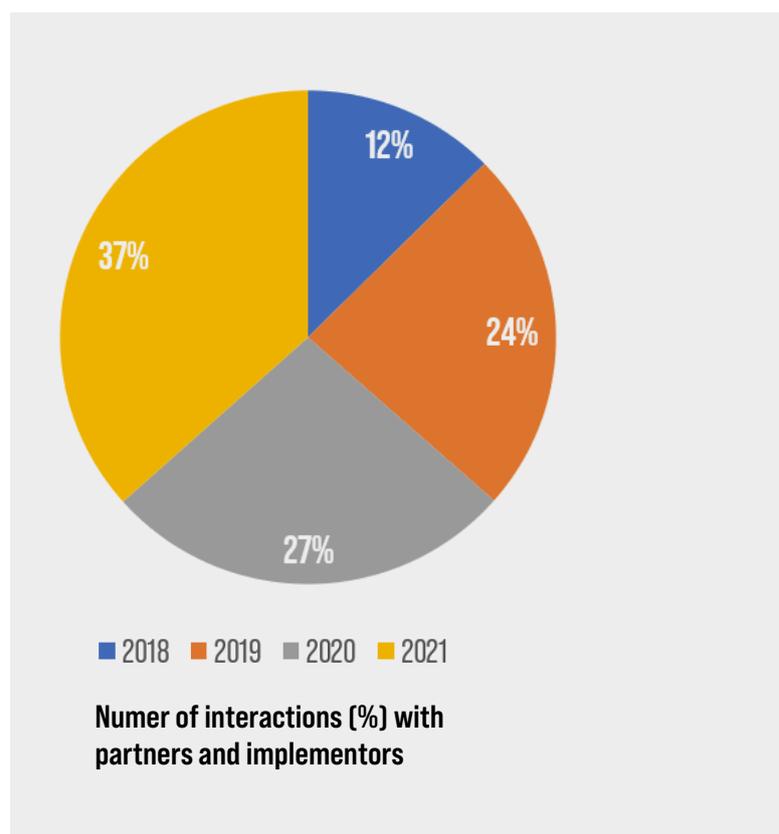
- ▶ Different types of the CoP events focus themes;
- ▶ Types of interactions the event is based on;
- ▶ Use of primary SKiM-produced knowledge management tools;
- ▶ Use of other knowledge management tools developed or used in the CoP events;
- ▶ Sponsors of the events;
- ▶ Names, sex and ages of the participants.

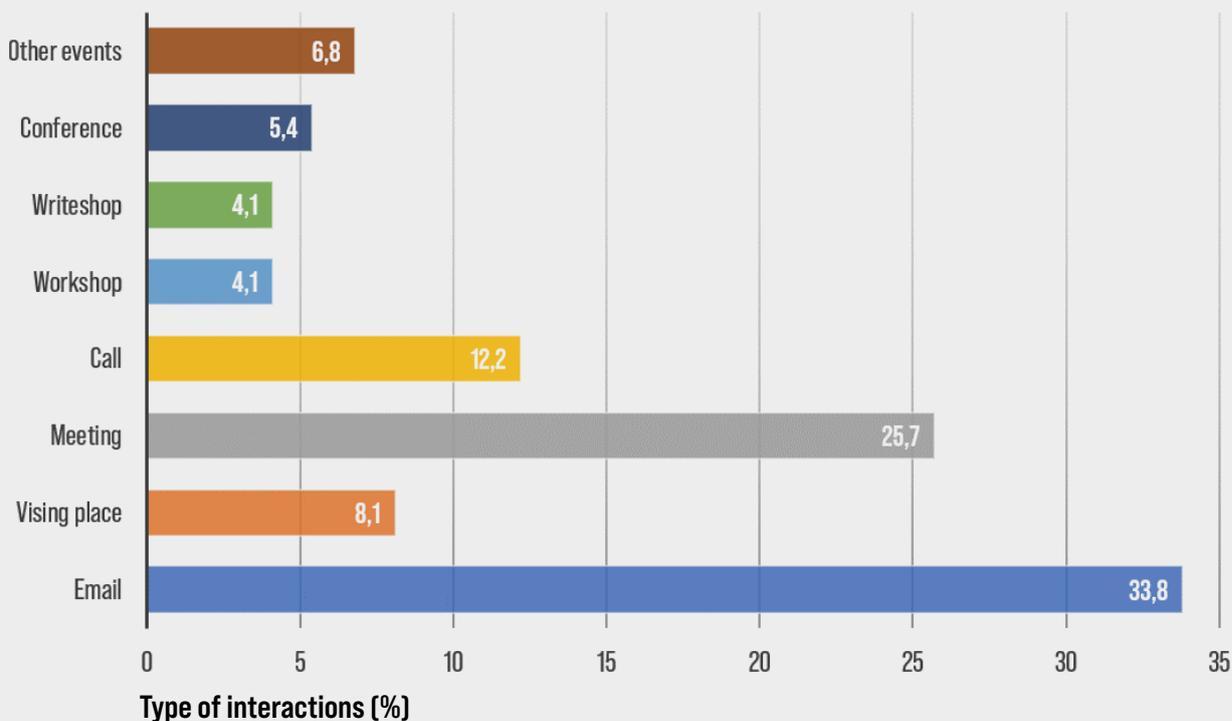
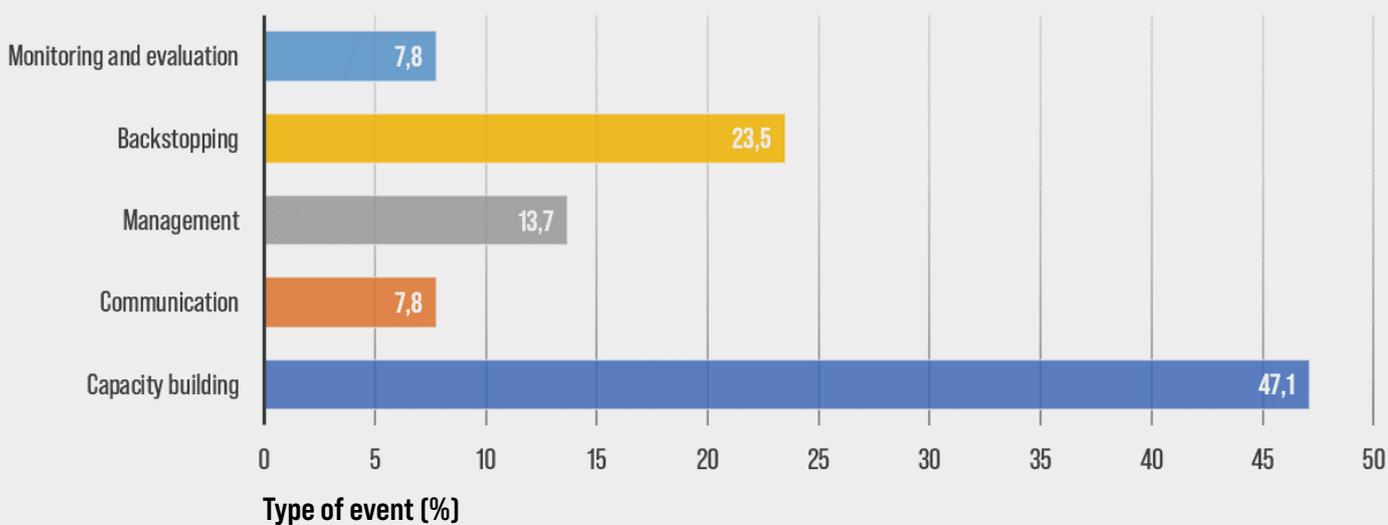
The performed tests demonstrated efficacy and potential use of the tool for:

- ▶ Identification of the overall quantitative trends in the volume of multi-stakeholder interactions;
- ▶ Monitoring of the participation size;
- ▶ Presentation of the interaction forms diversity;
- ▶ Demonstration of the richness of the focus themes the CoP focuses in its lifespan;

- ▶ Verification of the broad set of tools used by the CoPs;
- ▶ Identification of the broad set of partners CoP get in touch;
- ▶ Analysis of the gender dynamics the CoPs go through.

The below short analysis demonstrates findings and conclusions generated using SKiM multi-stakeholder interactions as a test case for developing **Communities of Practice Multi-stakeholder Interaction Tracking Tool (CoP-Track)**.





The CoP-Track can enable managers and implementers of CoPs to access high granular information and provide information about inclusivity dimensions within CoPs. The performed tests demonstrated that CoP performance tracking tools like CoP-Track is perceived as a novelty by the majority of partners.

Using CoP performance tracking tools effectively requires an informed adoption process and backstopping.

 The detailed analysis can be found [here](#).

Event Summary and Feedbacks from participants

Within the framework of Mediterranean Innovation Partnership [CIHEAM Bari](#) is organizing the series of webinars aimed to strengthen knowledge and skills of Innovation Support Organizations (ISO) members. The first webinar "**Business incubation: where it all began and where we are now. Insights from an industry veteran**" was organized on March 17th, 2022 and gained special attention from SKiM team participants from Sudan, who share their feedbacks and impressions with the event organizers:

The webinar discussion included various KM components. What is KM component is the most useful for your current work?

Digital Technologies for Improving Agricultural Production and Securing Sustainability

Innovation Platforms

Communication Strategy to Raise People Awareness on Natural Resources Management

How can you better support your institution with the knowledge gathered at the training?

The concept of KM is to make the information accessible to the employees and the beneficiaries of any institution.

To support this concept the Knowledge needs to be transformed into productive force that can improve the performance and increase efficiency both of the institution and its staff.

The value of any knowledge is that it needs and can be shared. Thus, my approach would be to use the gained knowledge for education and research, organizing training sessions with colleagues and stakeholders to exchange information and generate new ideas.

I was really inspired by the innovative approaches and methodologies that were discussed during the webinar. The special focus was given for communication skills enhancement that will help a lot when proposing novelties to state institutions and farmers.

What was your motivation in joining the event?

- ▶ Facilitating and managing innovation and organizational learning;
- ▶ Benefiting from the experiences of people around the world;
- ▶ Increasing networking between individuals internal and external;



- ▶ Managing the work environment and allowing for relevant business insights and ideas to solve complex problems.
- ▶ The worldwide new trend to make science borderless and free;
- ▶ Sharing knowledge and best practice especially with the least developed countries;
- ▶ Spreading the innovative concepts between teaching staff, researchers and students is vital.

- ▶ Ways to introduce the innovation to stakeholders and farmers;
- ▶ New approaches and ideas for the innovation department in my institution;
- ▶ Principles in sustainable food value chain development;
- ▶ Gain new insights and inspirations from other part of the world.

Upcoming events

9–20 May



UNCCD 15th session
"Land. Life. Legacy:
From scarcity to prosperity"

[Event details](#) →

11 May



The Post-2020 Global Biodiversity
Framework: Placing Food Systems
and Rural People at the Centre of
Accelerated Action

[Event details](#) →

12 May



Mentoring: a practical
experience

[Event details](#) →

30–31 May



AgriTech Meet

[Event details](#) →

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SKiM project implementing partners



SKiM Partners in Sudan



SKiM Partners in Morocco



SKiM Partners in Moldova



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