

Monthly Report

Project: Impact evaluation of SLM options to achieve land degradation neutrality

Month Covered in this Report: February 2017

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Report overview

This report details my experience with ICARDA in Amman, JORDAN for the period of 1st February 2017 to 28th February 2017, under the supervision of Dr. Quang Bao Le, Senior Scientist, Social-Ecological Systems Science, ICARDA and Mr. Enrico Bonaiuti, Research Program Coordinator for Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL), ICARDA.

Overall plan of work

Activities report for the last month (Please attach in the annex relevant photos, videos, tables, maps or other graphics for your deliverables)

Deliverables	Tasks related	Activities status	Comments	Lessons learned
Online Guide for Programmers	-	Partially done- submitted in 07 February 2017 to Mr. Valerio Graziano (the content is reviewed by the developers and the design of the command and the images are done by me)	-	Good experience to get to understand a tiny bit of programming. The guideline is frozen for something really simple. I must respect deadlines and

		Frozen by the communication consultant who wants different distribution of the paragraph but I did not find time to do it yet.		organize more my time
Updated MEL project website	4- Conduct relevant activities needed for project Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning using the Dryland Systems MEL platform	Continuous work throughout the month	-	I should be more efficient on this. It took longer that It should be.
Support to the brochure/flyer/logo	7- Support the work of the communication consultant on keeping donors updated on the project proceedings, informing policy makers and other stakeholders of the project proceedings	Done Review + translation to Arabic (supported by Linda and Marah) and French (supported by Badabate Diwediga)	-	
Training on the job for NARS, research institutes and policy makers with Workshop on "Tool-aided Scenarios Development of SLM at Watershed Scale	8- Support the workshop on participatory technology transfer and cooperative capacity building at the ending months of the project	Visa procedures for Badabate Diwediga and Mr. Quang Bao Le.		I need to work on my organization skills.

Drafting combined classes of land use/cover x agro-ecological zones for guiding field visits	1- Conduct desk-review of country-specific data on bio-physical and socio-economic context (my role: support) 2. Collect data on existing, tested and adopted Sustainable Land Management (SLM) options versus different socio-ecological contexts based on secondary data sources (being available online or in national organizations) and field work in well-selected sites. (My role: support)	Done per request of task's responsible person: +I got the shapefile of the socio agro ecological zones for Tunisia from Mr Taoufik.) + Submitted table on combined classes of main agro-ecological regions * land uses types in 31 January to Mr. Quang Bao Le). See tables at the end of the documents	-	More organization for the team here is needed so we know exactly who does what.
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Conclusions/ Final comments/recommendations

Things speed up in February. I was overwhelmed by the work, the multitasking and a trip to INDIA which was for a week from 20 to 25 February 2017. This will create stress for other team members as well.

So, next time, I will try to organize myself and prioritize my main tasks so I can deliver better results.

Annex: MEL web page

- Link to the web page of the project: <https://mel.cgiar.org/projects/slmo>

