

Monthly Report

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

Month Covered in this Report: March 2017

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Report overview

This report details my experience with ICARDA in Amman, JORDAN for the period of 1st March 2017 to 31st March 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
Updated MEL project website	4- Conduct relevant activities needed for project Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning using the Dryland Systems MEL platform	frozen (I allocated my time to the workshop)	-	I should be more efficient on this. It took longer that It should be.
Brochures, Flyers, and agendas/program s (workshop and training) in French and Arabic	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 and French (supported by Badabate Diwediga)	-	
Interviews with participants in the project training	7- Support the work of the communication consultant on keeping	Done (During the workshop, I did interviews with		

	donors updated on the project proceedings, informing policy makers and other stakeholders of the project proceedings	stakeholders, governmental officers, students and our project leader) (8 interviews – with video records – done)		
Training on the job for NARS, research institutes and policy makers with Workshop on "Tool-aided Scenarios Development of SLM at Watershed Scale	Support trainers on training activities on the related jobs for NARS, research institutes and policy makers	Done		Prior planning is the key to a successful event . I had to overspend 2000 dollars due to last minute decisions (hotel place and reservation change/ Perdiems calculation) and unclear plan.
Data/literature of SLM options by context in Tunisia, especially on selected study sites	1. Support conduct desk-review of country-specific data on bio-physical and socio-economic context 2. Support 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.	Partially done: I got to meet with contacts who are useful for me to collect data (List of them in below) A report from Salah Hamdi (DGACTA), + A shapefile with the SWC works in Zaghouan governorate (Name: Houda Abassi, CRDA Zaghouan)	-	

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Online Guide for Programmers			
Online Guide for users			

Conclusions/ Final comments/recommendations

It was my first time to plan a workshop. It was challenging and overwhelming for me. I learned a lot professionally and personally. Experience to remember.

Recommendations:

- Prior complete planning is the key.

Annex 1: list of key contacts

- List of key contacts:

Contacts	Organization	Position	Mail
Saleh Hamdi	DGACTA	Sub-Head of the DG-ACTA	sbk.hamdi@gmail.com
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Annex 2: MEL web page

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

Annex 3: Workshop materials

- Link to the dropbox of videos and photos of the workshop: https://www.dropbox.com/home/Photos_Videos_workshop_Training_Tunisia_March_2017
- Link to interviews: https://www.dropbox.com/home/Videos_interviews

Annex 4: Documentation

- Link to the report given by Saleh Hamdi: DG-ACTA: <https://www.dropbox.com/home/Documentation>
- Shapefile of SWC works in Zaghuan district: <https://www.dropbox.com/home/base%20donn%C3%A9es%20zaghuan>