

Land is sensitive !!

INCLUSIVE DIALOGUE IS SOLUTION TO IT

**The Gambia Experience on VG/LGAF dissemination 2014 -
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Institutional Arrangement

- 1. National Coordination of Farmers Association The Gambia (NACOFAG) constituted 16 Federations (fisheries, Agriculture, Livestock, Processors, Micro-finance, etc). It has signed the contract and mandated the Fish Smokers Association to lead the dissemination of Voluntary Guideline with the support of National Coordination Committee (Platform for Policy Dialogue)**
- 2. NCC-Platform for Policy Dialogue is constituted of 18 Organizations (Government Ministries, NGOs, FOs, Parliamentarian, Private Sectors, Services Providers, Youth and Women)**
- 3. The Working group constituted of 5 institutions plus the Focal Point (6) people**
- 4. The Chairperson and the Focal point are fully responsible for the day-to- day running of the activities**

Introduction

- 1. It is important that people understand well the objectives of Voluntary Guideline and its process of elaboration,**
- 2. The VG is an instrument to enable Government and other actors to look critically at the applicable policies related to Land tenure,**
- 3. The Project was prepared in collaboration with IPAR in partnership with other neighboring countries,**
- 4. The population is increasing in The Gambia but the landscape is not. The said project has enabled us to focus on inclusive dialogue and for the first time pastoralist, fishing communities are taking part in Land Tenure discussion.**

Planned activities

- 1. Launching of the project with 80 Participants**
- 2. Awareness creation Training Workshop 4 for 225 participants (youth and women)**
- 3. Studies (consultancy) 2 on IFAD intervention Area and on Land Government Assessment Framework**
- 4. Setting of the National Platform and working group**
- 5. Meeting of the Platform 4 meetings**
- 6. Institutional Support for Coordination (NCC, NACOFAG-FSA and the Focal Point with his support staff**

Achievement

1. The launching was mark by two sequences (1 National level. the High level has involve Permanent secretaries, LGAF coordinating team, Government Officers and NGOs heads, 2. regional level involved the Local authorities, Fos' heads, youths and women)
2. Awareness creation Training Workshop 5 conducted for 300 participants which women and youth were included
3. A capitalization of the project done on DVD
4. 10 meetings of the NCC-Policy Dialogue Platform held

Achievement Cont'

1. The two studies were conducted by different consultant who worked on the LGAF one is validated and the consultants just concluded the study on LGAF
2. The Forayaa independence New Paper has created a colon for the dissemination of VG Farmers eyes,
3. Establishment of synergy between Farm and Forest Facility advocacy Programme
4. 85 women already secured the ownership on Land from their father or husband families,
5. FOs has secured communities 'Forestry reserve land ownership control

Achievement Cont'

1. Harmonization of Policies related to Agriculture underway, existence of Land Committee at National Assembly
2. The Gambia Government has set a National Committee for the Re-Mapping of the country to identify (agricultural zone, residential zone, Industrial and both Fisheries and Pastoralist.
3. The National Assembly Member and the Deputy Minister of Agriculture involvement in the NCC-Policy Dialogue Platform was and lifter for Fos
4. Timely Reporting and Disbursement of Resources and technical support.



**Ministerial
tour to
handover
Community
Forest
Management
Agreements
(CFMA) to
Local
communities**

Challenges

- 1. It took us time before mobilizing the resources persons on VG and LGAF in The Gambia**
- 2. The National Committee and the coordination of LGAF was dormant so it was difficult for us to have access in time certain documents related to Policies and Laws,**
- 3. FOs leaders engaged en involve in several issues which led them to forget main issues affecting them**
- 4. Political situation of the Country (the political will exist but understanding are differed),**
- 5. No synergy between Projects and programmes developed by Government,**

Recommendations / Perspectives

1. The financial and technical support need to be giving to IPAR and the Implementers to expand the process and replicate the success stories
2. Exchange sharing of best practices between countries
3. Reinforce the Capacities of the National Coordinating-Policy Dialogue Platform,
4. Harmonization of the VG (IFAD, FAO) and the African Union VG,
5. Reinforce the Capacity of Communities to invest on Land protection and rational use

Remark

No Land No Farmer

No Farmer No Food

No food No survival

Together we can do Proper and adequately
use our “Patrimonies” land and Natural
resource (our survival, our destiny, our
end final day in this land we are going to
rest in Peace

END

Welcome to Next Regional
Meeting on VG-Land Tenure in
Gambia