



PROJECT INCEPTION WORKSHOP

“POST-HARVEST LOSS REDUCTION FOR ENHANCED FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY IN IGAD MEMBER STATES (TCP/SFE/3702)”

Djibouti, 11-12 March 2019

CONCEPT NOTE

I. Background

The desire of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) region to attain self-sufficiency in food has led policy makers at national and regional levels of IGAD to pursue a multi-faceted approach encompassing increasing domestic food production and food losses reduction along agricultural value chains. Post-Harvest Loss (PHL) is an important, but often-forgotten factor that exacerbates food and nutrition insecurity that the region currently suffers. Any loss of produce has a direct impact on food availability and translates to losses in production resources, mainly land, water, energy and inputs as well as lost income for the various actors in the supply chain. Reducing food losses is therefore a key pathway to food and nutrition security in the IGAD Region.

Additionally, reduction of food losses is consistent with the third commitment of the Malabo Declaration on Africa Accelerated Agricultural Growth and Transformation (3AGT) for Shared Prosperity and Livelihoods, to halve the current levels of post-harvest losses by the year 2025. Moreover, it contributes to the attainment of the internationally agreed Sustainable Development Goals 2 and 12 of ending hunger and ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns (especially target 12.3 to halve global food losses and waste by 2030) respectively.

Like in most African countries, accurate estimates of the magnitude of losses are still lacking among many IGAD member states. Nevertheless, there is no doubt that the levels remain unacceptably high. FAO estimates from 2011 suggest that as much as one third of food produced globally is lost between production and consumption (FAO, 2011). For Post-Harvest handling and storage loss only, the FAO estimates is 8 percent, and the African Post-Harvest Losses Information System (APHLIS) estimates is 10-12 percent. It is against this background that the IGAD Secretariat requested for technical assistance from FAO towards systematic and methodological approaches to effectively assess post-harvest losses and institute measures to reduce them.

The project entitled “Post-Harvest Loss Reduction for Enhanced Food and Nutrition Security in IGAD Member States” will contribute to improving the capacity of IGAD and its Member States in developing and implementing solutions to food loss and waste at various levels (from policy, to improved market linkages and technologies). This will be achieved through four outputs:



1. IGAD Regional Strategy on post-harvest loss reduction aligned with AU PHL Continental framework formulated
2. Human and institutional capacity of the IGAD Secretariat and member countries strengthened in the design and implementation of food loss reduction policies, strategies and programmes
3. IGAD's PHL Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) system established to monitor and report on progress to achieve the Malabo PHL target and synchronized with the AUC PHL M&E and biennium review process.
4. A bankable project to further enhance efforts on post-harvest loss reduction developed

The project will build on past and on-going initiatives on post-harvest loss reduction to avoid duplication of efforts. Importantly, the project will utilize information generated through a continent wide initiative funded by Rockefeller Foundation and the food loss assessment methodology developed by FAO's SAVE FOOD Initiative. This methodology adopts a value chain approach, includes both quantitative and qualitative aspects of food losses, and analyses institutional and regulatory frameworks and policies that contribute to food loss reduction.

II. WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES:

The main objective of the Inception Workshop is to launch the aforementioned technical cooperation project and agree on activities and roles of stakeholders for successful implementation of the project. Specifically, the workshop will:

1. Introduce the key components of the project and foster a common understanding among IGAD Member States of the specific contribution the project will make to reduction of post-harvest food losses in the region
2. Review and take stock of past and on-going work in the region that the project may build-on
3. Develop a detailed plan of work for the project including clear areas of focus and agree on timelines
4. Agree on materials and tools to be used by the project

III. WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS.

About 25 participants drawn from the IGAD Member countries, IGAD Secretariat and FAO. The cost of travel, an economy class return air ticket and a daily subsistence allowance will be covered for sponsored participants by FAO in accordance with UN rates.

IV. WORKSHOP VENUE AND DATES.

Sheraton Hotel, Djibouti, 11-12, March 2019

V. CONTACT PERSONS



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TENTATIVE WORKSHOP AGENDA

DAY 1: TUESDAY, 5 MARCH 2019		
Time	Topic	Resource Person (s)
08:30 – 09:00	Arrival at the venue and Registration	Secretariat
SESSION 1	OPENING SESSION	
09:00 – 10:30	Welcome Remarks	IGAD Representative
	Opening Remarks	FAO Representative
	Self-Introductions	Participants
	IGAD Overview presentation	Moneim Elhoweris
	Workshop Objectives and Project Overview	Ms. Nomathemba Mhlanga
	Setting the Stage: Status and efforts to reduce PHL losses in SSA	Mr. Cephas Taruvinga
	Discussion	
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Health Break and Group Photo</i>	
SESSION 2	Country Presentations on PHL Initiatives (Presentations on past & on-going PHL work- 15 minutes presentation plus 10 minutes for Q& A)	
11:00 – 12:30	Presentation from Djibouti	Representative from Djibouti
	Presentation from Ethiopia	Representative from Ethiopia
	Presentation from Eritrea	Representative from Eritrea
	Presentation from Kenya	Representative from Kenya
12:45 – 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>	
SESSION 2 continued	Country Presentations on PHL Initiatives continued	
14:00 – 15:30	Presentation from Somalia	Representative from Somalia
	Presentation from Sudan	Representative from Sudan
	Presentation from South Sudan	Presentation from South Sudan
	Presentation from Uganda	Representative from Uganda
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Health break</i>	
SESSION 3	Group working sessions on each outcome of the Project	
16:00 – 17:00	Review of proposed TCP activities, identification of concrete activities to be implemented and prioritization of the same	Participants
	Day 1 wrap up / Closure	Rapporteur



DAY 2: Wednesday, 6 2019		
Time	Topic	Resource Person (s)
09:00 – 09:30	Recap of day 1	Secretariat
SESSION 5	Group Work: Development of Detailed Work plan	
09:30 – 10:30	Discussion of the work plan (Presentation followed by a well facilitated discussion to obtain feedback/inputs)	All Participants Ms Nomathemba Mhlanga
	Q& A	
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Health Break</i>	
SESSION 6	Wrap up of the workshop and next steps	
11:00 – 13:00	Discussion on PHL materials, tools and potential partnerships	Ms Mireille Totobesola and Mr. Cephas Taruvinga
	Presentation of final work plan and timeframe	IGAD and FAO
	Next steps	IGAD Secretariat
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14.00-15.30	Adoption of the Report of the Meeting	IGAD Secretariat
	Closing Remarks	IGAD and FAO