Photo report of Africa RISING West Africa Project Review and Planning Meeting

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In October 2016, USAID confirmed 5-year funding for phase 2 of the Africa RISING program.

To set the research and scaling agenda for the second phase, partners involved in implementing activities in the Africa RISING West Africa Project (Ghana & Mali) convened in Accra for a review and planning meeting on 1 – 2 February, 2017.

Objectives of the meeting were:

- Review phase 1 outputs, achievements and lessons learnt
- Discuss the phase 2 proposal and implementation guidelines, and review a pre-developed project log-frame
- Draft 2017 work-plans

Detailed notes on discussions and presentation downloads available at http://africa-rising.wikispaces.com/Africa_RISING_WA_planning_meeting_Feb2017

Africa RISING West Africa review and planning meeting participants.

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Agenda

DAY 1

Review of phase 1 achievements

Take – away insights from phase 1

A look at Africa RISING phase 2 program & West Africa proposals

Sustainable intensification indicators

M&E Framework for phase 2

DAY 2

Vision of success for Africa RISING West Africa

Phase 2 scaling opportunities and partners

Review of the draft Phase 2 log-frame

Work-plan development

A poster session organized in 6 bus stops, gave participants the chance to take stock of the progress achieved in Africa RISING West Africa phase 1 in terms of development and validation of different technologies.

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The 6 bus stops visited by participants in different rounds, and which broadly captured the areas of Africa RISING West Africa phase 1 were: (1) socio-economics, (2) crop production, (3) livestock, (4) Land, soil and water management, and (5) nutrition, food safety, mycotoxin, postharvest.

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To gain varied insights and fresh perspectives about the technologies presented at each of the bus stops, participants (who were not presenting at the bus stops) divided themselves into 3 interest groups – scientists/researchers, government extension agents, and farmers. Each of these interest groups then toured the bus stops and asked the presenters questions taken from the perspective of the interest group represented. At the end of the exercise, the interest groups the gave feedback in plenary about their collective observations regarding the technologies presented at each bus stop. Photo credit: Jonathan Odhong'/ IITA

Theme leader for livestock research work in Africa RISING West Africa phase 1, Augustine Ayantunde (ILRI) explains the implications of the themes achievements.

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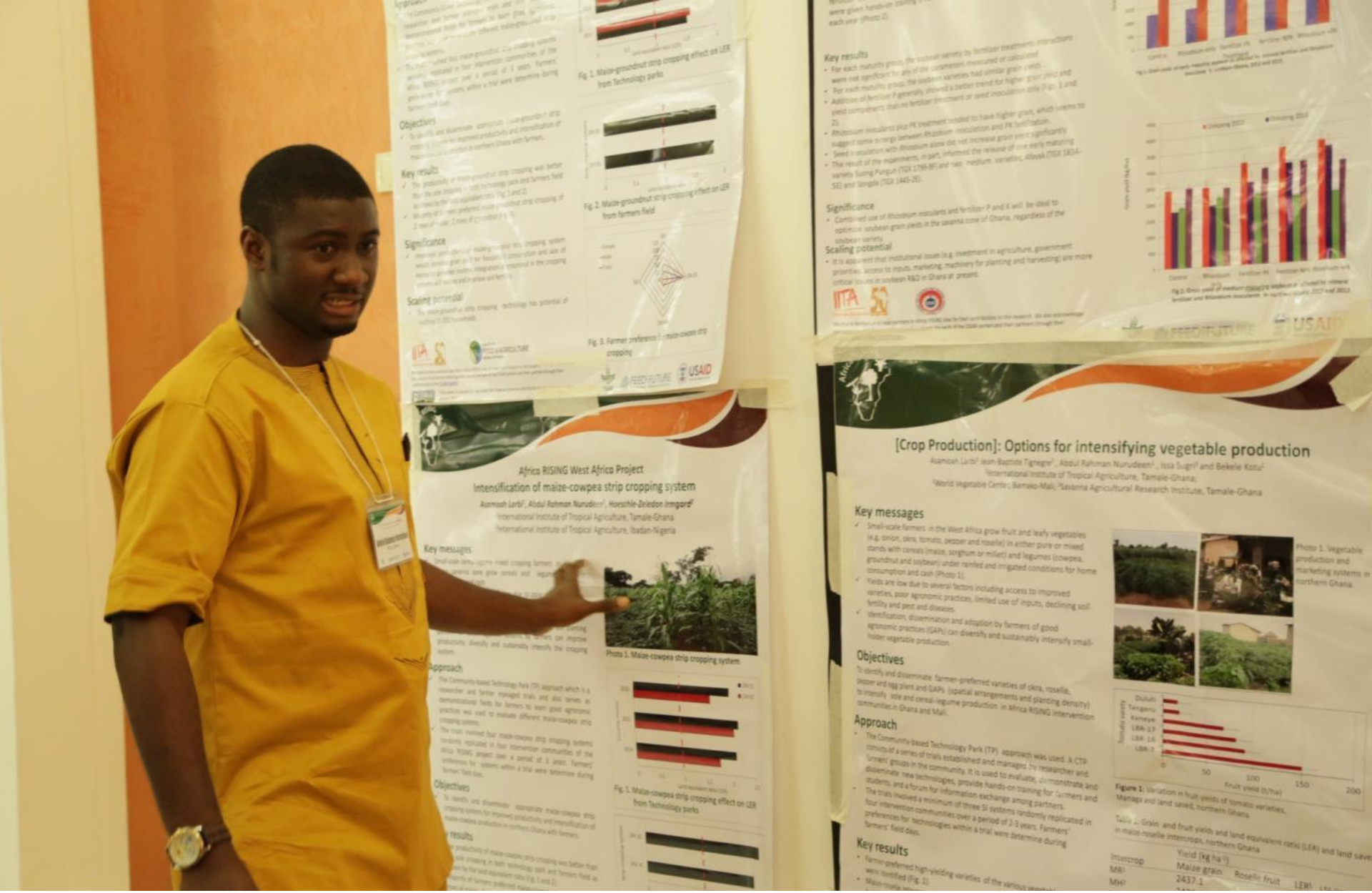

Nurudeen Abdulrahman (IITA), highlights the results of Africa RISING work under the crop production theme in phase 1.

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Saaka Buah (University of Development Studies Ghana) explains what was accomplished by project partners working under the nutrition, food safety, mycotoxin, postharvest theme.

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Daniel Agbatimeh (IITA), explains the scaling potential and the results achieved through Africa RISING support for Aflatoxin mitigation work in northern Ghana.

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All at attention. Participants focused on a presentation at one of the bus stops during the meeting.

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Fatimata Cisse (ICRAF), presents on nutritious fruit trees work implemented through the Africa RISING project in southern Mali.

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Gundula Fischer (IITA) presents the progress made with integration of gender perspectives into the research activities implemented by project partners involved in the Africa RISING West Africa project.

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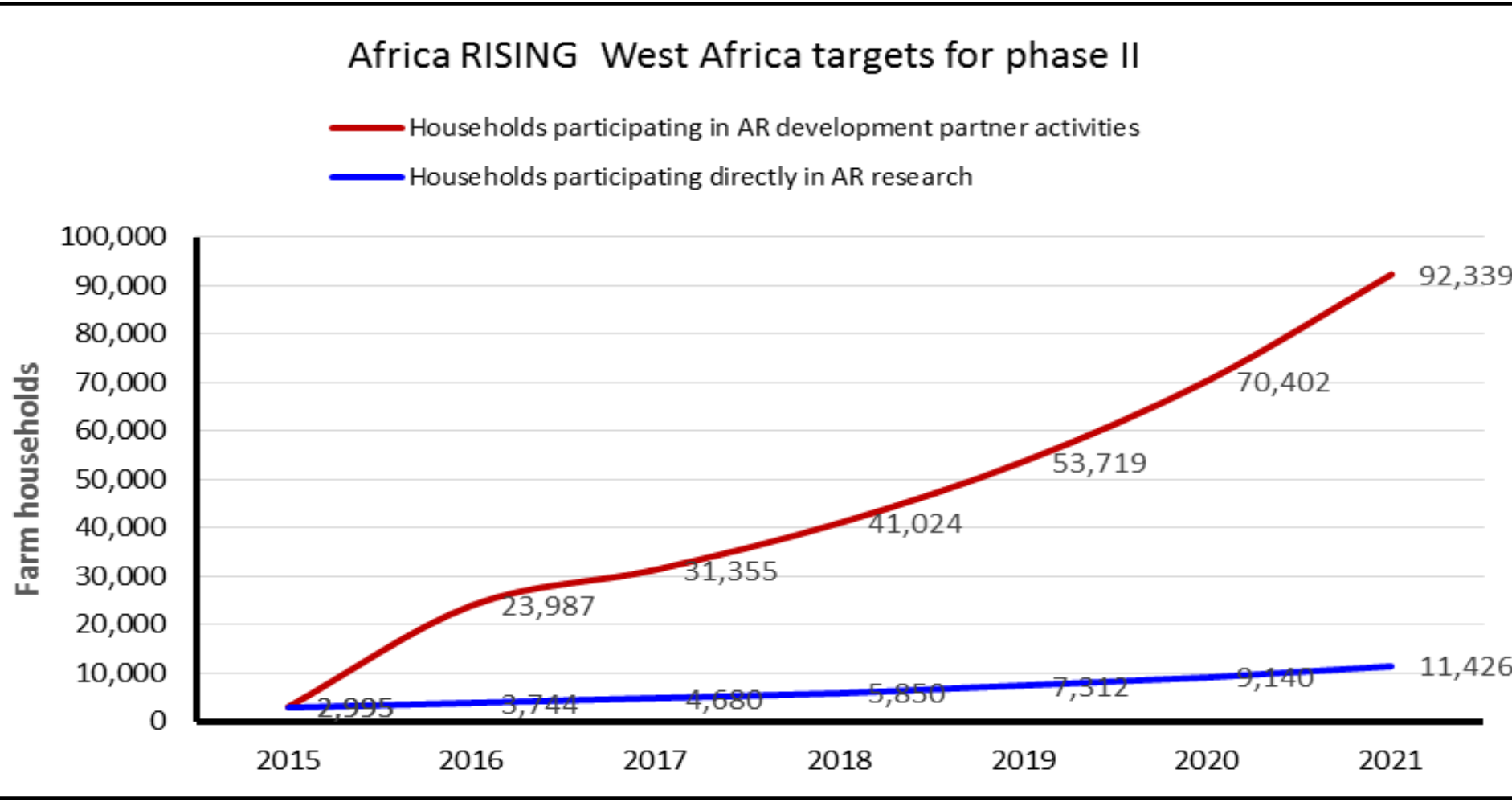

Reaching the Africa RISING scaling targets: Two presentation proposals on how to reach the required target numbers (at scale) in both Ghana and Mali were made at the meeting and participants provided feedback on what more needs to be done. Africa RISING West Africa project has committed to the target of reaching 92, 339 households through partnering with development projects.

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Participants also assembled into different groups where they collectively reviewed different parts of the draft Africa RISING West Africa project phase 2 logframe and gave input for inclusion into the final version.

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Caroline Sobgui (WorldVeg) contributes to a group round table review of the logframe. Inputs obtained from participants will be used by the project management to finalize the logframe and a final version is to be circulated to all Africa RISING West Africa project partners.

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2017 work plan preparation. Participants also engaged in preliminary work planning for the upcoming field season (2017) where they discussed and proposed sub-activities to be focused on by the project in phase 2. Photo credit: Jonathan Odhong'/ IITA

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