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Capacitating One Health in Eastern and Southern Africa

Work Package 1 Update: Lessons and Experience Exchange

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WP1 – Objectives

- Determine the OH status in research and innovation, governance, education, and implementation
- Where are the strengths and gaps? – how can gaps be filled
- Determine where gaps align with project objectives
- Determine where COHESA can align with ongoing OH projects/initiatives



WP1 – Progress

- 11 baseline assessments complete inclusive of reports
 - Somalia in process to start as they have recently joined the project
- Netmapping completed in 9 countries (original plan for 4)
 - ISAAA strongly supported this with train the trainer events (2) and assisting all countries to implement and report on findings
 - Reporting complete for 4 countries; ongoing for 5
- Countries involved many stakeholders in this process and strengthened communication and advocacy for OH
- Development of country plans (excel activity planner)
- 9 countries have drafted CABI OH Case Study Publications



Examples of Gaps and Plans

- Namibia
 - Gap: OH in Higher Education
 - Action: PgDiploma in OH being developed
- Malawi
 - Gap: no OH strategy for country
 - Action: Multiplier asked to facilitate drafting OH policy with consultants from key ministries
- Rwanda
 - Gap: actioning OH policies/strategies
 - Action: consultants brought on from key ministries in OH to work on actioning policies/strategies



WP1 – Challenges

- Delays with ethical approval processes within countries
- Delays in moving funds from ILRI to countries
- Bringing stakeholders and multiplier teams together challenging with competing OH and existing work
- Turning baseline reports into actionable plans that align with COHESA activities

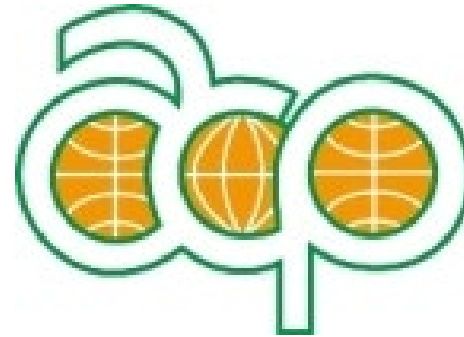


Next Steps

- Ensure country plans are ***continually informed*** by baseline findings using excel activity planner
- Submit CABI OH Case Study to Shauna Richards and country coordinator by **December 4, 2023**
- Consortium to write up regional baseline publication with support of multipliers
- Consortium to develop endline assessment to measure project impact and changes in OH in countries
 - Multipliers will seek ethical approval in late 2024/early 2025 to implement in last ½ of 2025



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