

The Gambia COUNTRY PROGRAMME EVALUATION

Concept Note on the National Round-table Workshop

Banjul, The Gambia, 3 December 2015

A. CONTEXT

1. The Independent Office of Evaluation (IOE) of IFAD conducted its first Country Programme Evaluation (CPE) in The Gambia in 2015. In line with the IFAD Evaluation Policy, a national round-table workshop is held at the end of each CPE. In this regard and in consultation with IFAD's West and Central Africa Division (WCA) and the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs (MoFEA), the CPE national round-table workshop for The Gambia will be co-organized by MoFEA (Government of The Gambia) and IOE in December 2015.

B. OBJECTIVES

2. The objectives of the Gambia CPE national round-table workshop are to: (i) discuss the main findings, conclusions and recommendations from the CPE; (ii) provide inputs for the preparation of the evaluation's Agreement at Completion Point (ACP); and (iii) discuss the opportunities and challenges of the IFAD-Government of The Gambia partnership in the future, taking into account The Gambia's country context, as well as IFAD's policies and priorities.

3. The ACP is a short document summarizing the main CPE findings and recommendations, which the Government of The Gambia (represented by the Minister or his representative in the Ministry Finance and Economic Affairs) and IFAD (represented by the Associate Vice President of the Programme Management Department) agree to adopt and implement within specific timeframes. IOE's role is to facilitate the preparation and finalization of the ACP, which will be included in the final CPE report for The Gambia.

C. THE GAMBIA CPE NATIONAL ROUNDTABLE WORKSHOP

4. **Place and timing.** The full day workshop is scheduled to take place in Banjul on 3 December 2015 at the Kairaba Hotel.

5. **Workshop invitations and documentation.** Invitations will be sent to all participants jointly in the names of Director IOE and Permanent Secretary I in the Ministry Finance and Economic Affairs. The evaluation report, profile and insight on the Gambia CPE will be shared in advance with all participants, as background documentation for the workshop. In addition, a power point presentation will be delivered during the workshop on the key findings and lessons from the CPE, in order to guide the discussions at the event.

6. **Key themes of the workshop.** The workshop will focus on three broad themes emerging from The Gambia CPE, as summarised in the below box. Guiding questions based on the CPE's findings, will be prepared on each of the three themes to stimulate discussions at the workshop.

Theme 1: The role and priorities of IFAD (e.g., in terms of targeting and geographic coverage) in The Gambia.

Theme 2: Policies and Partnerships to create a pro-poor approach for agricultural production (including food security), processing and access to markets.

Theme 3: IFAD's focus on women and youth in agri-business development, in co-operation with other development partners.

7. **List of participants.** The workshop will entail the participation of representatives from the Government of The Gambia, IFAD Management and staff (including IOE), multilateral and bilateral development organizations, project management staff of IFAD-funded projects and programmes covered by the CPE, academics and research institutions, private sector and foundations, non-governmental organizations, and selected resource persons. The provisional list of participants and/or institutions is presented in appendix 2 of this concept note.

8. **Workshop process.** The workshop's provisional agenda (see appendix 1) has been designed to allow for ample opportunity to exchange views and perspectives among participants and panel members throughout the event. The workshop will be chaired by Mr Abdoulie Jallow, (Permanent Secretary I, Ministry of Finance and Economic from the Government of the Republic of The Gambia). In the opening session of the workshop, Mr Ashwani Muthoo (Deputy Director, IOE) – representing Mr Oscar A. Garcia, Director IOE - will deliver an introductory statement. This will be followed by a statement by Mr Ides de Willebois, IFAD's Director of WCA, Programme Management Department. Thereafter, the Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs, the Minister of Lands and Regional Government and the Minister of Agriculture will inaugurate the workshop by making statements on behalf of the Government of The Gambia.

9. Subsequently, Ms Louise McDonald (IOE Evaluation Officer and lead evaluator of the Gambia CPE) will present the main findings and recommendations from The Gambia CPE, followed by a question and answer session. The morning session will conclude with an introduction to the workshop's three working groups (which will convene in the afternoon). Each group will consider one of the three themes presented above (see paragraph 6). The facilitator for each working group will be identified prior to the workshop and the groups will nominate a rapporteur.

10. After lunch, the working groups will convene and start their discussions. After the working groups have completed their discussions, the plenary will re-convened to hear the feedback from each working group. Each group will prepare a short presentation for delivery to the plenary, followed by an open discussion facilitated by the workshop chairperson.

11. Following the plenary session, Mr Ides de Willebois, the IFAD Director of WCA and Mr Moses Abukari, IFAD Country Programme Manager for The Gambia, will share their reflections on the future directions and timelines for preparing a new IFAD-Gambia country strategy.

12. The workshop's salient conclusions will be set forth in a closing statement to be delivered by a senior representative of the Government of The Republic of The Gambia, covering the key points arising from both the plenary and working group discussions.

D. Communication

13. In order to highlight some of the strategic issues raised by the CPE and discussed during the workshop, appropriate communication will be organized. This will include the following activities:

- IOE will prepare the profile and insight containing information on key issues emerging from the evaluation. A profile is a 2 page brochure summarising the main findings and recommendations from The Gambia CPE, whereas the insight will focus on one key lesson from the evaluation that merits wider debate among policy makers and development practitioners.
- Issue of a press release by IOE on The Gambia CPE and workshop. The press release will be issued on 3 December 2015. The press release will be posted on the IFAD corporate website, and the websites of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs, and Ministry of Agriculture.

14. Mr Maurizio Navarra (IOE communication and knowledge officer) will be IOE's focal point for communication and media coverage, who will closely collaborate with the IFAD Communication and WCA Divisions, and the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs.

E. FIELD VISIT AND BILATERAL MEETINGS

15. In addition to participating in the workshop, the IFAD delegation from Rome will undertake a field visit from 4 – 5 December 2015 to see activities supported by the IFAD-funded PIWAMP and a detailed programme will be accordingly developed (see appendix 3). This visit will offer the IFAD delegation an opportunity to directly hold discussions with beneficiaries and their groups, project staff, local government officials and others, as well as to see project activities on the ground.

16. After the field visit, the IFAD delegation will hold discussions with senior Government officials in Banjul in the early afternoon of 5 December, and depart from Banjul later that day.

17. Moreover, the IOE Deputy Director and Lead Evaluator for the Gambia CPE will participate in bi-lateral meetings with senior Government officials and other concerned partners (e.g., the head of the Rome-based agencies in Banjul, FAO and WFP) on 1st and 2nd of December prior to the workshop.

Provisional Agenda

The Gambia Country Programme Evaluation (CPE)

National Round-table Workshop, The Gambia, 3 December 2015

Workshop Chairperson: Mr Abdoulie Jallow, (Permanent Secretary I, Ministry of Finance and Economic from the Government of the Republic of The Gambia

- 09:00 Registration for participants
- 09:30 Opening remarks by workshop chairperson, Mr Abdoulie Jallow
- 09:40 Short welcome from the United Nations Resident Coordinator
- 09:45 Statement delivered by Mr Ashwani Muthoo, Deputy Director, Independent office of Evaluation (IOE) of IFAD on behalf of Mr Oscar A. Garcia, Director IOE
- 09:55 Statement by Mr Ides de Willebois, Director of IFAD's West and Central Africa Division, Programme Management Department
- 10:05 Keynote address by the Honourable Minister of Agriculture
- 10:15 Inaugural address by the Honourable Minister Finance and Economic Affairs
- 10:25 PowerPoint presentation on the findings and recommendations of The Gambia country programme evaluation by Ms Louise McDonald, Lead Evaluator, IOE
- 10:45 Coffee break and group photo
- 11:15 Plenary Discussion: Questions and answers
- 12:20 Overview on the organization of the three working groups Ms Herma Majoor, IOE Consultant
- 12:45 Lunch and Prayers for Participants
- 14:30 Break out into three working groups. Each group to consider one of the workshop themes. Feedback from working groups and discussions facilitated by workshop chairperson
- 16:15 Coffee break
- 16:30 Reflections on the future directions and timelines for the preparation of the forthcoming IFAD-Gambia country strategy by Mr Ides de Willebois, Director, IFAD's West and Central Africa Division and Mr Moses Abukari, IFAD Country Programme Manager for The Gambia
- 17:00 Closing remarks by Mr Ashwani Muthoo, Deputy Director IOE
- 17:15 Closing statement to be delivered by the Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs (or his representative) from the Government of The Republic of The Gambia
- 18:00 Closing Reception for participants (to finish 19:30)

Participants¹

I. Government of The Gambia

A. Ministries/government institutions

Ministry of Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs

1. Hon. Abdou Colley, Minister
2. Lamin Camara, Deputy Permanent Secretary
3. Sulayman Gaye, Principal Economist
4. Lamin Bojang , Director Aid Coordination
5. Bakary Krubally, Principal Economist, Aid Coordination
6. Momodou Sambou, Senior Economist , Aid Coordination

Ministry of Women's Affairs

7. Isatou Njie Saidy, Vice President
8. Executive Director

Ministry of Agriculture

9. Hon. Ismaila Sanyang, Minister
10. Sait Drammeh, Permanent Secretary 1
11. Sherrifo Bojang Permanent Secretary 11
12. Falalo M. Touray, Director General, Department of Agriculture
13. Dr. Duto Fofana Director, Department of Livestock Services
14. Mr. Ansumana Jarju, Director, National Agricultural Research Institute
15. Raymond Jatta, Acting Project Coordinator, CPCU
16. Project Director & M&E Officer, NEMA
17. Project Director and M&E Officer, FASDEP
18. Project Director and M&E Officer, LHDP
19. Bakary Sanyang, Deputy Director Planning Services Unit,
20. Mrs. Amie Faburay, Deputy Director Horticulture Technical Services
21. Mr. Abdou Jobe, Deputy Director Soil and Water Management Services
22. Mr. Aba Sankareh, Deputy Director, Agric Business Services
23. Mr. Landing Sonko, Deputy Director Plant Protection Services
24. Mr. Ousainou Jobe, Agric- Engineering
25. Mrs. Fatou Darboe, Food and Technical Services
26. Mr. Pa Modou Saine, Communication, Extension and Education Services Unit

Ministry of Youths and Sports

27. Hon. Alieu K. Jammeh, Minister

¹ The list of participants is provisional and will be further developed

- 28. Emmanuel David Mendy, National Youth Service Scheme
- 29. Marchel Mendy, Ex Director National Sports Council
- 30. Lamin Danboe, Executive Director, national Youth Council
- 31. Landing B. Sanneh, General manager, National Enterprise Development Initiative

Ministry of Trade, Industry, Regional Integration & Employment

- 32. Naffie Barry, Permanent Secretary

Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Water and Wildlife

- 33. Hon. Pa Ousman Jarju, Minister
- 34. Amadou Sowe, Permanent Secretary
- 35. Lamin Mai Touray, Director of Water Resources

Ministry of Lands and Regional Government

- 36. Saihou T.M.F. Sanyang, permanent Secretary

Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education

- 37. Hon. Fatou Lamin Faye

B. Regional governments/directors of IFAD-financed projects covered by The Gambia Country Programme Evaluation

- 38. Alasan Bah, Regional Directors of Agriculture, NBR
- 39. Lang Kinteh, Regional Director of Agriculture, URR
- 40. Isatou Darboe, Regional Director of Agriculture, WCR
- 41. Famara Trawally, Regional Director of Agriculture, CRR/N
- 42. Ousman Colley, Regional Director of Agriculture, CRR/S
- 43. Fanding Saidykhan, Regional Director of Agriculture, LRR
- 44. Asumana J.S Kante, S.A.O, Agricultural Office Basse
- 45. Samba John, S.A.O, Agricultural Office Basse
- 46. Kevin A Baldeh, A/O and supervisor, Agricultural Office Basse
- 47. Lamin Fofana , Conservation field staff, Agricultural Office Basse
- 48. Amadou Jammeh, Conservation field staff , Agricultural Office Basse

NEMA/PIWAMP

- 49. Momodou L. Gassama, Project Director/Coordinator, Nema/PIWAMP
- 50. Ensa Colley, P M & EO
- 51. Kebba Manka, Coordinator, PIWAMP/SLMP
- 52. Banky Njie, Business Development Officer
- 53. Jerro Maane, M&E Officer- PIWAMP (but now Planning Officer at Planning Services Unit)
- 54. Elizabeth Loum, Assist. Admin. Officer
- 55. Alagie B. Jabang, Financial Controller
- 56. Bakary Jammeh, Knowledge Management and Communication Officer

LHDP

- 57. Lamin A. D. Sanyang, Project Director
- 58. Alieu Joof, Livestock Specialist
- 59. Ousman D. Jarju, Horticulture Specialist
- 60. Abdoulie Touray, M&E Officer
- 61. Sang Mendy, Project Accountant
- 62. Fatomata Manjang, Administrative Assistant

RFP

- 63. Ramatoulie Hydara-Sanyang , M&E Officer (now M&E officer with WB project-WAAPP)

II. Heads of office/Country director/country representative/heads of rural development units of bi-lateral and multilateral organizations in Banjul

- 64. Paul Mendy, Security Officer, UNDSS
- 65. Perpetua Katepa-Kalala, Representative, FAO
- 66. Ada Mamonyane Lekoetje & team members, Head of mission , UNDP
- 67. Francis Abanzi, Head of Programme , WFP
- 68. K. Osman Gyasi, Senior Agricultural Economist, World Bank
- 69. Umar Lawal, Chief Livestock Specialist, AfDB
- 70. Alieu S. Nyang, Programme Manager , European Union
- 71. Professor Wale (PW), Special Advisor office of the president , World Bank
- 72. Bai Sengor , Director Microfinance Department , Central Bank
- 73. Fatou Deen Touray, Deputy Director Microfinance Department, Central Bank
- 74. Joseph Njie, Director , Gambian Revenue Authority
- 75. Malang N. Fofana, Public Health Nutritionist, National Institute for Nutrition

III. Research, Extension and academic institutions

- 76. Ansumana K. Jarju, acting Director General, NARI

IV. National financial institutions, private sector and NGOs

- 77. Almanao Barrow, Program Manager Health, Action Aid
- 78. Noah Marenah, Managing Director, Arab Gambia Islamic Bank.
- 79. Sulayman Trawally, First International Bank
- 80. Baboucarr Khan, CEO Reliance Financial Services
- 81. Alhaji Sawaneh, General Manager,
- 82. Musa Saihou Mbenga, Managing Director Busumbala AgroIndustrial Enterprise - Commercial Farmers Association The Gambia
- 83. Suleyman S. Mboob, Kombo Dairy Farm, Commercial Farmers Association The Gambia
- 84. Mr. Tommy David Darrol, CEO, Commercial Farmers Association The Gambia
- 85. Mahamadou Fayinkeh (MF), President, National Coordinating Organisation of Farmer Associations
- 86. Alhagie Basse Mboge, Chairman, National Farmers Resources Platform

87. Fatou Samba-Njai (Vice President of NACOFAG

V. IFAD

A. IFAD staff (Headquarters)

1. Mr Ides de Willebois, Director, WCA
2. Mr Ashwani Muthoo, Deputy Director, IOE
3. Mr Moses Abukari, Country Programme Manager for The Gambia, WCA
4. Ms Louise Mcdonald, Evaluation Officer, IOE
5. Ms Giulia Santarelli, Evaluation Assistant, IOE

B. IFAD consultants

6. Ms Herma Majoor, The Gambia CPE senior consultant, IOE
7. Ms Siga Jallow, The Gambia CPE consultant (based in Banjul), IOE

Appendix 3

**Provisional Field Visit Programme to the
4 – 5 December 2015**

Friday, 4 December 2015	
Time	Activity
08hr	Departure from the hotel Kairaba
12hr	Arrival at Basse/ site 1
	Lunch (packed lunch from Hotel)
16h	Departure from site 1 to Janjanbureh
19h	Dinner
	Night stop at Ministry of Education Centre/Janjanbureh
Saturday, 5 December 2015	
Time	Activity
08:00 h	Breakfast
08:30 h	Departure Janjanbureh to 2 nd Site (Sinchu-Gudo)
12h30	Depart from 2 nd Site to Kairaba Hotel
14:30h	Discussion on field visit at Hotel
17:30 Departure to Airport	
Sunday, 6 December	Arrival Rome