

Monthly ATWG Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting

Date: 8th Sept. 2023

Hosted by: FSL Cluster

Chair: FAO / IRC

Meeting Agenda:

- Opening remarks – Isaac Jebaseelan (FSLC)
- Inception of IRC’s Seed Security Innovation in South Sudan – James Wainaina (IRC)
- Update on FAO’s Crop / Seed Value Chain – Nyombe Maurice (FAO)
- Crop related livelihoods response packages for Main Season & Dry Season – Okidi Joseph (FAO)
- Update from ATWG partners
- AoB

DISCUSSION POINTS	FOLLOW-UP ACTION
<p>1. Best Practice: Inception of Seed Security Innovation in South Sudan</p> <p>IRC is initiating Seed Security innovation in South Sudan to build the resilience of agro-pastoral livelihoods by creating people-centric solutions, generating evidence on what works, and advocating to the global community to join in the effort.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Link to the presentation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organizations and stakeholders operating in this space, to collaborate with IRC
<p>2. Update on FAO’s Crop / Seed Value Chain</p> <p>Seed Value Chain is of paramount importance in promotion and intensification of sustainable agriculture. There are major challenges and limitations to intensify agriculture production & productivity, through existing formal, semi-formal and informal seed sectors. To attempt these challenges, FAO South Sudan has evolved Ten Referral Pathways to build a resilient seed sector in the country.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Link to the presentation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ATWG to contribute by reviewing seed policy and the regulatory framework - Strengthen seed sector coordination and partnerships
<p>3. Crop related livelihoods response packages for Main Season & Dry Season</p> <p>There are about 439,524 households, across the Country, to be supported with crop seed and tools, and about 30% of the HH to be supported with Vegetable kits for dry season cultivation. 78% of the total seed planned, i.e. 3791MT seeds procured have been delivered.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Link to the presentation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enhancing capacity of farmers for sustainable increase in food production and productivity. (ELRP)
<p>4. Update from ATWG partners</p> <p>Due to lack of time, this agenda item has been parked.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Partners to share their accomplishments, best practices to the cluster
<p>AoB:</p> <p>FSLC Co-Coordinator announced the upcoming FAO Global Conference on Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization, (with the focus on Efficiency, Inclusiveness, Resilience) to be held from 27th to 29th September 2023. This is a highbred event, FSL/ATWG Partners were encouraged to register to attend online.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Click to register</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interested ATWG/FSL Partners to register and participate in the event.

Next ATWG meeting will be (tentatively) on Thursday, the 5th October, 2023.