Seeds & Crops Workstream, Agriculture WG

Meeting Notes: 22-10-2020

1. Updates from seed-based initiatives (Ed Walters)
   1. rSSSA
      - Pilots
        - Myanmar (Solidarites): ongoing
        - Kenya: Lake Turkana area (Concern): planned
        - Yemen (Solidarites): status unknown
        - South Sudan (IRC): unconfirmed
        - DRC (SP): Jan-Feb 2021
      - Review of initial round of pilots may provide opportunity to refine tools for 2nd round (early 2021). Feedback tool to be used for this.

2. Focus on Partners Meeting (November 11-12, 2020)
   - Presentation on rapid SSSA tools and testing feedback seems the best choice for workstream presentation in plenary
   - To involve presentation of initial tools and methodology as well as any feedback (including lessons learned, early results, etc.) from organizations trialing the tools this month or next.

3. Review of draft brief for farmer engagement and discussion (Cecilia Benda)
   1. Opportunities to work with SEADS on this, contribute to SEADS evidence review and share connections/linkages
   2. Recommendation to organize by program cycle phases with SEADS themes embedded within this
   3. Initial efforts to involve looking at internal guidelines and models for farmer engagement as platform for discussion
   4. Cecilia will develop some additional guiding questions for this initiative and share with the workstream for discussion (feedback, comments, additions, etc.)

4. Finalization of work plan draft: Make any final review comments by Tuesday 10-27-20

5. Impact assessment of seed/agricultural input fairs (Kate Longley)
   1. To use PIA methodology
   2. WV, Concern and SP to potentially join CRS in this activity: meeting next week

6. Next meeting: November 5th, 2020 @ 8AM (EST)/4PM (EAT)
   Main discussion to be oriented around farmer engagement activity including next steps, potential outputs and guiding questions