

# Update on validation of Crop and livestock Production Extension Guides

FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOOD CLUSTER MEETING

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# Background

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Starting 2014 it was observed that there were a variety of training materials used by extension workers from the ministries and NGOs (at state and national levels)

Many were materials brought back from neighbouring countries where South Sudanese once lived.

At the time the National Agriculture and Livestock Extension Policy was already developed. In it are a host of recommended extension methods and approaches waiting for full implementation.

Unverified information and unfamiliar examples from countries different from South Sudan could be misleading, hence the need to harmonise and the materials.



# Background cont

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2014 -2015 with funding from the European Union, both the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Livestock and the support of the EU Technical Assistance Team, began harmonization of the materials.

It 2016, three harmonized guides were reviewed, validated and published. 1. **Livestock Husbandry Practices**. 2. **Crop Production** and 3. a General Guide

The guides were validated at the Crop Training Center in Yei.

Since then hundred of copies were distributed across all states by the Ministry and NGOs (mostly in the Greater Bahr El Gazal) and have been seen in use.

In 2019, the feed back from an assessment showed that that the guides need to be revised.



# Process

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Validation of Crop Production Extension Guide took place on 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2021

Livestock production extension Guide on the same day.

A combination of e-meeting and physical meeting was used

Plenary to review each sub section (Cereal, Pulses, Roots and Tubers, Vegetables) and did similar for livestock guide.

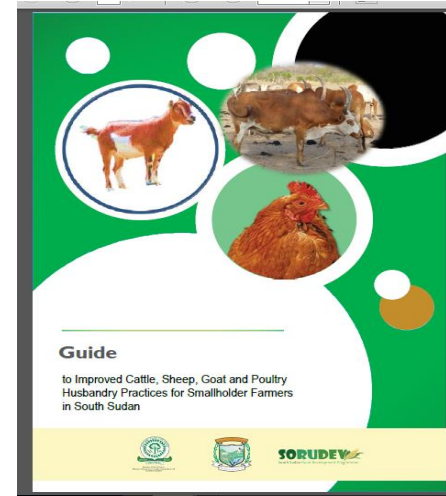
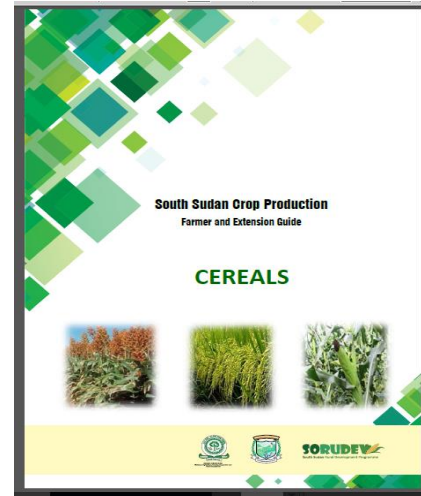
FAO, VSF-Germany, World Vision and NRC (Warrap), HARD (Western Bahr Gazal), NPA (Lakes State) , VSF-Suisse and Concern Worldwide (Northern Bahr el Gazal), IRC (Upper Nile), Goal (Abyie) and AGRA.

Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Livestock, University of Juba, University of Upper Nile, Catholic University



# The 2 guides for revision

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# Outcome

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Information in the guide was verified

Pointed out any incorrect representation of information especially specific to South Sudan agro pastoralist conditions and practices.

Corrected a few data and made recommendations

Cleared for publication of the 2nd edition of the two guides



# Lessons

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Distinction between review and validation process

Prolong revision time could be reduced by earlier circulation of drafts

Validation via remote connection now as lively



# Next Step

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Illustrations and layout are now been finalised

Publication will follow (we aim for end of May, 2021)

Next will be distribution and dissemination (organizations and agencies are welcome to be part)

