

ProGrOV project meeting and writeshop, 15-17 September 2015, Tanzania

Introduction

In ProGrOV we have as our task to disseminate findings and knowledge from our work in two ways:

1. Scientific writings from the individual MSc and PhD studies in the form of dissertations and/or scientific articles
2. Joint articles, reports, recommendations and other dissemination products that cuts across the individual studies and can be in the form of scientific or popular writings as well as information and lessons learnt that can be extracted from the project and could be useful for the development of the organic sector and for the implementation of other organic research projects.

The three days of this project workshop, from the 15-17 September, is focused on extracting knowledge and findings for dissemination and writing-up joint scientific or popular articles/reports/new items/leaflets depending on the potential audience.

Specific activities regarding scientific writings from the individual studies are to be agreed between students and supervisors and to take place preferably before the 15-17 September otherwise after the 15-17 September.

The process of extracting information and writing up from the project was initiated at the project workshop in Nairobi in September 2013 and followed-up at the project workshop in Kampala last year in September 2014.

We did not get very far in Nairobi, however, we did have some discussions and suggestions for topics/messages that could potentially be used for articles or news items or any other ways of spreading the information to potential users. Leaders/responsible persons were also suggested (but maybe not necessarily agreed to by the responsible persons?).

As no progress had been made with the topics on the Nairobi list when we met last year at the project workshop in Kamala, we tried to go through a more structured process. At the workshop last year in Kampala:

- the thematic teams (livestock, soil, pests, value chain governance) made plans for joint articles either scientific and/or popular articles;
- the national teams (Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania) made plans for joint articles either scientific and/or popular articles; and
- we also made some very early plans for more overall lessons-learned/recommendations from the project.

We prepared a list of all the planned articles. In that list the topics from Nairobi is also included (in red) in order to make us remember and get inspired if they were good ideas, or leave it out because it turned out to be not so good topics after all. The list is attached here as Annex 2.

Progress have been made in the past year for some of the planned articles, and for some of them nothing or very little has happened. We do, however, believe that the strategy of having three approaches to writing-up from the project is a good strategy. Therefore, we will continue along this line for the coming workshop in Tanzania in September 2015.

The programme has been structure according to these three approaches in writeshops A, B and C – see Annex 1. Please note that the the ‘2-minutes inputs’ that will kick-start each writeshop should include planned articles listed in annex 2.

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ANNEX 1: Meeting Schedule

Time	Tuesday 15th September	Wednesday 16th September	Thursday 17th September
Breakfast			
Morning session I	<p>Overview of status of work as of September 2015: project achievements, financial situation, etc.</p> <p>Overview of focus of work from October 2015 to December 2016: Finalisation of studies, dissemination activities (publications and workshops, other?)</p>	Writeshop A – active writing in groups	Writeshop B – active writing in groups
Break			
Morning session II	<p>Writeshop A <u>Brief introduction</u> : Niels <u>'2-minute inputs'</u>: Mette, Henning, Lene, Paul and Kostas (and others from Annex 2?*) suggesting write-up topics (findings/outcomes/recommendations) within their sub-component for which they will take charge in writing up in collaboration with the relevant project participants. The written product can be a 2-page non-scientific leaflet (aimed at different stakeholders), it can also be longer and more elaborate analysis/reviews, or be a scientific paper (system analysis or review) – depending on the topic and the drive from the author and co-authors. <u>The session will end with the forming of author groups according to the suggested topics.</u></p>	<p>Writeshop B <u>Brief introduction</u>: Lise <u>'2-minute inputs'</u>: Niels, Wahome, Kabi, Sibuga, Kiarii, Namuwoza and Gama (and others from Annex 2?*) who will take charge and suggest write-up topics that are cross-cutting the thematic groups (for example addressing a particular product or value chain or more general experiences or lessons learnt cutting across other subjects or regions (could be countrywise or include all three countries). <i>Some topics may already have been agreed in Kampala and should be included.</i> <u>The session will end with the forming of author groups according to the suggested topics.</u></p>	<p>Summing-up from Writeshop A and B <u>Planning</u>: We will jointly elaborate the list of planned articles, reports, etc. <u>Agreement</u>: We will agree on a process to ensure that the plans will be implemented and the articles, reports, etc. will be prepared.</p>
Lunch			
Afternoon session I	Writeshop A – active writing in groups	Writeshop B – active writing in groups	Writeshop C – Brainstorming on how to provide recommendations from the project – based on the previous session.
Break			
Afternoon session II	Writeshop A – active writing in groups	Writeshop B – active writing in groups	Planning and agreements on activities for the remaining duration of the project.
Dinner			

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Evening	PSC meeting – financial issues	PSC meeting - planning	?
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**: Other supervisors and students are welcome to suggest cross-cutting topics by providing a 2-minute input.*

Annex 2: List of knowledge products to be produced by ProGrOV participants (September 2014)

Red text: Nairobi list suggestions, green text: recommendations required according to the project document

Overall responsible for delivery of knowledge product (supervisor or national team leader)	Theme and 'for whom'	Main responsible author or producer	Co-authors or co-producer	Deadline Month/year
Component 1				
Sub-project 1.1 objective: Potentials and effects identified and methods developed for value addition and diversification of organic value chains through integrated livestock management and production				
<i>Tangible result: Strategies for integrating market oriented livestock production in areas producing high value cash crops</i>				
<i>Sub-project 1.1 Joint Scientific Products</i>				
Mette Vaarst	Potentials and challenges of integrating dairy cattle into organic smallholder farming systems in East Africa	Mette Vaarst	Muhammad Kiggundu, Sylvia Nalubwama, Charles Odhong', Fred Kabi, Raphael Wahome	
<i>Sub-project 1.1 (Joint) Popular Products – Key Messages</i>				
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Sub-project 1.2 objective: Methodologies developed and capacity strengthened for addressing product quality in organic vegetable chains through soil capacity parameters.				
<i>Tangible result: Methods for chain based quality driven soil fertility management in cash crops</i>				
<i>Sub-project 1.2 Joint Scientific Products</i>				
Haggai Ndukhu	Response of vegetable crops to low cost inputs in E.A.	Haggai Ndukhu	Quintar Genga, Adolf Saria, Caroline Chepkoech, Richard Onwanga, Raphael Wahome, Henning H.Jensen	
Haggai Ndukhu	Soil nutrient balances in low input vegetable cropping system in E.A	Haggai Ndukhu	Quintar Genga, Adolf Saria, Caroline Chepkoech, Richard Onwanga, Raphael Wahome, Henning H.Jensen	
<i>Sub-project 1.2 (Joint) Popular Products – Key Messages</i>				
Henning H. Jensen	Response of vegetable crops to low cost inputs in E.A.	Henning H. Jensen	Quintar Genga, Adolf Saria, Caroline Chepkoech, Haggai Ndukhu, Richard Onwanga, Raphael Wahome	?

Henning H. Jensen	Soil nutrient balances in low input vegetable cropping system in E.A	Henning H. Jensen	Quintar Genga, Adolf Saria, Caroline Chepkoech, Haggai Ndukhu, Richard Onwanga, Raphael Wahome	?
Sub-project 1.3 objective: Integrated pest management packages developed for selected organic value chains and capacity to develop integrated approaches strengthened.				
<i>Tangible result: Integrated pest management strategies for high value organic pineapple and vegetables tested and evaluated</i>				
<i>Sub-project 1.3 Joint Scientific Products</i>				
Kallunde Sibuga	Mulching as a multipurpose strategy for East African organic farmers	Kallunde Sibuga	Lene Sigsgaard, James M. Ssebuliba, Jeninnah Karungi, Samuel Kabi, Lilian Shechambo, Adolf Saria	
Lene Sigsgaard	Pest and weed control in high value organic vegetable and fruit crops	Lene Sigsgaard	Kallunde Sibuga, James M. Ssebuliba, Jeninnah Karungi, Samuel Kabi, Lilian Shechambo, Adolf Saria	
<i>Sub-project 1.3 (Joint) Popular Products – Key Messages</i>				
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Component 1 objective: New agro-ecological methods developed and tested for improved agricultural productivity and growth in a value chain perspective, based on challenges related to integrated organic production including soil and livestock components and to quality and pest management in a value chain perspective				
<i>Component 1 Joint Scientific Products</i>				
<i>Component 1 Joint Popular Products</i>				
<i>Component 1 Recommendations</i>				
Wahome, Henning?	Recommendations for a framework to support the development of the organic sector based on knowledge generated in Component 1 (for research and development policy and decision makers)	?	?	October 2015

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Component 2				
Sub-project 2.1: Improved governance structures developed for organic chains for export and the capacity strengthened in theory and methods for analyzing the organization of global organic value chains.				
<i>Tangible result: Improved strategy for the role of the organic organizations in facilitating improved chain partnerships, governance and innovation</i>				
<i>Sub-project 2.1 Joint Scientific Products</i>				
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<i>Sub-project 2.1 (Joint) Popular Products – Key Messages</i>				
?	The need for farmers to work in group (reduce transaction costs) to develop the VC	Severine, Gama?	?	?
	?			
Sub-project 2.2: Improved governance structures developed for organic chains for modern supermarket and procurement systems and the capacity strengthened in theory and methods for analyzing the organization of domestic organic value chains.				
<i>Tangible result: Recommended strategies for improved links between domestic consumers and organic suppliers</i>				
<i>Sub-project 2.2 Joint Scientific Products</i>				
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<i>Sub-project 2.2 (Joint) Popular Products – Key Messages</i>				
?	What are the real benefits of organic products (experience from consumer studies that consumer might not have the correct understanding of organic products – impact on health is not proven, but a common belief of consumers) / summary of consumer studies	Kiarii, Anecho, Njenga?	?	?
?	Cost/benefit on organic vegetable production (economics of production)	Kiarii, Ndungu, Genga, Ndukhu	?	?
?	Descriptions/clarification of the various organic marks available in the East African Region	Anecho, Namuwoza	?	?
?	Highlight the factors limiting demand in the domestic market	Anecho, Namuwoza	?	?
?	List of Requirements to market in different channels - Highlight the Benefits of selling through different channels	Murimi, Kiarii?	?	?

	- Description of Price transmission in different channels			
Sub-project 2.3: Improved governance structures developed for organic chains for the tourist industry and the capacity strengthened in theory and methods for analyzing the organization of organic value chains operating within the tourist sector				
<i>Tangible result: Recommended strategies for market expansion of organic products in the tourist industry</i>				
<i>Sub-project 2.3 Joint Scientific Products</i>				
<i>Sub-project 2.3 (Joint) Popular Products – Key Messages</i>				
Component 2 Objective: Strategies for improved OA agribusiness development and understanding of modern food chains developed and the potentials; and strategies to overcome challenges suggested for sustainable growth and development in existing and new OA value chains involving smallholder farmers in Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania.				
<i>Component 2 Joint Scientific Products</i>				
Kostas Karantininis	Constraints and opportunities in the development of the organic chain in East Africa	Kostas Karantininis	Stephen Anecho Norman Kwikiriza, Shadrack Mbapila, Leah Murimi, Eustace Kiarri, Jonathan Nzuma Evelyen Lazaro	
<i>Component 2 Joint Popular Products</i>				
<i>Component 2 Recommendations</i>				
Lazaro, Kostas, Paul?	Recommendations for a framework to support the development of the organic sector based on knowledge generated in Component 2 (for research and development policy and decision makers)	?	?	

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Component 1 and 2				
<i>Component 1 and 2 Joint Scientific Products (by chain or by country)</i>				
Raphael Wahome	Enhancing quality, yield and marketing of organic vegetables in Kenya	Raphael Wahome	Charles Odhong', Haggai Ndukhu, Eustace Kiarri, Leah Murimi, Caroline Chepkoech, Quintar Genga, Josphat Njenga, Samuel Ndung'u, Richard Onwanga, Jonathan Nzuma	
<i>Component 1 and 2 Joint Popular Products (by chain or by country)</i>				
Stephen Anecho	Sustainable integration of organic pineapple, coffee and livestock value chains in Uganda	Stephen Anecho	Muhammad Kiggundu, Sylvia Nalubwama, Norman Kwikiriza, Samuel Kabi, James Ssebuliba, Johnny Mugisha, Jeninah Karungi, Fred Kabi, Kostas Karantininis, Mette Vaarst	
Eustace Kiarri	Enhancing quality, yield and marketing of organic vegetables in Kenya	Eustace Kiarri	Charles Odhong', Haggai Ndukhu, Leah Murimi, Caroline Chepkoech, Quintar Genga, Josphat Njenga, Samuel Ndung'u, Richard Onwanga, Jonathan Nzuma, Raphael Wahome	

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Component 3				
Component 3 objective: Young researchers scientifically trained in discipline oriented research methods and their relevance for OA chain development; and the research capacities of the participating universities as well as the regional research collaboration between universities, public and private sector strengthened bridging different incentive structures for the benefit of chain actors.				
Component 3 Joint scientific Products (is this relevant?)				
Component 3 Joint popular Products (is this relevant?)				
Component 3 Recommendations				
Mette, Sibuga?	Recommendations for a framework to support the development of the organic sector based on knowledge generated in Component 2 (for research and development policy and decision makers)			
Component 4:				
Sub-project 4.1: To synthesize project finding and give recommendation for a framework for support to organic agriculture and agribusiness development and disseminate it to key stakeholders in Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania.				
Tangible result I: Improved methodological integration of value chain and agroecology approaches in local innovation				
Tangible result II: Technical input for training module for improved chain management				
Component 4 Joint Popular Products				
Lise	Information flows in organic value chains – some experiences from ProGrOV (oral presentation at the OWC 2014)	Lise	Niels Halberg, Henning Høeg Jensen, Raphael Wahome, Kallunde Sibuga, Fred Kabi	October 2014
?	Developing value chain based approaches in organic research projects? (ICROFS News)	?	?	?
?	Adopting participatory approaches in organic research projects (ICROFS News)	?	?	?
Evelyne Lazaro	How information from ProGrOV can feed into the policy process for OA within the three countries(pending official title)	Evelyne Lazaro	Noams	
Component 4 Recommendations				
Niels	Recommendations for a framework to support the development	Lise	All	

	of the organic sector based on project results (for research and development policy and decision makers)			
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