

IPM CRSP Trip Report

Country Visited: Uganda

Dates of Travel: June 16-July 5, 2010

Note that these dates and trip include activities with two other projects (SANREM and Peanut CRSPs) ; costs were shared proportionately.

Travelers Names and Affiliations:

Maria Elisa Christie; Gender Equity Coordinator for IPM CRSP and PI for Gender Global Theme in IPM CRSP; Program Director, Women in International Development, Virginia Tech

Purpose of Trip:

Gender Planning meetings and 2 gender workshosp for East Africa IPM CRSP. Participate in East Africa regional meeting in Makerere University and regional meeting in Mbale; participate as member of RP TC.

Sites Visited: (*locations within countries: institutions, cities, villages, or regions*)

Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda

Regional meeting held in Mbale

Farmers visited in Bugusege Village, Sironko District, Eastern Uganda

Description of Activities/Observations:

Undertake Gender Global Theme activities:

Gender Workshops as part of Capacity Building Objective; presentations and ½ day workshop at regional kickoff meeting as part of Gender Equity objective; planning meetings as part of Research objectives.

Plan Regional Program Rapid Gender Assessment and case study research activities

Itinerary:

Friday 18th

Meeting with Sam Kyamanywa. Dean of Agriculture at Makerere and Regional Coordinator for IPM East Africa RP; make final arrangements for ½ day gender workshop

Meeting with Margaret Mangheni, Regional Gender Coordinator, to plan gender workshop and review FY 1 activities

Meetings with Dan Taylor, VT, to discuss survey

Saturday 19th

All day workshop with gender team, RP PI, country coordinator and others

Sunday 20th

Travel to Mbale for annual meeting

Monday 21st

Regional program launch of new phase meeting, site visit to coffee plots and farmers

Tuesday 22nd

Half day gender workshop for technical regional team
TC meeting

Wed 23rd

Final morning of meetings; team leaves for Kampala
Work on trip report for IPM

Tuesday 29th of following week

Planning meeting with Margaret to develop strategy, workplan and budget for FY 2
Meeting with Dan Taylor to provide comments on survey

Notes on activities:

Full day gender workshop served as training on gender and participative methodologies, introduction of GGT and to plan for half-day workshop with full team. Lack of female/men balance in this full day workshop, no point person from Tanzania. PI Mark Erbaugh was able to join us for only part of the day. Half day workshop included full team, including PI, Regional Coordinator and country team members including social scientists. Working with Margaret was helpful for the GGT overall; several planning and reporting issues came up that need to be addressed across the RPs. For instance, we discussed how to measure the indicator for quality of participation. Need to have men as well as women's participation evaluated; proposed 1= no knowledge at all; 2= some understanding of topic, and 3=good understanding.

Three areas of gender research are of particular interest for the RP: Scotch bonnet pepper (will do RGA and survey here immediately following this trip); post-harvest activities in tomatoes (farmers are spraying fungicides to extend shelf-life), and a study of women marketing tomatoes. The first will be addressed this first year, while the other two will be potential areas of research in future fiscal years.

In visit with farmers, women immediately point out that they do most of the work (planting, weeding is women's work; harvest is men and women; pruning is done by men; all post-harvest is women's work; men market the crop). They complain that despite this, they never see the money. Coffee is a cash crop that depends on women's labor but with income in men's hands. Women angry at situation. Nonetheless women agree that they benefit from higher prices for product at the market. One change that has occurred is that now that coffee is bringing in more money, men are helping dig holes for planting, i.e. division of labor changes with coffee becoming primarily a cash crop.

Regional Gender Coordinator (Margaret Mangheni) has been named part of the RP TC; she was already involved in first meeting. She missed this TC meeting due to illness; MEC reported results to her. MEC officially named a member of the TC; invited to next meeting, most likely in January.

Good synergy with Margaret and Jackie (Ag Economist) working together with the Impact Assessment and Gender Global Theme. The two GT will work together.

Need to sync deadlines for GGT reports with RP. The East Africa team report is due to Regional Coordinator (Sam) on September 15, to RP PI (Mark) on October 1, and to ME on October 15. The Gender Regional Coordinator should have report to GGT PI (ME Christie) on September 15 also.

Workplan deadlines—due to Sam on July 15 and to Mark on July 21. ME Christie and Margaret worked out FY 2 workplan during this trip.

Budget and workplan: Discussion about 20% budget allocation for networking with other organizations outside of partners; the intention of this (during FY 2-5) is to allow teams without gender expertise to tap external expertise. This is not the case in the East Africa Regional Program given Margaret Mangheni’s solid experience in gender in agriculture and thus not necessary. Dr. Mangheni will be in charge of the full \$10,000 budget and work with the two other host countries as needed and as opportunities allow. For instance, she will carry out the rapid gender assessment (RGA) in Uganda in FY 1, and in Kenya in FY 2—together with the Kenya team. Year two activities will include:

Equity objective: develop gender strategies for equity based on the RGA (for FY 3-5)

Capacity building: workshop in Kenya (invite Tanzania)

Research objective: follow up on RGA with data gathering in Uganda; RGA in Kenya

Training Activities Conducted

Program type (workshop, seminar, field day, short course, etc.)	Date	Audience	Number of Participants		Training Provider (US university, host country Institution, etc.)	Training Objective
			Men	Women		
Workshop	19 June	Gender team East Africa Regional Program, student, and NGO	1	5	Virginia Tech	Introduce participative methodologies for gender research; present Gender Global Theme
Workshop	22 June	East Africa Regional Program team from Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania	6	8	Virginia Tech	Present USAID gender requirements, raise awareness of gender issues in agriculture and IPM, teach (and practice) 4 Dimensions framework with case study; identify gender-based constraints and opportunities
Meeting	21 June	Farmers from Bugusege Village, Sironko District, Eastern Uganda	5	14	The Ohio State	Discuss stem borer problem in coffee and gender issues in resource allocation and division of labor

Suggestions, Recommendations, and/or Follow-up Items:

Send all RPs clear guidelines for workplan and annual report. Clarify deadlines in sync with final report due dates (with ME and with RPs). Eliminate green chart from reporting requirements.

Clarify how to measure quality of participation (see above).

In the context of the East Africa Regional Program’s desire for “innovative approach” linking with NGOs was discussed. NAWOU can be one vehicle for reaching women in this context. Can also involve Home Economics extension staff (in Kenya, at least, this mechanism exists and directly involves women farmers)

Assure that case studies are not “frivolous” but lead to publishable research outcome and directly target RP IPM objectives.

Equity issue: All student trainees currently selected are male. Five have been selected with one to go. Circumstances that lead to this must be addressed and high caliber women in College of Agriculture should be actively recruited. From his position as Dean of College, Sam is in good position to investigate this and do something about it.

Get final revised copy of impact assessment survey; get year 2 gender workplan. Send all RPs workplan outline and revised reporting deadline.

Send Margaret (and Sam and Mark) Kellyn’s thesis; send Margaret Megan’s thesis proposal and revised survey instrument.

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