

RIUP IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS IN RWANDA

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RIUP Process in Rwanda

- Background

- Rwanda selected as one of the first group of countries for possible RIUP intervention
- Country Assessment Team (CAT) in Rwanda Jan/Feb 2007
- CAT Team:
 - 4 International experts
 - 3 National experts

RIUP Process in Rwanda

- Purpose of CAT Mission

- To determine opportunities for RIUP engagement
- Identification of potential partners to fit RIU purpose & principles
- Assess their Strengths & Weaknesses (SWOT)
- Develop appropriate modalities for RUI approach & outputs

MAIN FINDINGS

2. Types of actors

1. Extension services
2. Farmers organizations/cooperatives
3. NGOs – local and International
4. Private sector/Business Development Services
5. Rural financial services providers
6. Agribusiness – traders, processors etc
7. Research knowledge providers
8. District authorities

OPPORTUNITIES FOR RIUP ENGAGEMENT

- Identification of Innovation Platforms – based around a key actor:
 1. Private sector / BDS
 2. ISAR/Technology Transfer Unit
 3. District/Community Innovation Centres
 4. Farmers Groups/Cooperatives
 5. NGOs/CBOs
 6. Extension Services

Opportunities for RIU Engagement (Cont'd)

- Other Necessary Ancillary Platforms
 1. Policy Dialogue Process
 2. Science and Technology Intelligence Gathering
 3. Communications Services Provision

Opportunities for RIU Engagement (Cont'd)

- Main Finding:

Each of the potential Innovation Platforms would inevitably involve the same actors/organisations if it is to be effective

Due to small size of land, new institutions, need for ancillary activities

RECOMMENDED RIUP IMPLEMENTATION MODALITIES

- In absence of effective Innovation Platform at National level, need to establish a dual-track modality, with:
 1. Innovation Coalition at national level
and
 2. Innovation Platforms at subsidiary
(District) level

INNOVATION COALITION

- Composition:
 1. Key actors, involved in intermediary service provision of technological knowledge (supply and brokers)
 2. Selected representatives of the demand side - farmers organisations, Cooperatives, NGOs
 3. Potential members: BDS, BRD/FOREDEM, UBPR, ISAR/TTU

INNOVATION COALITION

- Functions of Innovation Coalition:
 1. Management of resources of RIU
 2. Select and supervise Innovation Platforms at Districts
 3. Design and Mgt. of 3 ancillary activities
 4. M&E and adaptive Mgt. of RIU

INNOVATION PLATFORMS

- Composition:

Network of individuals and organisations for provision of intermediary services between supply and demand/users of knowledge at community level

E.g: BDS, Rural MFIs, District offices, CICs, local Gvt. Extension Agencies

INNOVATION PLATFORMS

- Main Functions:

- Use RIU funds for up-scaling scope, reach and quality of services of IP Institutions

- Mgt. of different financing mechanisms – e.g. Innovation Grant Fund for expertise in appraisals, Competitive Grant Fund for Technical Assistance, Equity Fund for support to innovative SMEs

NB: To use the Output Based Approach

ANCILLARY INNOVATION PLATFORMS

- 1. **Science and Technology Intelligence Gathering**: - Inventory and translation of local and international results into user friendly form e.g. RNRRS
- 2. **Communication Function** – Collaboration in info dissemination e.g. using ICT
- 3. **Policy Dialogue Platform** – to increase mutual understanding within the innovation system, engaging with other partners, Harmonisation and alignment with Gvt. And Donor systems and procedures

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