

Evaluation of Danida Supported Research to Agriculture and Natural Resource Management

Emerging Issues Workshop - 8th May 2013

Overview

In order to assess Danida's recent support to development research, as well as to provide recommendations which will feed into the current process of formulating an overall strategy for this support, Danida's evaluation department [EVAL] has commissioned an external evaluation¹. The Evaluation has been limited to support provided for research within agriculture and natural resource management from 2006 to 2011 within the following channels of support:

- The competitive research project grants (FFU)
- The Pilot Research Cooperation Programme
- The research networks relevant to the theme of the evaluation: Danish Water Forum, ReNED (Environment), NETARD (Agriculture), the Poultry Network and DDRN)
- The research centres (institutional framework contracts) at KU-LIFE relevant to the theme of the evaluation: 'Danish Seed Health Centre' and 'Centre for Forest, Landscape and Planning.'
- The BSU initiative²
- Minor studies

The Evaluation has had extensive discussions in Denmark with stakeholders and has also visited two southern partner countries, Tanzania and Burkina Faso, for detailed interactions with stakeholders.

Amongst the tools being used for the Evaluation by the Team are focus group interviews, site visits (Denmark, Tanzania and Burkina Faso), an online survey, desk analysis of reports and documentation as well as stakeholder group consultations through Workshops in Denmark, Tanzania and Burkina Faso.

The current, one day Workshop falls under the category of *stakeholder consultation* and has been designed to seek the opinions and analysis of selected stakeholders on the *emerging issues* from the Evaluation's findings and analysis.

It will provide important feedback for the Evaluation in the preparation of its draft Report.

Workshop Objective

The Specific Objective, or Purpose, of the workshop is to give selected key stakeholders the opportunity to articulate their views on what are seen by the Evaluation as the principal *emerging issues* from the past experience, and also in the context of developing a new strategy for development research, so that by the end of the Workshop. The knowledge of key stakeholders on emerging

¹ Following an EU tendering process, a consortium of two enterprises, ITAD (UK) and ORBICON (DK), was selected for the assignment. The Evaluation Team comprises John Sutherland [UK], Carsten Schwensen [Denmark], Anne Højmark Andersen [Denmark] and Damian Gabagambi [Tanzania].

² The Evaluation's mandate for the *Building Stronger Universities* [BSU] initiative has been extended through to the present time.

issues from the Evaluation strengthened and stakeholders' views and input on evaluation findings are articulated and documented.

Workshop Methodology

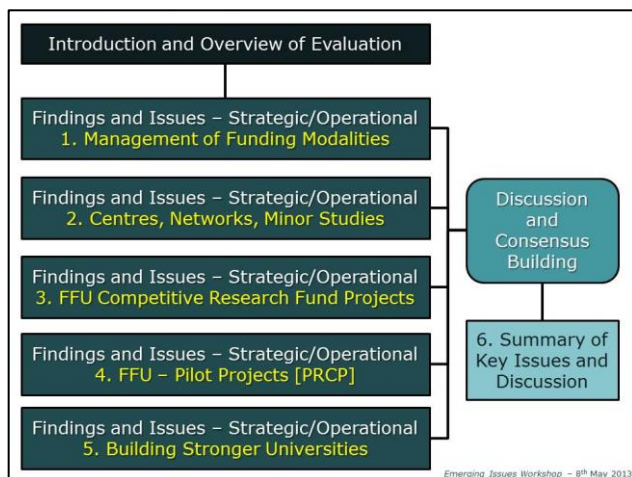
The Workshop will be based around a mixture of presentation and professionally facilitated discussions. A draft, indicative Programme is attached.

Following a general introduction and overview, core findings under five headings will be presented, and the *strategic* and *operational* issues that the Evaluation believes arise from these will be shared. Structured and facilitated discussion will then follow, with additional analysis by participants and explanation by the Evaluation, as necessary. The five key headings will be:

- Management of Funding Modalities
- Centres, Networks and Minor Studies
- FFU Competitive Research Fund Projects
- FFU Pilot Research Cooperation Programme Projects [Pilot Projects]
- Building Stronger Universities

A Final session will draw together the various strands that will provide additional evidence and input into the Evaluation report. The approach is shown diagrammatically at Figure 1.

Figure 1 Workshop Structure



Participants and Venue

Selected key stakeholders from Denmark, Burkina Faso and Tanzania will be invited to the Workshop, it is expected that there will be around 15 participants. The Workshop will be held on the 8th May 2013 in Copenhagen.

Draft Indicative Timetable – Emerging Issues Workshop

Timing and content are *indicative* and will be managed to reflect needs of participants

Day 1		
0830-0900	1. Arrival and Registration of Workshop Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast and Coffee
0900-0915 Presentation	2. Welcome and Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By Lars Christian Oxe, Danida EVAL and John Sutherland, Evaluation Team Leader
0910-0920 Presentation	3. Workshop Objective, Output, Methodology and Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By Dane Rogers, ITAD, Workshop facilitator
0920-0930 Presentation	4. Management of Funding Modalities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration and operation of funding modalities • Technical monitoring and Evaluation • Links between research, strategy and programme development – roles and mechanisms
0930-1000 Facilitated Discussion		
1000-1030	Tea/Coffee	
1030-1040 Presentation	5. Centres, Networks and Minor Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical perspective • Links to current support to research • Influence and impact
1040-1115 Facilitated Discussion		
1115-1125 Presentation	6. FFU Competitive research Fund Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Links between Denmark and partner countries • Relevance and criteria for selection • Basic vs Applied research
1125-1200 Facilitated Discussion		
1200-1300	Lunch	
1300-1310 Presentation	7. FFU Pilot Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Links between partner countries and Denmark • Evolution of project selection • Partner selection • Nature of research
1310-1345 Facilitated Discussion		
1345-1355 Presentation	8. Building Stronger Universities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2013 review • Focus and incentives • Role and future
1355-1430 Facilitated Discussion		
1430-1500	Tea/Coffee	
1500-1530 Facilitated Discussion	9. Summary of key issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Synthesis of key issues • Consensus building • Next steps