Knowledge Management in action: Lessons Learned in Repackaging Phase 1 Results

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Key Message
In research for development, repackaging is an important element of the knowledge management process as it is important that research results are being used by different audiences. Repackaging is a difficult exercise and materials need to be developed by those who were involved in the research effort itself. End users also need to be involved in testing and designing the materials. For Phase 2, there is a need to embed documentation and processes for developing materials for specific users from the outset rather than waiting until the very end, as in Phase 1.

Summary
CPWF is in the midst of developing multi-resource package of materials from Phase 1 research. This is in order to continue the efforts of harvesting from the vast results and work from the 68 Phase 1 projects. It will also address the need for packaging CPWF previous research for wider distribution. The focus is on reaching multiple audiences using a range of complementary knowledge products. Through these products we want to ensure the utilization of our research on the different levels, i.e. ranging from enhancing policy influence of research outputs to extensionists finding suitable products to take and communicate to farmers.

This presentation will focus on the process for developing the Phase 1 resource package and how it is linked to the research into use process that is being developed. In addition, important lessons are being learned in terms of the process and products which will be useful for the development of Phase 2 materials. One of the biggest lessons is to get those who are involved in the research effort actively participating in the repackaging so insights and lessons that are often not captured in reports can be included. The other lesson is that repackaging and documentation need to be seen as part of the research for development process, rather than as an end product and after the project ends activity.