

household survey & co.

All the SLP regional teams are busy finalizing the village and/or the household surveys. Meanwhile the CIA is trying to join them, while keeping the programme moving forward.

Surveys

All the teams are busy these days in the field. The SAs team is finalizing the household survey. Meanwhile, the SAf team is busy in Malawi and moving soon to Mozambique to carry out both village and household surveys. In Nigeria, the WA team is carrying out the household survey and next month they will be in Niger. The EA team is simultaneously carrying out the household survey in Ethiopia and Kenya. During this period, the CIA will visit Ethiopia, Nigeria and Mozambique to support this process, but most importantly to get a better insight on these semi-arid mixed farming systems.



A normal day in the life of an intern...

Tools

Although there seem to be good alternatives (see Lime Survey), the format to enter the household survey is almost ready in CSPPro. The regional team are testing it and their feedback will help the CIA to develop the final version.

Additionally, the modelling component continues its way. We will need to work closely with the modellers to define better what we want to do with their models and how we can use the modelling results (see Systems Analysis Meeting).

Systems analysis meeting

SLP coordination office, regional team leaders, other project partners and some key guests will meet in Kenya the last week of April for the Systems Analysis Meeting. The aim of this meeting is to put together people with different expertise to revisit/improve the analytical framework of the project, develop evolution scenarios/trajectories and explore the identified modelling tools. The outcome of this meeting will help us to better target the objectives of the project and to decide on the content of an Agricultural Systems Special Issue on crop residues in mixed farming systems.

University links

The SLP keeps strengthening its links with different academic institutions. The SAs team might work with a MSc student from Jamia Millia Islamia University (India). Students from Université Catholique de Louvain (Belgium) and the Swiss College of Agriculture are currently working in EA. Romain, a student from l'Institut National des Sciences Appliquées (France), is supporting the organisation, exploration and analysis of different datasets of the SLP. Also, option to collaborate with the University of Reading (UK) for statistical support and University of Minnesota (USA) for economic expertise are being explored.



Shared labour in Ethiopia