Activities in Africa RISING West Africa and East and Southern Africa: Key areas of mainstreaming

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Key areas of mainstreaming in Africa RISING

✓ Gender analysis: research on the interaction of innovations with gender relations in target communities
✓ Gender capacity assessment and development: strengthening the capacity of partners to do mainstreaming (including gender analysis)
✓ Gender-sensitive communication: presenting and sharing research results and success stories in a gender-sensitive manner

Objective

The objective of gender mainstreaming in Africa RISING is to better understand and serve the needs of target communities. These include women, children and men of different ages. Internal mainstreaming (capacity development) supports external mainstreaming by making research more inclusive and sustainable intensification more equitable.

Key results

Gender analysis included:
- In-depth evaluations of project activities in Ghana and Malawi. They outline challenges as well as avenues to promote equitable agricultural development.
- Baseline studies in the field of income/labor allocation in the vegetable value chain (Tanzania) and in the field of nutrition (Malawi). Findings show how R4D activities can be tailored to improve income and nutrition of in particular women and children.
- Examinations of the gender implications of the introduction of forage chopper machines in Mali and Tanzania.

Gender capacity assessment in 2015/2016 revealed:
- 60.5 percent of Africa RISING partners in West Africa as well as East and Southern Africa indicated that gender significantly influences their day-to-day work.
- 53.3 percent stated that they had insufficient access to gender analytical tools for research.
- Participants identified gender analysis as priority area for training.
- As a result, an annotated bibliography of learning resources was published in 2016 and a gender training manual is being developed.

Gender-sensitive communication
- Guidelines for gender-sensitive success story-writing (also to be used for short communication trainings) have been completed and will be published early 2017.