LEARNING FROM THE CAPITALISATION PROCESS OF WEHUBIT PARTNER PROJECTS IN CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURE

Call for Proposal #2

Project
DAS4CSA project: Digital advisory services for climate smart agriculture

Country
Senegal

Implemented by

FARM RADIO INTERNATIONAL

Duration
06/2019-12/2021

Results

126.223 farmers have adopted at least one climate-smart agriculture good practice, of which **55.664** women

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Project
Cajùlab project: Drone-assisted land mapping for climate smart cashew production

Country
Benin

Implemented by

TECHNOSERVE
BUSINESS SOLUTIONS TO POVERTY

Duration
06/2019-09/2021

Results

12.181 ha of cashew plantations were mapped using drones

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Project
SIT Sahel LAFIA project: Digital information system for transhumance relief in the Central Sahel region

Countries
Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger

Implemented by

Vétérinaires Sans Frontières
Dierenartsen Zonder Grenzen

ACTION CONTRE LA FAIM

Duration
07/2019-12/2021

Results

2.604.933 livestock keepers have benefited from information shared by digital means with a view to decision-making

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KEY MESSAGES FROM THE COLLECTIVE CAPITALISATION

Inclusion and equity

▶ To leave no one behind, digital social innovations should follow a **participatory** and **intersectional approach**, taking gender, age, economic status and more into account. Wehubit's partner projects in Climate Smart Agriculture focus on one priority group of vulnerable people (women, smallholder farmers...) using and/or benefiting from each digital innovation and the **democratisation** it offers in terms of access to information. Nonetheless, all projects underline the importance to **develop parallel strategies** or **tools to be inclusive within that priority group in order to avoid intersectional discrimination**.

Stakeholders and users' responsiveness

A particularity of the call for proposals on Climate Smart Agriculture is that the **main stakeholders (i.e. governments, radios, technicians…) were also users of some of the digital tools**. Therefore, the digital tools must also be **tailored to their needs** and **the way they will use the information made available** by the digital social innovation.

Digital social innovation has brought **vulnerable people together in formal** and **informal groups** and has fostered exchange, sometimes over the long term, between them.

Use of digital tools beyond project's end

The projects all used digital tools at an intermediate level (not the final beneficiaries). It is necessary to plan for and provide **capacity sharing** (skill transfers, thematic trainings, knowledge sharing) for these stakeholders – based on their needs - to enable the **development, management** and **sustainability** of the tools in due time.

To ensure the appropriation of the digital social innovation and its adaptation in the long term, it is important to **involve the stakeholders** (technicians, partner organisations, governments/state actors) and **users** from the very first stages of its implementation.

The data generated by the digital social innovation allowed and will continue to allow users and partners to build an **advocacy case** to the authorities, and to support the evolution of practices.