Agricultural Innovation
Thematic Window

GRANTEE INCEPTION WORKSHOP

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Deliverables and Disbursements (D&D) schedule

- Non-technical deliverables
  - Progress Report, Financial Utilization, etc.

- Technical Deliverables
  - Revised Full-proposal (1\textsuperscript{st} Tranche)
  - Pre-Analysis Plan (2\textsuperscript{nd} Tranche)
  - Baseline-, Midline-, Draft Final Report
• Introduction

– Importance of the present study
– Place it in existing knowledge
– Have research questions changed over the course of the study (and why).
– Preview of the evaluation design and results
• Intervention, theory of change & research hypotheses
  – Description of intervention
  – Key objectives of intervention
  – Key activities, outputs, outcomes and impact.
  – Key assumptions and risks.
Context

• Place the study site in space and time
• Describe relevant political, administrative, institutional and social context
• Assess transferability of the programme and findings
• Identify and report relevant criteria for assessing the external validity (e.g. geographic, seasons, etc.)
Timeline

• Provide visualisation of implementation and evaluation
• Include relevant external shocks
  – major anticipated events (e.g. surveys, elections)
  – major unanticipated events (e.g. economic shocks)
Evaluation: Design, methods and implementation

- Identification strategy & Treatment-assignment
- Sample size determination (quant. & qual.)
- Sample design (eligibility criteria, stratification)
- Data collection and data quality
- Ethical review and approval
Intervention or Programme: Design, methods and implementation

- Describe intervention during evaluation
  - Content, delivery method, exposure (# of sessions)
- Describe monitoring of implementation
- Use both quantitative and qualitative data to explain participation/take-up
- Do target and study population match?
Impact analysis and results of the key evaluation questions

- Describe mixed-methods analyses and interpret results
- Provide empirical specification(s)
- Report effects (ITT, ATT and LATE)
- Discuss heterogeneities of impacts
- Discuss economic significance of effect sizes
Discussion

• Review concerns and qualifications related to internal validity
• Review concerns and qualifications related to external validity
• Are results in line with implementers’ expectations?
Concluding remarks

- Realistic D&D schedule (time and content) to avoid letters of variation (LoV)

- Work towards a rigorous evaluation report that informs practitioners and policy makers

- Note: Draft Final Report is a first version of the Final Report