

FEED THE FUTURE:INNOVATION LAB FOR INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT TRIP REPORT

Country(s) Visited: Ethiopia

Dates of Travel: 2nd November 2016

Travelers' Names and Affiliations: Mr. Msami Elibariki Elinsari from National Biological Control Program – Kibaha Coast Region. In Tanzania

Purpose of Trip: Attend Annual Review and Planning Meeting for Rice, Maize and Chickpea IPM Project for East Africa.

Sites Visited: The meeting was conducted at Friendship International Hotel, Addis Ababa Ethiopia for 2 days (Nov 3-4, 2016) thereafter on 5th -6th November 2016 we travelled together with maize project partners from Kenya and Ethiopia to Hawassa (Southern part of Ethiopia) to visit demonstrations of push-pull technology against maize stem borers.

Description of Activities/Observations:

The workshop was conducted at Friendship hotel in Addis Ababa.

Welcoming remarks, objective of the meeting and brief overview of year 1 achievements and Plan for year 2 was clearly outlined by Dr Tadele (Country head ICIPE –Ethiopia). Then presentations followed from project partners from Kenya on maize, Tanzania on maize and rice and Ethiopia on maize and chickpeas. In addition 5 students (2 from Tanzania, 1 from Kenya and 2 from Ethiopia) presented their study proposals. All presentations were carefully discussed and pertinent comments derived from most participants were really vital in the implementation of the project and student study proposals. Lastly Director Crop Systems from KALRO Kenya presented a brief winding up report of the meeting who informed the participants her fillings for the workshop. She was encouraged with all the presentations made, however she advised engaging more women and youths during selection of project farmer groups and use of irrigation water instead of waiting for rainy seasons. Furthermore she was impressed with the way the project is trying to reduce crop pests and diseases problems by use of environmental friendly approach (IPM) and use of Push-pull technology which utilizes climate smart plants. She was also impressed with the technology that increases animal feed resulting into increased milk and hence human nutrition. She encouraged use of clear visual aids such as posters/pictures and video to provide the actual situation of the project achievements.

The day after the meeting me and other maize project partners we travelled to Hawassa, Southern part of Ethiopia to appreciate the demonstration of Push- pull technology in farmers' fields. The demonstrations were very well set, maize was at harvesting stage. Desmodium was well established between maize plants and Brachiria which surrounded maize plots was well established. Interviewed farmers were very happy with the technology because it was providing them more maize production and animal fodder.

Training Activities Conducted:

Program type (workshop, seminar, field day, short course, etc.)	Date	Audience	Number of Participants		Training Provider (US university, host country institution, etc.)	Training Objective
			Men	Women		
Workshop on annual review and planning meeting	3-4 th November 2016	23	21	2	Project coordinator and project partners	To review the implementation of project activities for the year 1 and plan for activities for year 2
Demonstration site visit trip	5-6 th November 2016	8	6	2	Hawassa extension officer, and Ethiopia project partner	Visit to appreciate implementation of the technology in farmers fields

Suggestions, Recommendations, and/or Follow-up Items:

1. The workshop was participatory and discussion was enlighten and very educative
2. The workshop helped to build communication network that will be used to improve project

Outcomes

3. Push-pull technology demonstration site visit was very educative in terms of seen the actual project implementation. I recommend be done in all workshops.

4. Fund transfer delays implementation of project activities. I suggest having another more efficient ways of fund transfer.

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Hawassa demo Plots showing a well established desmodium and brachiria plants in a push-pull technology system

