

# BUREAU FOR FOOD SECURITY

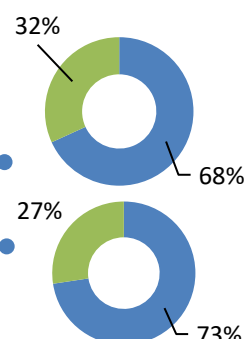
Q2|FY2017



## KEY DATA POINTS

PROGRAM RESULTS BY INDICATOR	Q2	PY4
Number of organizations supported	147	214
Number of trainings conducted	1	2
Number of individuals trained	18	44
Number of food security event participants	281	442
Number of food security events	12	17

■ Male ■ Female



## KEY PARTNERS

ORGANIZATION	TYPE	AL SUPPORT
African Union/Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture	Gov	CAADP and Malabo implementation; support to Technical Networks
CAADP Non-State Actors Coalition	NGO	Organizational development
PICO Eastern Africa	Private Sector	Technical Networks Activity
International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)/Regional Strategic Analysis and Knowledge Support System (ReSAKSS)	Research/Academic	Local systems strengthening for NAIP revision and Malabo domestication
Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA)	NGO	Technical collaboration and coordination for Malabo domestication process and Seize the Moment

## ACTIVITIES

- Support to Development of AU CAADP Business Plan and AUC/DREA Operational Plan.** Africa Lead assigned a short-term consultant to support the AUC/DREA senior advisor in developing a business plan for the AU agencies, and an operational plan identifying the specific actions and outputs of AUC's Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture (DREA). The consultant worked with the AU CAADP team, including representatives from the NEPAD/NPCA Agency in finalizing the DREA business plan and operational plan.



- ❑ **Support to Technical Networks.** Africa Lead provided support to develop Technical Networks that will serve as communities of practice to provide training, technical advice, and other support for development, alignment, implementation, and reviewing the impact of countries' National Agriculture Investment Plans. In FY17 Q2, Africa Lead coordinated learning and coordination meetings among trainers for the Biennial Review process. The Knowledge Management, Policy Analysis, and Mutual Accountability Technical Network provided trainers for five Biennial Review Regional Training events planned across the continent to ready countries for the Malabo process reporting. The committee held two meetings to coordinate, plan, and share lessons from the Regional Biennial Review Trainings and Malabo Domestication Meetings.
- ❑ **Malabo Domestication.** Africa Lead supported the development of an AUC plan for “Domestication of Malabo,” which provides guidance and support to countries as they develop road maps for updating, aligning, and rapidly rolling out their National Agriculture Investment Plans (NAIPs). Africa Lead supported the NAIP domestication workshops in Nigeria, Ghana, Ethiopia, and Uganda through provision of facilitators and rapporteurs and overall logistical support. For several of these events, Africa Lead initiated and supported participation by representatives of various CAADP Technical Networks.
- ❑ **Support to Biennial Review preparation.** Africa Lead supported Biennial Review regional training courses in Ghana and Côte D'Ivoire. The Africa Union Commission (AUC) and ECOWAS organized a Training of Trainers (TOT) program focused on the data collection required for the first Biennial Review on the Malabo Declaration for the CAADP. Representatives from the English, French, and Portuguese speaking countries of ECOWAS participated. Africa Lead supported the activity by committing the services of facilitators and rapporteurs who facilitated discussions and drafted reports for the two training sessions.
- ❑ **Facilitation of New Alliance and DREA retreat.** Africa Lead facilitated a staff retreat for the New Alliance, which included participation by representatives from DREA and USAID, provided professional editing of the New Alliance/Grow Africa Joint Progress Report, and participated in regular check-in calls between the NA team and G-7 donors. This two-day event helped the NA team to talk through and appreciate the individuals' different strengths and styles and how to leverage them, and offered an opportunity for some strategic thinking about a possible future and integration of a NA function within DREA.
- ❑ **Support to CAADP Non-State Actors Coalition (CNC).** During FY17 Q2, the CNC refined key strategic documents for the coalition with Africa Lead support, including a first draft of the CNC Communications, Outreach, and Visibility Strategy and a Resource Mobilization Strategy. In addition, for the first time in more than a year, the CNC Steering Committee met in FY17 Q2 to review the Secretariat activities over the course of 2016 and to review plans for the coalition for the remainder of 2017. The meeting was convened in Dakar, Senegal in March 2017, and attendees included Steering Committee members, USAID and Africa Lead partners, and several key members from the region. An important outcome of the meeting was to reinforce the need for the Secretariat to guide the process of evolution of the national platforms, in a non-prescriptive way, such that the platforms will organically evolve in relation to the context in which they operate.
- ❑ **Learning Summit with Key NSAs in Senegal.** In collaboration with Africa Lead and Action Aid, the CNC held a learning forum in FY17 Q2 with various NSA groups in Senegal who participated in an online mapping activity called AgriNSA. The purpose of the forum was to review the status of the map in Senegal, generate learning from participants on how the map has helped them improve their work, and to determine the requirements for NSAs and decision makers to continue using a similar platform. The NSAs showed willingness to sustain the process, but ultimately identified additional needs and uses for the platform. For instance, groups expressed the need for a collaboration and communication tool to influence agricultural policies for boosting productivity in the sector.

- **Conducted Institutional Architecture Assessment Workshop (IAA) in Senegal.** Conducted the first Institutional Architecture Assessment Workshop as part of the IFPRI NAIP Toolkit Taskforce. Held in Senegal from January 30 – February 1, 2017, this course was attended by 16 participants from eight countries – including CAADP focal points, national government monitoring and evaluation officers, and representatives of ECOWAS, COMESA, and the private sector. The workshop focused on best practices in producing and implementing a good NAIP, and how a robust institutional architecture contributes to successful NAIP implementation. At the country level, this workshop will help contextualize the thrust of the NAIP, ensure that all stakeholders are on the same page, and contribute to a clear action plan that delineates roles, responsibilities, and commitments of stakeholders in a successful NAIP implementation. The resulting action plan includes the institutional and other constraints identified as well as the package of support needed to address constraints and improve the policy capacity process.
- **Delivered Advanced Training of Trainers.** Africa Lead conducted an Advanced Training of Trainers to further strengthen the skills of 18 professional facilitators, some of whom have been working with Africa Lead I and Africa Lead II since 2010. This Advanced ToT was a two-day intensive Coaching Clinic attended by 18 select trainers/facilitators and the Coordinator of the CNC. The clinic imparted coaching skills that are expected to further strengthen and empower Africa Lead’s support to the CAADP/Malabo process.
- **Early Generation Seed (EGS) National Dialogue and Action Plan.** In FY17 Q2, at the request of USAID Rwanda, Africa Lead and Context Network implemented a series of engagements for the Ministry of Agriculture for its “EGS National Dialogue and Action Plan” to address supply and demand constraints to EGS for potato, common bean, maize, three key food security crops. The engagements included three roundtables organized around three different sets of stakeholders – researchers, seed multipliers and distributors, and donors and NGOs – cross-cutting the three food security crops. This highly intensive consultative process culminated in a National Workshop to prepare an EGS action plan to move from the Rwanda ESG country report to full-scale implementation of key policy and organizational recommendations for a stronger, viable private sector-led seed sector.