

Crop Production Meeting Minutes

Dear colleagues,

Thank you to all the participants of the last meeting for the Dry Zone working group on crop production. Please find below the debrief for your kind consideration.

1. Next meeting

We have set two dates for the next meetings: **9 September and 23 September morning from 9 to 12 am at LIFT office.**

We hope that most of you will be able to participate and bring your valuable experience. Note that LIFT can reimburse your travel and DSA costs if you are not based in Yangon. Please contact us for that purpose. You are also welcome for the lunch after the meetings. Please confirm to me your presence to the next meeting on 9 September.

2. Comments on the ToR

At the beginning of the last meeting we have reviewed the proposed ToR (in attachment) and the related deliverables.

- The group agreed to work on developing a sub-programme result framework, but asked questions about the level of details required.
- The members felt uncomfortable in setting activities as they may not have the required expertise to consider the full range of possible activities and recommended to keep it for project proposals. This remark was noted, but the group will have to consider only *types of* activities that are relevant, not getting into details that should be considered at project level.
- Developing full ToR should be the responsibility of LIFT. LIFT should follow its own procedures which the members are not familiar with. The members would be happy to review and add technical considerations to the drafted ToR.
- Some group members have shared their willingness to help as much as possible the process, but they may have limitations in the time they can contribute outside the meetings. Two members will not be in Myanmar after end of September.

These remarks are noted and will be considered further within LIFT.

3. Result of the last meeting

During the last meeting we have reviewed the various proposed outcomes in the result framework and improved the logic between those.

You will find in attachment the current framework as we have developed it so far after integrating your comments. This is still open to be refined, so before the next meeting can I ask you to:

- Check whether there are still important gaps, some outcome related to crop production that should be added (check that all your ideas have been included)
- Review each outcome whether you find its formulation appropriate and propose changes
- Consider whether some outcomes could be combined or segregated (note that I have taken the liberty to combine some)
- Review the outcome ordering (higher level means long term, dependent on lower level outcomes) (note that there is no ordering for the outcomes related to pro-poor policies as we have considered all as long-term, but you are welcome to develop this into additional medium and short term outcomes if you feel it necessary)

Please as much as possible make your changes in the attached table (highlight them in color) and send me back. I would like to avoid spending too much time on this during the next meeting. I hope we can reach an agreement and start working at the lower level.

4. Next meeting agenda

For the next meeting, we will be discussing further our result framework at lower level: what are the main activity types and outputs that the programme should deliver to achieved these outcomes?

This is an important meeting and we would like the participants to bring their experiences and example of projects that could help us to define the types of activities needed.

Please don't hesitate to send comments and questions to me and again confirm your attendance for next week.

Looking forward to seeing you,

Antoine