



EVALUATION MEETING OF THE METAGRI OPS YEAR I - 2012

The Gambia

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ORGANISATION OF ROVING SEMINARS - LOGISTICS

◉ Roving seminars

- ✓ From July 10 to 19
- ✓ Eight seminars



ORGANISATION OF ROVING SEMINARS - LOGISTICS

- ◉ Borrow two vehicles from other projects
- ◉ Purchase of lap-top, PA Systems, digital camera,
- ◉ Hire of projector, generator,



ORGANISATION OF ROVING SEMINARS - COMPOSITION OF TRAINING TEAM

Presenters

- Central Forecast Office
- Department of Agriculture
- Research & Applications Unit (Agrometeorology)

Partnership

- Agriculture
- Disaster Agency
- Red Cross Society
- Environment
- NGOs - Food security
- Governor's Office



ORGANISATION OF ROVING SEMINARS - CONTENTS OF THE SEMINARS

- ◉ Weather and climate forecasting (observation, monitoring & prediction) and benefits of climate information and products to development
- ◉ Climate challenges (variability and change)
- ◉ Agriculture and the climate change in The Gambia
- ◉ Installation and reading from the rain gauges



RESULTS - N° OF PARTICIPANTS TRAINED

VENUE	DATE	N° OF VILLAGES	N° OF WOMEN PARTICIPANTS	N° OF MEN PARTICIPANTS	TOTAL N° OF PARTICIPANTS
Year I					
KEREWAN	JULY 10, 2012	18	11	30	41
CHAMEN	JULY 11, 2012	17	12	33	45
PANCHANG	JUUL 12, 2012	16	9	33	42
BANSANG	JULY 13, 2012	17	11	29	40
BASSE	JULY 14, 2012	18	9	34	43
JAR KUNDA	JULY 15, 2012	15	10	32	42
JENOI	JULY 16, 2012	23	12	38	50
WILINGARA	JULY 19, 2012	35	15	58	73
TOTAL		149	89	278	376

CONSTRAINTS

- ◉ Timing
- ◉ No direct linkage with GSM operators and local radio stations
- ◉ Daily forecast over GRTS - only in English languages
- ◉ No follow-up activities with the farmers

RECOMMENDATIONS - BY THE PARTICIPANTS

- ◉ Involvement of local authorities in the sensitisation and supporting the Department's initiative in getting the daily forecasts broadcast daily over the community radios;
- ◉ Conduct recorded feedback discussions on weather and climate issues with farmers which could be use in GRTS's agriculture and disaster programmes;
- ◉ Use of traditional musicians, local theatre groups and advocacy groups in the sensitisation of local communities;
- ◉ Organisation of the roving seminars at District level



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