

The INTERFACES approach to knowledge and innovations brokerage in northern Ghana

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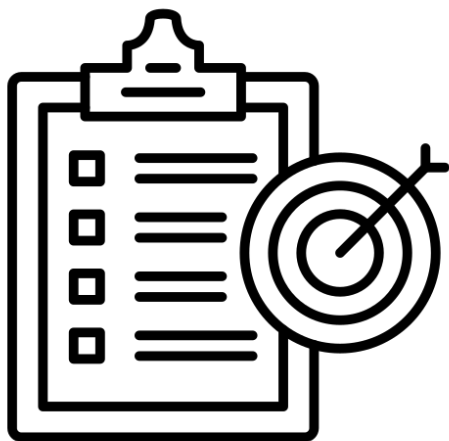
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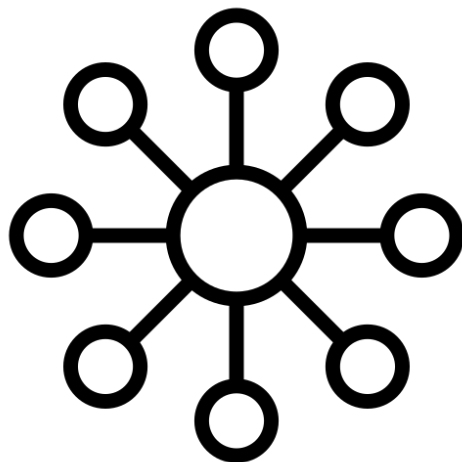
- INTERFACES is an accompanying project to four other regional projects being funded by the Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space of Germany
- INTERFACES has worked DecLaRe and COINS in northern Ghana and northern Benin
- Aims to contribute to gender-responsive behaviour change, i.e. supporting outreach & implementation of research results

INTERFACES Approach

Scoping Analysis



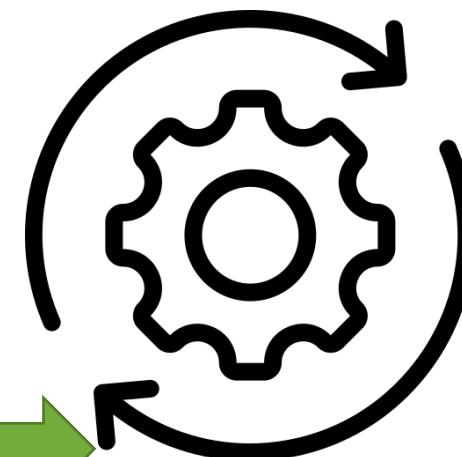
Stakeholder Mapping & Analysis



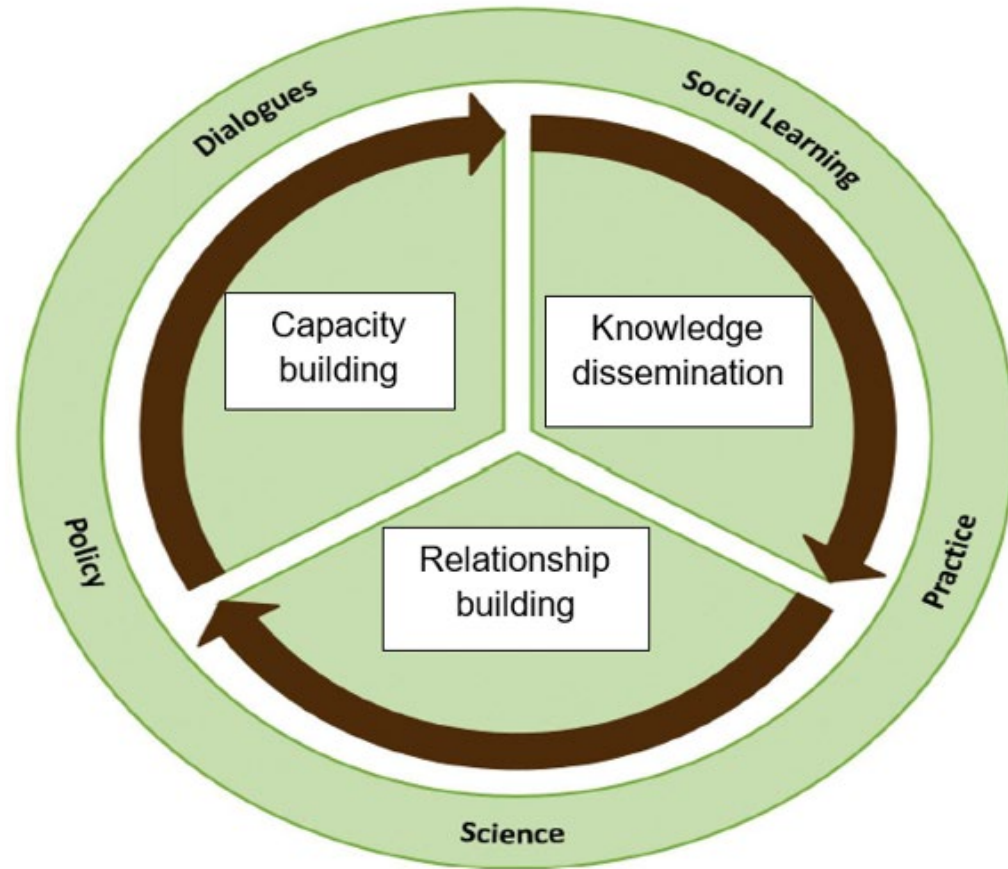
Stakeholder Engagement & Participatory Learning Platform



Gender responsive theory of change



Core Activities



Klerx et al. 2012. In: Darnhofer, Gibbon, and Dedieu (eds.), Farming Systems Research into the 21st Century: The New Dynamic. DOI 10.1007/978-94-007-4503-2_20

Knowledge Dissemination

- Gender Model Family (GMF) concept
- Integrated Soil Fertility Management (ISFM) and Microdosing innovations
- Precarity of women's land access

“we usually assume that gender/women issues are automatically addressed and included but reality is different, so it is important to distinguish and emphasize gender issues as we did in the workshop. I learned a lot and never thought that a ToC could be useful for the projects and departments. Usually, workshops are just done for individual projects or departments but not for general use. The workshop was also good to make new contacts (networking)” (Member, Ghana PLP)



Cross-section of participants at an INTERFACES event, Tamale

Capacity Development

- Co-development of gender responsive Theory of Change for Ghana and Benin
- Preparing biochar from shells of shea nuts for soil amendments
- Intersectionality and marginalization

“I have benefited from this Platform professionally and personally. Professionally, I am now minded by the issue of gender intersectionality and how that impacts the adoption of technologies and innovations. Personally, I have been pushed into the practice of the gender model family” (Member, Ghana PLP)



Cross-section of participants at an INTERFACES event, Tamale

Relationships Building

- Brought together individuals and institutions working on SLM in northern Ghana to a common platform
- The PLP has also been linked to Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) working on agriculture and SLM in northern Ghana

“ISFM is not new. It was developed in 2012 following the implementation of the AGRA soil health project. However, we had challenges getting it out there like wildfire. However, through this Platform, we have brought it to the attention of a wide array of stakeholders. We hope that whatever that has been learnt through this Platform will be shared widely within the networks of the stakeholders on this Platform” (Member, Ghana PLP)



Group Photo after an INTERFACES event, Tamale

Conclusions

- Learning platforms are powerful arenas for brokering knowledge on agricultural and sustainable land management innovations and promoting behavioural change
- They are useful for knowledge dissemination, capacity building and relationships building
- Learning platform members exercise pride and ownership over co-created and co-developed knowledge
- Leading to knowledge and innovations uptake, upscale and out-scale



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