Introduction to Training and Activities Dominic Smith

Value Chain Analysis Training ACIAR Project ASEM/2014/053



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Program Overview

- 1.5 days training on Value Chain Analysis
- Fieldwork in province to analyze cassava value chains



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Program Overview

• After of practical training we aim to have a clear map for main value chains and identify information gaps.

• After fieldwork we will be able to validate and update the value chain map and information for each chain and identify potential entry points for project



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Value Chain Training

Key resources: *Toolbook on Making Value Chains Work Better* for the Poor

- Session 1
 - Introductions
 - Principles and Concepts of Value Chains based on Value Chains Toolbook Part 1. Participants will gain an understanding of the basic principles and main concepts of value chains and value chain analysis
 - Introducing Gender and Social Inclusion Dimensions to value chain analysis. Participants gain a great understanding of the inclusion of gender aspects in value chain analysis.



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- Session 2
 - Key concepts of Mapping Value Chains Participants gain understanding of key tools for mapping various dimensions of value chains. This will be utilized in practical excercises in the afternoon
 - Group Work on Mapping Value Chains Working in groups to map key aspects of value chains within the province:
 - Core processes
 - Main actors
 - Product flows
 - Information flows
 - Costs, benefits and value adding
 - Geographic flow
 - Relationships and linkages



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- Session 3
 - Group Work on Mapping Value Chains (continues) Working in 1groups to map key aspects of value chains within the province
 - Reporting back on Value Chain Mapping Exercise
 - Discussion of information gathering instruments and finalization of field visit plans – Information needs identified and sources of data to gather required information identified and agreed by participants. Field visit plans and logistic arrangements finalized



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Fieldwork

- Objectives of Fieldwork:
 - gather relevant primary information from key informants at various stages in the value chain;
 - finalize value chain mapping and analysis of relationships and linkages based on discussions in the workshop/training and information gathered in the fieldwork; and
 - based on the above, identify and prioritise potential entry points for project intervention in the value chain.



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Overall Outcomes of Training and Fieldwork

- Value Chains accurately mapped and analysis of key Value Chain actors complete
- Identify key production zones in alternative value chains for household survey to be conducted
- Identify existing knowledge of value chain actors on cassava production
- Identify opportunities to work with value chain actors to test and trial technologies with farmers
- Start to develop sustainable business models
- Identify where it will not be possible to achieve sustainable impact



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