



**– International Fund for Agricultural Development –
– Identifying and sharing innovation in Western and Central Africa –**

– Indigenous monitoring and evaluation system –

I. Context

1. Name of the innovation

Establishment of an indigenous monitoring and evaluation system for target groups

2. Country – Region

Mauritania

3. Organization

Maghama Improved Flood Recession Farming Project, Phase II (PACDM II)

4. Who is the innovator ?

PACDM II

5. Actors involved

- Project target groups
- NGOs
- Village facilitators
- Project Management and Coordination Unit

6. Starting date

2005

7. Type of innovation

Organizational

II. Key concepts

8. Summary

The proposed innovation is a monitoring and evaluation system managed by the target groups. It allows them to monitor and evaluate their own development activities in an independent, participatory manner. As tools, it uses simple and easy-to-use notebooks giving information on some significant indicators.

9. What problems does this innovation seek to solve?

- Poor capacities of target groups to monitor and evaluate their own activities
- In project evaluation, failure to incorporate target groups' assumption of responsibility for implementing rural development programmes
- Target groups' poor understanding of the roles of the various actors

11. Target group(s)

- Grass-roots organization
- Village facilitators (focal points)

12. Difficulties encountered

These are related to:

- Illiteracy
- The constraints of inaccessibility, which hamper supervision

13. Costs and benefits of the innovation (financial, social, political etc.)

Costs:

These are connected with the recruitment of a service provider to train and supervise facilitators for a year, and the holding of mini-workshops to evaluate the facilitators' activities.

Benefits:

- Greater involvement of target groups (women, men) in project activities
- Boosting of target groups' capacity for self-evaluation
- Improvement in village-level monitoring of development activities

III. Technical aspects

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- Recruitment of a service provider to support facilitators
 - Preparation of monitoring notebooks
 - Training of facilitators
 - Use of notebooks

IV. Further information

15. Key contacts

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16. Internet link

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17. Key documents (document title + link or contact or address)

- Rapport de formation et d'accompagnement des animateurs sur les cahiers de suivi (= Report on training and supervision of facilitators regarding monitoring notebooks), Eco-Développement, 2005
- Reports on the activities of the Project Coordination and Management Unit