

PROLINNOVA E-EVALUATION

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Respondents

- ❖ Round 1
A total of 12 responses representing 11 organizations and 15+ respondents (South Africa (2), Uganda (?), Ethiopia (M&E Focal person), Kenya (?), Niger, Mozambique (?), Nepal(?), IIRR (5) and the Secretariat (?))
- ❖ Round 2
The second round received 8 responses representing 8 organizations (*Ethiopia, Uganda, Niger, Ghana, Nepal, South Africa, IIRR and the Secretariat, CIS-VU*) representing (12+) respondents

Process

Round 1

1. Governance
2. Learning, sharing of information among partners and country programs
3. Capacity building
4. Functioning of the IST and the Secretariat
5. Increased international awareness on PID/Prolinnova

Round 1: Summary assessment

Governance 3-9	Functioning of POG 4.3	Opportunity for influencing decision making 3-5	Efficiency/transparency in fund mgt 3-7	Joint strategy devt and PME 4.1
Learning, sharing of info 3.8	Direct Country to C exchange 3.2	Sharing: yahoo group/ website 4.1	Sharing and learning thru intl meetings 3.7	Cross-country visits 4.2
Capacity building 3.2	International workshops/seminars 3.3	Training events at international level 3.4	"On the job" support during visits 3.4	Backstopping by other CPs 2.7
Functioning of the IST and the Secretariat 3.9	Secretariat's role 4.3	Regular IST support 4.3	Facilitating and supporting M&E at various levels 3.4	Supporting fundraising and devt of new sub programs 3.5
Increased international awareness 3.6	Recognition/partnership with international research org 3.8	Number and quality of intl Prolinnova publications, spread and use 3.4	Reference to PID and Prolinnova experiences in publications, websites 4.3	Actual institutional change towards PID in intl partners/orgs 3.0

Round 2

Contentious issues

1. Influencing decision making in Prolinnova
2. Country-to-country exchange of info
3. Capacity building ideas
4. The IST role in monitoring and evaluation
5. Quantity and quality of publications

Analysis: Governance

- ❖ Appreciation and trust on the governance process (coordination, engagement of support groups, participation): POG and ETC's role
- ❖ Consultative process: strategy development, planning, proposal development, decision making
- ❖ Create more space in decision making: strengthening the role of POG (mgt and control of funds) and link with constituency

Analysis: Country to Country learning and info exchange

- ❖ Generally improved and effective
- ❖ Current approaches: international events, yahoo group, website, cross-country visits
- ❖ Cross-country positive experience: Mozambique/South Africa and Nepal/Cambodia, should be pro-actively initiated by CPs
- ❖ International events valued but sharing beyond participants is a challenge
- ❖ IST/Secretariat: hold back info or proactively distribute info

Analysis: Capacity building

- ❖ Lowest average score among the themes with backstopping particularly low
- ❖ Approaches to capacity building: field visits, participation in workshops/meetings/courses, backstopping (on the job support)
- ❖ Most of these approaches encourage South-South exchange
- ❖ With limited resources: needs focus, regional level training, selection of participants, follow-up

Analysis: Role of IST/Secretariat

- ❖ Improved performance, viewed positive
- ❖ Fund management: need for follow up and support for local level fundraising
- ❖ Monitoring and evaluation: need to strengthen practice at various levels, documentation for learning purposes
- ❖ No additional sub-programs in 2009

Analysis: Increased international attention to PID/PROLINNOVA

- ❖ Respondents had difficulty rating institutional change towards PID at the international level
- ❖ Mixed views on quality of publications: awareness on the list
- ❖ CP to contribute to international journals
- ❖ Not sure how PROLINNOVA is creating impact internationally (individual vs network-wide interaction)

Conclusion

In 2009, it has performed well as an international network, **3.7** rating. The structures in place: POG, Secretariat, CPs, IST are its strength

- ❖ Functioning
- ❖ Coordinating
- ❖ Clarity of roles and responsibilities

Action Areas

Action areas	Proposed actions	Possible lead
Governance: influence in decision making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Review decision-making process, strengthen link CPs POG members, longer term POG ❖ Review duties and responsibilities of CPs, IST, POG, Secretariat 	POG
Governance: transparency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Measures needed to increase transparency in fund management? 	POG

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Learning and sharing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Two weekly updating of the website ❖ Pro-actively looking for materials from CPs and the network ❖ Enable backstoppers and CPs to upload information directly? ❖ Need for other features? Sharing of updates? Communicating with other CPs with an option for others to join in the discussion? 	IST -IIRR

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International capacity building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Review need for international capacity building vs regional vs in country: Priority at what level, on what issues? ❖ Other creative approaches to capacity development internationally including South-south approach? ❖ Improve participant selection to and in country follow-up after international training events ❖ Ideas for more systematic competency assessment that are practical? 	All IST lead CPs

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Functioning of IST/Sec re M&E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Review and analyse present M&E functioning: what is already being done? What are gaps at various levels? How do we use info for reflection? The role of focal point? ❖ Plan focused capacity building on M&E at all levels, use of local resource people and backstoppers 	Secretariat +? CPs + Secretariat

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International awareness creation: publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Review and strengthen publications, e.g.: Prolinnova own booklets: format, topics, quality, and generation of CP experiences. ❖ Spread and awareness Prolinnova publications; contributions to international journals (esp CPs), Prolinnova own bi-annual bulletin? ❖ Use of writeshop process to document our work and develop writing capabilities among CPs 	Secretariat +? IIRR. CPs
General: fundraising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Strengthen decentralized, CP based fundraising; capacity building on fund raising? 	