

PROLINNOVA E-evaluation 2016

International Institute of Rural Reconstruction

Respondents (10)

1. Bolivia
2. Burkina Faso
3. Cambodia
4. Cameroon
5. Ghana
6. Kenya
7. Philippines
8. Senegal
9. Uganda
10. IST group

Areas evaluated

1. Governance
2. Learning and sharing of information among partners and Country Platforms
3. Capacity building
4. Functioning of the IST and International Secretariat
5. Increased international awareness on PID/PROLINNOVA
6. Self-assessment

Analysis: Governance

- The network provides and facilitates opportunities to participate in decision making within the network i.e. Prolinnova strategy 2020 development was a very transparent and democratic process ensuring discussions and generating feedback and inputs from wider PROLINNOVA team.
- POG has been active in developing guidelines to establish some systems in operating as a Prolinnova network i.e. minimum requirements of CPs
- It provided the required policy guidance or guidelines, for instance on regionalization process for Prolinnova, CPs participated in this and other decision making processes

Analysis: Governance

- E mails are regularly sent when important decisions are taking in order to help expression of the majority.
- Although there were comments noting that Prolinnova International has developed a joint strategic plan and M&E with consultation with and opened to CPs/all partners for inputs and comments, there were respondents that mentioned they were unable to participate in M&E activities
- Though there were skype meetings organized from time to time more needs to be done to mobilize resources to facilitate more POG meetings and interaction with the IST as well as CPs.

Analysis: Learning, sharing of information among partners and country platforms

- Apart from the IPW, the Prolinnova website, as well as the Yahoo groups provide a vital platform for sharing information between CPs. However, few CPs are not using these optimally. (ie. CPs do not pose questions regarding aspects of implementation to solicit responses from a larger group)
- A lot of information was shared through the Prolinnova yahoo group and website, which has also served a very useful channel to share information on Prolinnova International and country activities for learning.
- Direct country to country exchange was very little as there were not much joint projects implemented

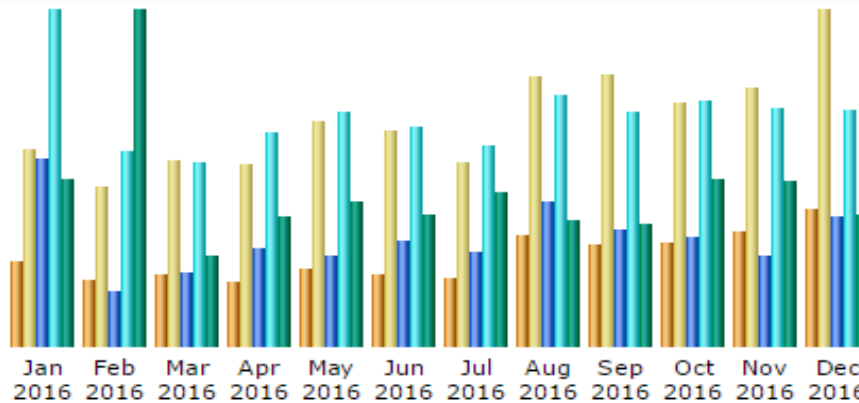
Prolinnova Website Statistics Report for the year 2016

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Visits / Page Views / Hits

The Prolinnova website has generated the following average statistics.

Monthly history



Unique visitors: An average of **2,042** monthly unique visitors and a total of **24,504** unique visitors for the year 2016.

Number of visits: An average of **5,187.5** visits per month and a total of **62,250** numbers of visits for the year 2016.

Pages: An average of **27,679.83** pages per month and a total of **332,158** pages visited for the year 2016.

Hits: An average of **59,560.66** hits per month and a total **714,728** hits for the year 2016.

Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Jan 2016	1,949	4,473	48,106	86,102	6.00 GB
Feb 2016	1,530	3,652	14,344	50,045	12.07 GB
Mar 2016	1,649	4,231	18,753	46,902	3.25 GB
Apr 2016	1,468	4,160	25,295	54,622	4.66 GB
May 2016	1,784	5,141	23,249	60,138	5.23 GB
Jun 2016	1,647	4,921	26,942	56,408	4.75 GB
Jul 2016	1,542	4,214	24,036	51,540	5.51 GB
Aug 2016	2,536	6,134	37,015	64,290	4.49 GB
Sep 2016	2,300	6,185	29,754	59,820	4.40 GB
Oct 2016	2,370	5,574	28,189	62,977	6.02 GB
Nov 2016	2,614	5,903	23,289	61,209	5.91 GB
Dec 2016	3,115	7,662	33,186	60,675	4.73 GB
Total	24,504	62,250	332,158	714,728	67.01 GB

Analysis: Learning, sharing of information among partners and country platforms

- Cross country visits have been very limited mainly due to funding constraints.
- The South-South backstopping under Proli-FaNS project will add to promote learning across CPs

Analysis: Capacity Building

- There were opportunities to attend international workshops/seminars/meetings mainly through annual international partner workshops (IPW) organized by Prolinnova International.
- Opportunities to attend international meetings by CPs has been constrained by lack of funding.
- Most of the IST backstopping are virtual and where project funding was available some face to face visits were done. ie. FaReNe
- Backstopping and sharing and learning between CPs was very limited.

Analysis: The Role of the International Secretariat and the IST

- The IST has facilitated sharing and learning where possible and provided timely communication to CPs including undertaking the necessary follow up and feedback via email, phone and or by Skype and where possible through physical meetings. Though sometimes this has been wide apart. However, more support can be provided by IST specifically in supporting the development and implementation of monitoring and evaluation frameworks for projects and CPs.
- There was a regular sharing of information (such as funding opportunities, technical reports, articles) through the online platforms which promoted networking among CPs and other stakeholders
- Getting the on-going Proli-FANS project is attributed to the enormous work of the IST, developing the proposal, sourcing the donor, and helping to get the project established and functioning

Analysis: Increased international awareness of PID/PROLINNOVA

- Prolinnova has done tremendously well in promoting the PID approach, however, the extent of mainstreaming and institutional change achieved has not been quantified. Despite continuous and increased efforts to promote PID more needs to be done to ensure institutionalization of PID in various institutions.
- Recently more publications are making reference to PROLINNOVA experiences, however we have not been able to quantify this.

Analysis: The self-assessment of the overall CP performance

- It is quite difficult to build up a network without funds, but PROLINNOVA shows a capacity to grow, that's a good sign. Many of the partners in the national platform are facing funding constraints and unable to contribute funds to sustain activities and programmes, however we have built adequate local capacity and mainstreaming of Prolinnova approaches in partners' programmes to enhance continuity, even though this still requires financial back-up to be more effective and active.

Conclusions

Respondents rated the overall performance of PROLINNOVA in 2016 to be satisfactory.

Following are a number of possible areas for improvements and proposed actions generated:

Make CPs more active and have increased ownership of PROLINNOVA

- Continue regional-level formation/discussion to include structure, strategy and implementation plan and M&E
- Identify during the IPW what IST role/s can be taken up by CPs
- Strengthen the capacity of the CPs to effectively undertake some of these IST functions e.g. resource mobilization and documentation
- The IST should increase their support to CPs through backstopping visits
- Joint activities should also be initiated through the CPs efforts and the IST/POG just providing necessary support.
- Ensure that every country platform should be part of at least one project

Responsibility for CPs to update their pages and upload to the website

- Encourage CPs to be more pro-active in sharing their work; motivate the CPs to share and post their work in their respective CP pages.
- The website focal person should alert everyone whenever CPs have shared / posted materials online (CP pages)

Enhanced learning and promotions of PID programmes/practices

- Find opportunities to include cross-country visit through international meetings and joint projects
- Strengthen and promote opportunities and mechanisms that will facilitate for direct country-to-country sharing and exchange of information
- More targeted lobbying and advocacy at local, national and international levels to have resources/funds allocation for promoting/supporting PID as an approach to development research
- Promote PID targeting strategic individuals and organization at the CP and international levels who appreciate and build the capacity of both individuals and organizations to promote PID

Enhance and increase resource mobilization efforts

- Joint project proposals and implementation at regional and international levels
- CPs should follow up on possible funding options that are circulated through yahoo groups.
- CPs should check embassies in countries for funds for in-country training

Pursuing capacity-building efforts

- Organize short training events especially focusing on publication of all the good work going on in the CPs
- Provide advance mentoring and coaching for CPs
- Organize sub-regional training
- Use PID capacity in the country to train others without external funding