

Monitoring - Staying in Touch with Reality

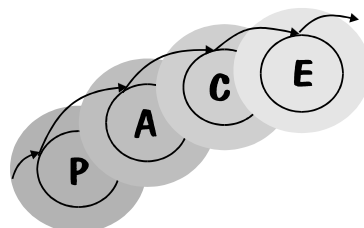
Monitoring within the Context of
Project Planning and Project Management

Photographic Workshop Report



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PREFACE

The following documentation presents the output of the workshop on monitoring: “Staying in Touch with Reality”. The workshop was a follow-up training activity to the training seminar on "Goal Oriented Project Planning and Project Cycle Management" for partner organizations of German Agro Action (GAA) that had been held in Nairobi in November 2002. However, a third of the participants were new, i.e. had not taken part in the previous PCM-Workshop. Fortunately, most of them had some basic knowledge about planning and logical framework.

The majority of the participants of this workshop constitute GAA's East African partners. Five of the 14 participants are representatives of GAA partner organizations in Ethiopia, 2 were from Tanzania, one from Somaliland, and 3 from Kenya. Furthermore, 3 staff members of GAA (2 from Kenya and one stationed in Somaliland) participated. The workshop was sponsored fully by the GAA headquarter and held in the Lenana Guesthouse in Nairobi, Kenya from May 26 to May 25, 2003.

This documentation report contains a summary of the results of the group works so that the participants have a hand-out about the application of the monitoring concepts, principles and tools introduced during the workshop. The processes that evolved during the workshop are also summarized in the report, complemented with action photos of the participants.

Generally, the aim of the workshop was to standardize the monitoring systems of the GAA partners according to the new principles of GAA's project cycle management. Likewise, the workshop also served as venue for GAA and its partner organizations to level up on the information needs of GAA. It was intended that at the end of the workshop the participants:

- have learnt some basic principles of M&E
- be familiar with cold and warm indicators, including data collection and analysis
- be able to design a monitoring plan based on a PPM
- use SWOT as a Process Monitoring tool
- be familiar with some tools and approaches for Impact Monitoring
- be familiar with some tools and approaches for Context Monitoring.

The moderators are grateful to the German Agro Action (GAA) headquarter for sponsoring the workshop, to the GAA Regional Office in Nairobi for organizing the training, and to the participants for their interactive participation in sharing their vast experiences in projects and programs. Their enthusiasm during the learning process has made the workshop a success.