

ICT-KM 'Knowledge Sharing in Research' project ~ *Mid-Project Update* ~

This is an update on the ICT-KM Knowledge Sharing in Research (KSinR) project.

Background

The Knowledge Sharing in Research (KSinR) Project is one component of the ICT-KM- Improving effectiveness in the CGIAR through knowledge sharing program, running from 2007-2009. KSinR is working towards generating, sharing and applying knowledge and lessons on good practices of knowledge sharing which can be used within research projects/programs towards achieving improved effectiveness and greater impact of our work. One of the primary avenues for learning in the project is through 6 Pilot projects which were recipients of grants from the project.

General updates

- Pilot projects were chosen from a **call for proposals** held between April and June 2007
- The Pilot projects all came together with the wider Knowledge Sharing project team for an **Inception workshop** held at IRRI in The Philippines in August 2007. The main objectives were to get to know each other, better understand the Pilot projects, and to use the Impact Pathway approach for planning project activities.
- Project **contracts** were all finalised by mid-October.
- The **first disbursement** of funds (of three) was done as each project handed in their inception report documenting their Impact Pathways for their project.
- All Pilots have now submitted mid-project reports and second disbursement of funds has been made.

KSinR Project highlights and plans

- Participated in Web2.0fordev conference-September 2007 in Rome, where a lot of potentially useful tools for collaboration and sharing were discussed
- KSinR supported the ICT-KM program in the development of a session at the Science Forum at AGM 2007 on "Knowledge and Innovation for agricultural and rural development (KIARD).
- Ongoing exploration, collection and review of literature and materials on knowledge sharing in research
- Providing support to Projects, Centres and the CGIAR system on planning and implementing knowledge sharing in research approaches, activities and events.
- Ongoing communication and sharing of knowledge from the project
- Currently conducting M&E with all Pilot projects
- In process of preparing key outputs for the project
- Planning a project synthesis workshop
- Preparing to showcase project and results at AGM 2008.

For more information:

Visit KS website at <http://ks-cgiar.org/>

Check out the KSinR project blog at <http://ictkm.wordpress.com/category/knowledge-sharing-in-research/>