PACA COUNTRY UPDATE

UGANDA
Strides in Aflatoxins mitigation:
A] Establishment of the PACA- Uganda Chapter in 2014;

- The initial composition include the private sector, academia and the Ministry of Health;

- Now expanded to include academia, Ministry of Agriculture, MTIC, CAADP Focal Person, Uganda’s Representative to the PACA Steering Committee.
B] Establishment of the Uganda Aflatoxins Technical Working Group and a Country Focal point

The ATWG provides technical guidance and direction on all technical matters regarding aflatoxins mitigation in the country and interfaces with policy makers on aflatoxins policy issues.

Composition: Academia and Research, Agriculture/CAADP Trade/UNBS, Agriculture/MAAIF; Min of Health/NDA, Food Science/MUK
C] Contribution towards AfricaAIMS:

The AUC-PACA engaged the Department of Food Technology and Human Nutrition, Makerere University to be responsible for harmonization of data collection and analyses, authenticating and timely submission of information to the PACA Secretariat who in turn processes and facilitates information access by all stakeholders continent-wide.
D] Conducting a Country led Situation Analysis and Action Planning (C-SAAP)

- Accomplished in 2015 with support from the AUC-PACA in a consulting process to provide evidence on the existing aflatoxins prevalence including risk identification and quantification of impacts of aflatoxins on the economy.

- Findings: identified gaps particularly within the existing enabling government infrastructure such as policies and also assessed to what extent are stakeholders aware of the existing aflatoxins problems. This informed the development of the Country Plan of Action.
Development, Presentation and Adoption of the Country Plan of Action

Accomplished and adopted in 2015. The plan of action identified key intervention areas aligned firstly to the C-SAAP, taking into account the PACA Strategy. Intervention areas are:

- **Enhancing effectiveness and efficiency in aflatoxin management in agricultural value chains**
- **Promoting of public awareness and advocacy**
- **Focusing on Public health management**
- **Addressing insufficient Policies and legislations**
F] Multi-stakeholder meeting to recommend the institutionalization of the UMMSC, DEC 4th 2015
Achievements of the multi-stakeholder meeting of Dec 4th 2015

- Meeting proposed institutionalization of an all-inclusive UMMSC (the Steering Committee)
- Designated PS Ministry of Agriculture as Chairperson of the Steering Committee (SC)
- Defined the Terms of Reference of the SC
- Identified a lead ministry to host the PACA Country Officer (MAAIF)
First Meeting of the UMMSC held in June 2016 at MAAIF

- The PS MAAIF requested relevant stakeholder institutions to nominate representatives to serve on the SC.
- First SC meeting held at MAAIF Boardroom with funding from MAAIF and deliberated among other issues the
- **Mainstreaming Aflatoxins into the CAADP led National Investment Plan**
- **Forging strategies to mobilize resources to support Aflatoxins mitigation/ interventions in the country, the need to fully support the convening of the Business Meeting**
- **Planning for and supporting the up- coming 2nd Partnership Platform Meeting to be hosted by Uganda**
H] MoA between the AUC and GoU (MAAIF)

- This is an agreement between the AUC and GoU (MAAIF) to enable the appointment and hosting of a PACA Country Officer who will coordinate PACA Country activities in UG. Process initiated around July 2016, but agreement is yet to be signed.
- Some issues to be ironed out in the MoA to facilitate signing
I] Bilateral meeting between the AUC and the MAAIF

- Accomplished end July 2016, prior to the Business meeting. Key areas discussed were
  - Expediting the process of signing of MoA
  - Mainstreaming aflatoxins into the National Agriculture Investment Plan (ASSP)
  - Hosting of PACA Country Officer
  - Support to Country Officer from the AUC
Convened Business Meeting and launch of UMMSC in Kampala-UG

- Multi-stakeholder meeting to discuss modalities of resource mobilization and maintaining a sustainable funding strategy for aflatoxins mitigation in the country.
- COMREA launched the UMMSC in Uganda during the Business Meeting.
- GoU and AUC have noted the outcomes of Business Meeting and are planning/exploring other strategies to ensure and expedite efficient/effective aflatoxins mitigation in UG.
Participants of the Business Meeting held on 29th July 2016, Kampala, UG
The launch of the UMMSC by COMREA, H.E. Rhoda Peace Tumusiime
Planned next steps after PPM

- Strategically plan with ATWG and UMMSC on the way forward for aflatoxins strategic funding
- Plan and execute one–one contact with DPs on the best strategy for fundraising to support mitigation activities
- Engage and lobby policy makers on strategic interventions/investments in aflatoxins mitigation
- Lobbying at a high level on possible inclusion of Aflatoxins mitigation under the operation wealth creation (OWC)
The End

- Thank you very much