

Suggestions to Enhance the Implementation of RCA Projects in 2021 and Beyond

Considering that the situation of Covid-19 pandemic is still complicated in 2021. It can be anticipated that travel restrictions probably continue for 2021 and 2022. Consequently, the organization of face-to-face/physical events (regional training courses, meetings, workshops, expert missions) would be not possible in 2021 and 2022. In such circumstances, how the RCA deliver its project activities in 2021 and beyond.

Based on the experience gained in 2020, it is proposed as follows:

1. For on-going projects:

- GPs are requested to establish adequate IT platforms and deliver project activities both at national and regional level virtually in place of face-to face as much as possible.
- LCCs, TOs and RCA FP are requested to review and adjust project workplan in such a way that almost all project activities can be implemented virtually, and project can achieve the set objective and finish on time. Project extension needs to be avoided and should be only requested in unavoidable/exceptional cases.
- The TCF saved from the implementation of virtual events is requested for procurement of equipment, tools, spare parts, etc. necessary for the implementation of the project. LCCs, TOs and RCA FP need to discuss and agree to ensure the procurement is implemented transparently and properly.

2. For new project designs for 2022-2023:

In workplans of project designs for 2022-2023, it is necessary to:

- Specify which regional events (training courses and meetings/workshops, etc.) can be implemented virtually, and which ones need be implemented physically, then allocate funds properly for each activity.
- Identify pieces of equipment, tools and spare parts needed by GPs for implementing projects and estimate funds for procurement.
- Identify online training materials that need to be developed under the project.