Farmers Network

Sudan
Networks:

The Water Users Associations law was introduced in 2002.

- WUAs in Gash.
- WUAs in Khor Abu Habil.
- .... Etc.
Water Users Associations in Gash Basin

The Structure:

• Mesga Union (at field level – 7 members)

• Block Union (include all the mesga unions within the block – any mesga represented by one member)

• High committee for WUAs (formed by the 6 blocks representatives).
The activities

• Planning and early preparation for the cropping season.
• Land and water fees collection.
• Water management at mesga stage.
• Maintenance of the embankments.
• Conflicts resolution.
• Representing the farmers in funding and legalistic.
• Farmers Capacity Building.
Current Situation:

• WUAs already covered all the Gash agricultural scheme famers.
• The WUAs is suspended despite the formulations are existed.
• Lack of the following up, operation and maintenance.
• Limited farmers incomes.
Communication Activities
With what groups will you work?

• GAS
• WUAs
• Mesga Leader
• Ministry of Social Welfare
• Local Community
• Donors
How do you start?

• Establishing Workroom for women to increase their families’ incomes

Who is the focal point in your group?

• Farmer Community.
What are possible activities - Opportunities:

• Other successful experiences from other regions. (exchanged through workshop).
• Motivate the farmer to increase his income (e.g. introduce milk churners machines - workroom).
• Allocate portion from the profit to support farmer in field management.
• Upscale the idea to the whole scheme.
• Marketing.
Discuss one kick-off communication activity:

• Organize a one day workshop with participation of all the stakeholders (Farmers, WUAs, Donors, .......) to introduce the opportunities.