

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 farmers.
- 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.