NETWORK DEVELOPMENT

FBLN-KENYA
Building and Strengthening FBL Networks

What is the current situation? (And what is the historical perspective?)

• (Yes) farmer networks exist as WRUAs, IWUAs, CBMU (fisheries), CFAs (forestry),
• NO existing flood-based farmer network...WRUAs are the closest
• They started as informal community groups and have since been formalised and entrenched into the law
• Further to find out about livestock farmers network association, pasture farmers association and bee keepers association

Formal or informal?

• They are registered under Water Act, Irrigation Policy, Fisheries Act, and Forest Act respectively
• Others are registered under the social services Act as community self help groups
• Others are not registered but are structured such as Common Interest Groups
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Networked?
• Intra networks exist (common interest by structure or nature of business)
• Network between WRUAs in one sub-catchment and another exists because of WARMA sub-regional structures
• Some farmer networks in the agricultural sector exist based on value chains

Activities
• Depends on the purpose of each association/network for instance:
• WRUAs (catchment conservation, planting trees, water harvesting and flood control, water abstraction control)
• CFAs (raise and sell seedlings, re-afforestation);
• IWUAs: organise marketing of the produce; Water allocation; gender inclusivity