

FRN Data Topical Group

The group engages in troubleshooting, discussing [what?], and devising activities to ensure continued learning among the networks (a network of networks). It aims to:

- Exchange learnings and experiences on data management and issues in FRN endeavors.
- Share tools, methods, and developments on tackling data in FRNs.
- Devise and participate in activities to update thinking on FRN principles to inform work in FRNs.

Thematic discussions

The group engages in several thematical discussions around data flow in FRNs, among them being:

- Data collection and record keeping in FRNs
- Data use (information flow in FRNs)
- Designing research with farmers
- Using mixed methods in research

Some highlights from group members:

“Discussions have helped me improve my research methods. I have learned especially analysis and interpretation. I was so narrow in putting things together. I am not competent now but I have made a big step” – researcher from Botanicals project in Tanzania

“Recently, suggested ways for data collection became imperative as travel was restricted, and the more the local farmer researchers had ‘owned’ the research the better equipped they were to collect data” – researcher from Agriculture and Nutrition, fostering Agrobiodiveristy , forages and fallows project in Peru

“Our project is concerned with supporting FRNs in matters related to research methods and data. So, all discussions are relevant and contributing to our projects aims, both in getting information from FRNs and providing information to them” – researcher from Research Methods Support team, Finland

“I would like to understand how data are related to agroecology themes” - researcher from Agroecology Support project, USA