



**Growth, convergence and systematization:**  
More farmers in more groups tackling more issues of their choice in a more coordinated manner; more cross-learning through data system and convenings

**FRN as a widely utilized, multi-functional way of improving farm and system performance**

**FRNs acknowledged as the most effect manner for building and utilizing the evidence base for AEI**

**Phase 2**

**Phase 3**

**Current FRN projects**

Region	Project Name	Country	Description	Type
W. AFRICA	Networking 4 Seed	ML, BF	Sustainability of seed, dissemination of legume & sorghum varieties	Research
	Farmer knowledge	ML, BF	Farmer-led research & extension, farmer-researcher interactions	NGO
	Pathways to AEI	ML	AEI in Southern Mali crop-livestock integration	Research
	Women's fields	NE	AEI of women's fields	FO
	AEI in Burkina	BF	Agro-ecological intensification	NGO
	CATI-GAO	NE	Integration of crops, livestock, and trees	Research
	Dual purpose sorghum/ cowpea	ML	Maximizing sorghum/cowpea intercrop system for crop-livestock integration	Research
	Bambara nut	BF	Enhancing Bambara nut productivity	Research
	Cowpea square	NE	Develop fodder & dual-purpose cowpeas	Research
	FaReNe	ML, BF	Climate variability, ag systems diversification, Crop-tree-livestock integration	NGO
3F: feeding soil, cow & people	BF	AEI of agro-sylvo-pastoral systems	Research	
ANDES	PAR FRN	BO	Pests & diseases in organic groundnuts	NGO
	Yapuchiris	BO	Yapuchiris + Local climate knowledge	NGO
	Early warning system for climate	BO	Early warning system for climate	Research
	Quinoa IV	BO	Monitoring quinoa production	NGO
	Potato seed degeneration	EC	On-farm management practices to improve potato seed	Research

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E. AFRICA	FRN-NGO	KE	Improving farm systems in sorghum-growing farming communities	NGO
	Drylands FRN	KE	Rehabilitating degraded lands for ag. activities	Research
	FRN Uganda	UG	Tackling system-level P&D for cassava, cowpea	FO
	Finger Millet	KE, UG	Integrate legumes in finger millet systems	Research
	Sorghum Uganda	UG	Integrate legumes in sorghum sys., breeding	Research
	Sorghum Kenya	KE	Integrate legumes in sorghum sys., breeding	Research
	VEDCO	UG	Seed system for preferred drought-tolerant sorghum and finger millet varieties	NGO
	FIPS Village-based Agricultural Advisors	KE, TZ	AE ption by context targeting for varieties, crop nutrition, tillage methods and other options	NGO
	Post-harvest handling FRN	UG	Scaling out of a set of post-harvest handling technologies	Research
	Bruchids	UG	Establish innovation platform on food legumes	Research
S. AFRICA	Best Bets IV	MW	Sustainable ag in maize-legume farming sys.	Research
	FRN & leg int.	TZ	intercropping maize with pigeon pea & lablab	NGO
	Sustainable AE crop protection	TZ, MW	Safe/effective pesticidal plants for legumes	Research
Seed Systems Malawi	MW	Strengthen farmer-managed seed systems	Research	

**Key Learning Questions**

What are we learning about our FRN principles? How do they fit & what is missing? What is the best way to learn from our FRNs?

What is the OxC basket for FRN? What 'models' are we seeing? How can FRNs most effectively support AEI?

How should we support FRN implementation & learning through FRN grantmaking, cross cutting support, co-creation/communications, non-grant assistance (e.g. capacity strengthening & convening)? What are FRN outcomes? Are FRNs a more effective way getting to those outcomes? How are FRN outcomes different from others?

**Outcomes**

- We have limited mechanisms for building evidence on the outcomes of FRN
- What project members see as "results" or "data" is very narrow
- Important outcomes include enhancing soft skills:
  - Increased capacity for research & collaboration
  - Shifts in power dynamics & leadership
  - Sharing learning with other funders & research institutions
  - Better connected stakeholders across the science/practice/movement spectrum



