

Exercise: EMMP Reporting and Verification—Site Visit Summary

To: KRAMP Project AOR/COR/Activity Manager
From: Mission Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) Specialist
CC: Mission Environmental Officer (MEO)
Date: The other day
Re: Recent site visit to KRAMP project

Dear Colleague,

As you know the M&E team is just back from a week-long trip up-county. We were fortunate to spend a day with the KRAMP project. In addition to looking at overall project operations we focused part of the visit specifically on environment. The Chief of Party was great, and more than happy to address our questions. A copy of the EMMP was also made available for our reference (though I do note some differences from the version on the P drive). Here is a brief summary of what we saw (with many thanks to the MEO for hand-holding along the way!):

- Construction at the primary diversion site appears of good quality. The staging/work area was secure and mostly cleaned, except for some remaining fuel drums and rubbish. Access to the weir is limited by a locked barrier that the COP said is new and was installed because children were fishing from the structure. The general area is quite busy with a lot of foot traffic, so we wondered if some additional site security is warranted. We did not notice any warning signs or similar.
- The river flow gauge that we saw was barely legible from the bank. We could not read the height.
- Our visit with the District Agriculture Officer was positive and they indicated they are in constant contact with KRAMP project staff and receiving reports on a regular basis. However it was not clear if these reports are being read and/or what happens to them once they are received by the Ministry. Ministry Extension Officers appear to be working well with project staff with a high level of coordination.
- We spoke with two community maintenance groups. They were well organized (with matching coveralls) and indicated that their training was well coordinated and relevant. They haven't been put to the test, yet, as most of the control structures and access roads are new and of good materials and high-quality construction. There were specific questions from group members on who would pay for tools/materials when the time comes.
- We were shown a number of posters with illustrations and pictograms showing techniques for climate-smart ag. We even noted a few on display in local agro-dealer outlets. These looked great and the project is clearly doing a good job getting the word out on this important issue.