



The SAVIX learning process 2018-21



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Idea of learning process for better M&E of VSLA – why?

VSLA – the overlooked motor of programmes

- Since 2010 many Danish NGOs have used VSLAs as an important part of poverty alleviation in stead of revolving funds and other methodologies which were problematic
- Yet – many NGOs are not too interested in finetuning VSLAs
- **SAVIX: conscious about a few indicators – increase of impact**
 - Financially
 - In terms of management
 - Cross-cutting – participation (age), gender, livelihood

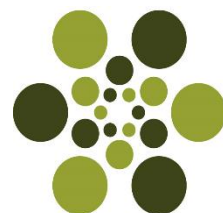


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The overlooked driver of programmes – closer M&E leads to

- ***Better cost efficiency, how many resources, including personnel for the VSLA promotion and supervision.***
- ***Better survey of outreach of VSLA work, which areas, which participants, greater visibility of the VSLA work***
- ***Which outputs : e.g. number of shares, members***
- ***Performance overview can be drawn from the MIS and can be used as e.g. donor documentation***
- ***Which outcomes: e.g. gender and leadership, livelihood based on selected cross-cutting performance indicators (user-defined fields)***
- ***A learning community where these issues can be discussed and qualified more***

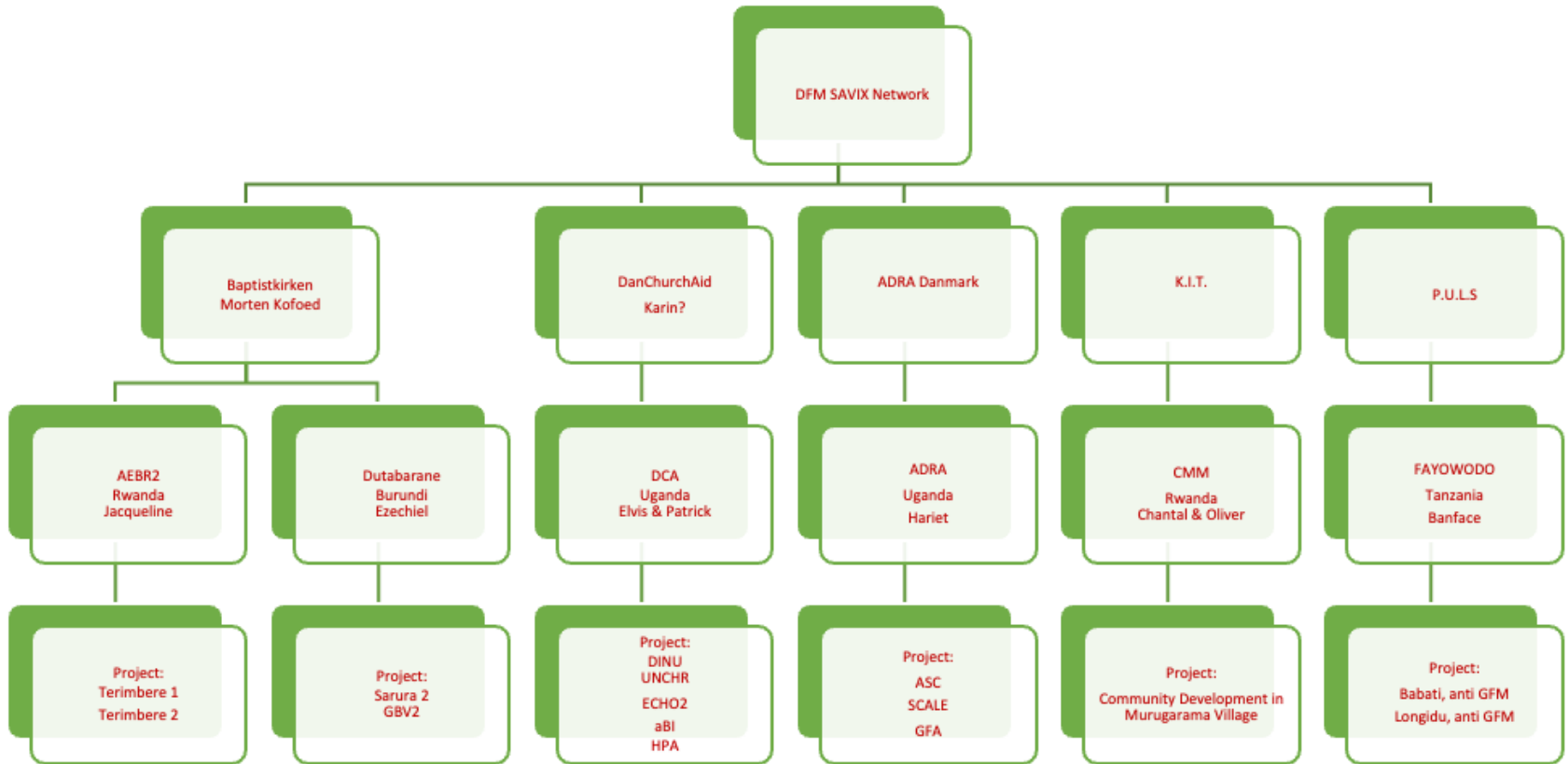


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Objectives of learning process:

- **Firstly, it will teach savings groups projects facilitated by Danish organisations, to independently collect information on long-term performance indicators of their projects.**
 - *Done! More than 30.000 members during the period, to 22.000 currently*
- **Secondly, DFM will create concrete action plans with each participating project, to improve performance of the individual savings group, based on individual analysis of each project.**
 - *Done! Performance reports developed with participating partners of DCA, ADRA-Denmark, BUD, PULS, KIT*
- **Thirdly, DFM will focus on capacity building of the Danish VSLA sector, by creation of a Danish learning community.**
 - *Done! Learning community, of organisations mentioned above plus their East African partners*



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Roles in learning process:

- **VSLAssociates: SAVIX** host and capacity builder
- **FAHU Foundation:** Funder and learning partner
- **DFM:** Trained people for training and hotline: Kristine and Kristina in Denmark, East African consultants, Cesalie, Ezechiel, for East African partners
- Creating a DFM network with defined indicators to follow up on. Hosting learning meetings and conferences, facilitate participation in SEEP conference May
- Preparing state of the art report for publication throughout 2021
- **Member organisations and partner organisations** to work in the SAVIX



Timeline of learning process:

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March: Launching of network in Denmark and sign-up by Danish DFM members, agreement on need for cross-cutting indicators on strategic issues (participation/age, gender equality, livelihood, vulnerability)

May: training of partners by VSL, DFM

SEEP conference Kigali. Inspiration to work towards VSLA federations

Project managers trained in MIS, projects created in the MIS, data collection. Facilitation meetings in Denmark and East Africa



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Challenges: Intro of SAVIX fee. Personnel turnover East African orgs

March: **Crash course for Danish NGOs by VSL**

June-September: **Extra training for old and new personnel by Ezechiel Habonimara, Dutabarane**

- Kigali (CMM and AEBR)
- Uganda (DCA South Sudan and Uganda)



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Data collected and entered into the SAVIX on a minimum of 30.000 people
January: Professor Roy Mersland in Denmark about the statistical research

But: COVID-19!!!

SAVIX learning community went virtual

May and June COVID 2019-guidelines and experience sharing

November: VSLA and gender equality – Paula May,
DCA-Malawi, Louise Smed, NCG and CKU with Dutabarane

**In-depth interviews and learning process postponed... thanks
to FAHU for flexibility...**

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Wrapping up:

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In-depth interviews

Performance plans developed

Publication of report with findings on project performance and project experiences (end Sept. 2021)

Publication of report with findings on State of the Sector (end Sept)

Publication of Guide on the use of SAVIX (end Nov)



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THANK YOU! Commitment from participating organisations in the DFM SAVIX learning process:

- **willing to collect data/assist partner to do so, and to get trained in Kigali 19-21**
- **receive tailor-made training**
- **willing to participate in 6 DFM meetings/conferences in 2018-21 for mutual learning**
- **commit to contribute to reporting as applicable**

- **THANKS TO FAHU FOUNDATION**



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