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Strengthening innovation support SERVICES to enhance INNOVations for sustainable food production, ensuring the well-being of rural populations, and reducing environmental degradation and resource depletion

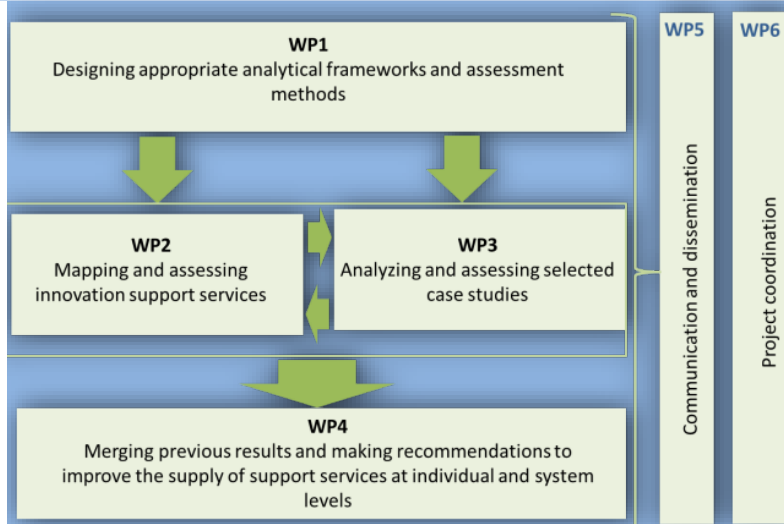
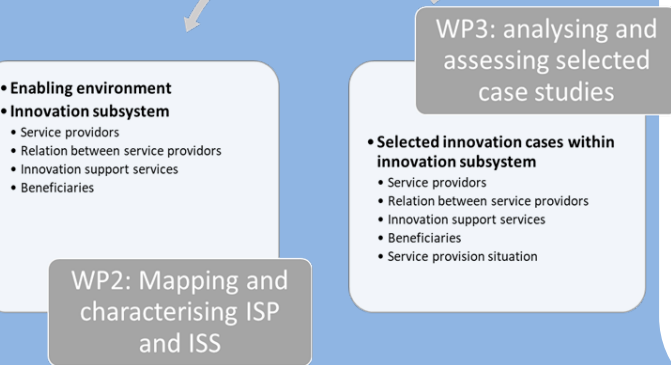
Main Goal:

To examine: *“how, when and from whom innovative stakeholders in agricultural value chains can obtain innovation support services to enable them to successfully overcome problems and improve their livelihoods”*

Research questions:

- What innovation support services (ISS) are most appropriate and qualitatively best match innovative stakeholders’ needs in the different phases of innovation processes?
- How can innovation support service providers (ISP) be motivated, supported and coordinated to effectively increase innovations in agriculture and agri-food systems?

Data collection:



Methodological approach:

- Characterising innovation support providers and services within innovation subsystems in Burkina Faso, Cameroon and Madagascar, and;
- Analysing innovation cases related to the improvement of agriculture, sustainable intensification and agrifood systems.

Approach allows for:

- Identification of strengths and weaknesses of support services with respect to innovation challenges,
- Exploration of the collaboration with support providers and policy makers resulting in knowledge gaps on how to best realise the supply of services.

Expected results:

Generate scientific outcomes on the:

- characterization of ISS providers in african contexts,
- assessment of their performance and needs related to their activities dedicated to supporting innovations,
- typologies of actors who operate within the support system and also
- support system itself and its structure at the national level.

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