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Agriculture to Nutrition (ATONU): Decision Making Frameworks

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Background



- Investments are increasing in Agriculture to deliver nutrition outcomes.
- Need for ways to prioritise these investments at all stages.
 - ✓ Optimization of returns
- Guiding Frameworks are required to:
 1. lay groundwork (to make future work much easier)
 2. provide standard working procedures
 3. build good habits and practice

Operational Questions



- How can countries, agricultural projects and nutrition-sensitive interventions (NSIs) be selected?
 - ✓ To select those that offer best opportunities → To maximise return on investments
- How can selected NSIs' results be systematically tracked and measured?
 - ✓ Inputs → Process → Outputs → Outcomes → Impacts

ATONU Frameworks



1. Country Selection Framework
2. Project Suitability Framework
3. Nutrition-sensitive interventions' selection Framework
 - [Will be web-based.](#)
4. Interventions Impact Assessment Design Framework

Framework (1): Country Selection



- **Context:** Agriculture-Nutrition disconnect → Available Investments.
- **Purpose:** Identify country readiness for nutrition-sensitive agriculture
- **Framework Elements:**
 - ✓ Political economy
 - ✓ Institutional arrangements (agriculture and nutrition)
 - ✓ Ethical clearance mechanisms
 - ✓ Potential for national ownership (successful implementation and sustainability)
 - ✓ Funding and investment from public and private sectors and development partners
 - ✓ Availability and willingness of Country Implementing Partners and their capacities
- **Intended Users:** Policy makers and Investors.

Framework (2): Project Suitability



- **Context:** The focus of the Agriculture project and its value chain



- **Purpose:** To assess agriculture program/project suitability.
- **Framework Elements** → Is divided into two parts:
 1. General Project Information
 2. Additional Decision Making Criteria
- **Intended Users:** Policy makers, Investors and Practitioners.

Framework (2) Project Suitability (Cont.)



Main Elements	Variables
Part 1: Project General Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Project location (country and province/district)● Project duration (start and end date)● Current phase of project and any expected phases● Project budget● Possible Pathways and Interventions that ATONU can explore● Commodity types● Focus (i.e., type of beneficiaries)
Part 2: Additional Decision Making Criterion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Detailed project activities● Intended project outcomes● Project partners● Data availability (project results tracking)● Viability of the project● Feasibility of the project to pilot nutrition interventions● Consideration of cross cutting themes

Framework (3): Nutrition-sensitive intervention selection



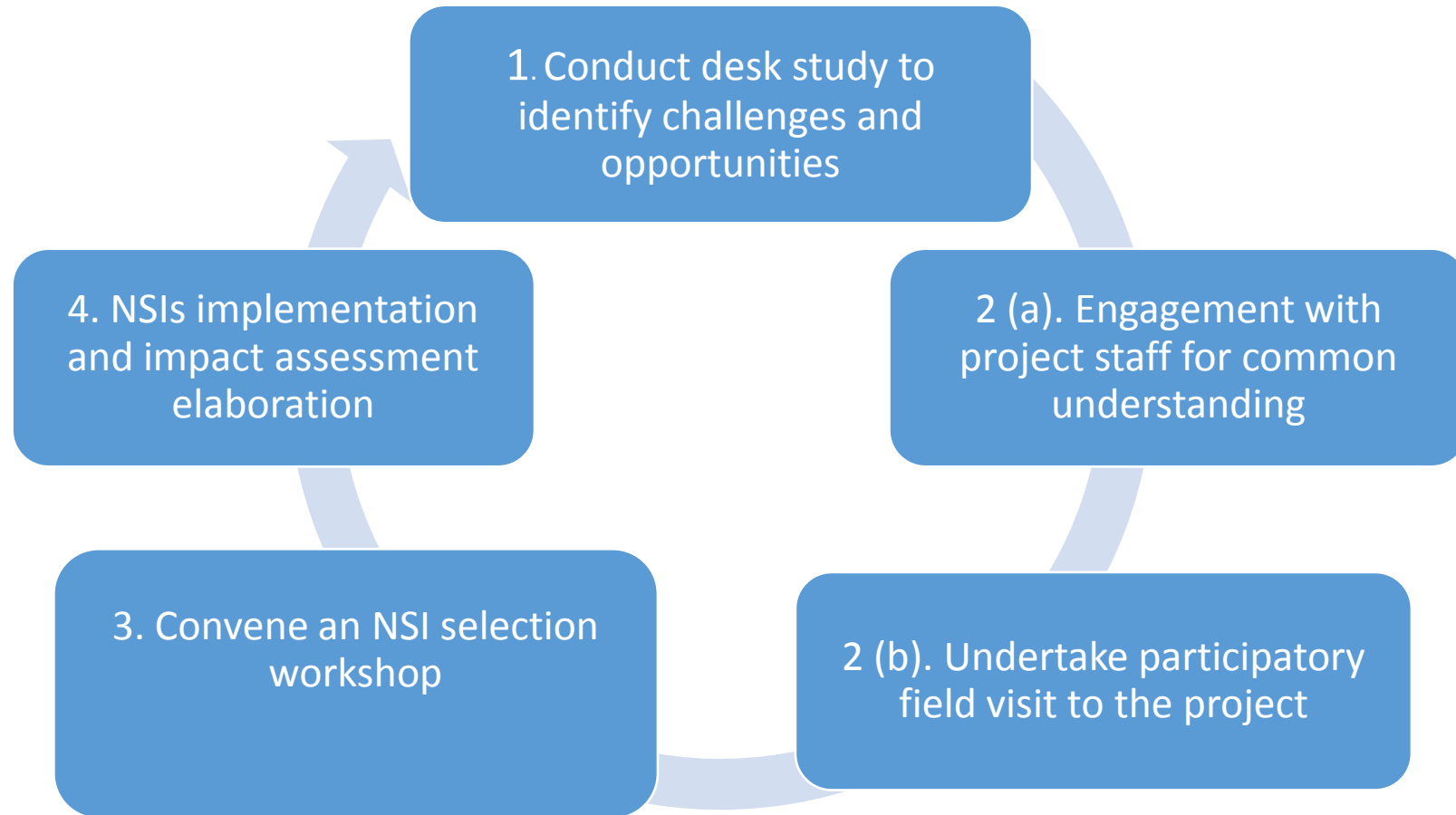
- **Purpose:** Screen and identify possible nutrition sensitive interventions
 - We do not interfere with the agriculture project original design
- **Framework Elements:**
 - ✓ Desk study template
 - Scrutinise the entire agriculture value chain of the selected project
 - Review Project Documents and Literature to identify all possible NSIs
 - ✓ Criteria to screen potential NSIs
 - ✓ NSIs ranking / prioritisation tools
 - ✓ NSI Concept Note Template
 - Capturing each NSI Theory of Change (activities → nutrition impact)
- **Intended Users:** Researchers and Practitioners (operational level).

Framework (3): Criteria to screen potential NSIs



Initial Screening Criteria (Yes or No)	Criteria to Consider
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Technical feasibility2. Sustainability of activities	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Cost of NSI2. Farm level viability / profitability3. Socio-cultural acceptability4. Gender impact5. Nutrition-sensitive outcome strength6. Environmental impact

Framework (3): Processes related to NSI selection



ATONU is Open for Business



The ATONU Team is available to provide technical assistance to existing and pipeline agriculture projects:

The four frameworks can be availed for use by partners to promote ATONU (Agriculture to Nutrition).

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