

National challenges in reviewing and updating NIPs – regional centre and participating countries' experiences

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Participating Countries

Global project

- Uganda
- Zimbabwe
- Kenya
- Seychelles
- Gambia

Satellite project

- Malawi
- Ethiopia
- Zambia

Project duration: Feb 2022 – June 2026

All the countries are at different stages of NIPS implementation for component 3



Country challenges

What are the common challenges and barriers facing the national governments in their outreach and dissemination efforts for the review and update of NIPs?

- Project delay – took considerable time to kick off
- Government bureaucracy (delays signing PCA agreements, opening project account)
- Non-priority to scientific issues e.g. NIPS
- Inadequate buy-in by policy makers
- No fulltime project coordinator
- No full support from implementing committee – short time devoted to NIPS
- Lack of interest to endorse the NIP report – highly technical report

Coordination challenges

Reporting (delay)

Slow responsiveness (providing information) – affects submission to BRS

An active focal point is required for responsiveness and efficient execution of tasks

Delays from national legal departments on reviewing PCA agreements, thus delaying start of activities

Limited financial resources to implement activities

Thank you