5 Follow-up implications, opportunities and priorities for the GDPRD

Progress on the food systems transformation agenda is profoundly important for rural development and achieving SDG 2 – the core focus of the GDPRD. GDPRD members and other actors have recognized that the Platform can offer a valuable space for donors to exchange views and ideas for following up the Summit, as a convener and facilitator of knowledge exchange on food systems-related issues in donors’ development policies. Within the context of the GDPRD’s overall strategic plan, the following three main areas for attention have been identified.

GDPRD AS AN INFORMAL MEETING PLACE

“The GDPRD can play a neutral broker role – creating a safe place for discussion between members.”

GDPRD member

Liaison on follow-up to the FSS:

- Share information within donors and between donors on FSS follow-up, including on the work and progress of coalitions and how they are being supported by different donors
- General updates to GDPRD members on food systems developments and upcoming events
- Support information-sharing between donors to help align responses to future food systems-related events and forums.

COORDINATION IS NEEDED

“Coordination, it seems obvious, and one would take it for granted, but it is not. The coordination, exchange of information and dialogue, joint analysis etc. – it’s absolutely crucial, and the Platform is playing a key role in that.”

GDPRD member
Undertake focused cross-donor research, analysis and convening on priority themes:

- Undertake a lessons learned study on country-level coordination and the implications for donors supporting national pathways.
- Assess the value of developing a stream of work on catalysing and de-risking finance in collaboration with the Public Development Banks Coalition.
- Organize resources and events on experiences of embedding systems thinking and practice into donor food systems-related investments and programming.

**LEARNING ACROSS COUNTRIES**

“A race to the top, instead of a race to the bottom, with good practices, to learn from each other, to scale, to replicate.”

_GDPRD member_

Knowledge-sharing and brokering:

- GDPRD members should share their policy and programming responses to the FSS outcomes.
- Update presentations from members of the FSS coalitions.
- Series of topical virtual webinars and roundtables on key food systems themes/issues in response to member requests and emerging issues, and publication of key reports, as relevant.
- Roundtables/webinars at the request of members (e.g. on agroecology).

**OPENING UP ON DIFFICULT ISSUES**

“That’s what a platform’s for, isn’t it? Not always bringing the positive messages but facilitating discussion on difficult issues such as reorienting investment in food systems. That, I think, is a big opportunity.”

_GDPRD member_