



# FALL ARMYWORM TOOLS FROM USAID

---

CHAT TRANSCRIPT

AUGUST 29, 2018

## PRESENTERS

Regina Eddy, USAID Bureau for Food Security

Joseph Huesing, USAID Bureau for Food Security

Brian Conklin, USAID Bureau for Food Security

Ben Blalock, Scientific Animations Without Borders

## MODERATOR

Julie MacCartee, USAID Bureau for Food Security

Kuda Ngoro: True Simba we need it in Shona and Ndebele for Zimbabwe

wei zhang: many thanks, Regina.

Phil Steffen: Just joining: Do you anticipate translating into South Indian languages and Hindi?

Vamsidhar Reddy: Hi Phil, Its definitely a requirement in India.

Joe Huesing: Jami Montgomery: On the pesticide chart, what is the distinction between the orange squares versus red ones? Red denotes highly hazardous pesticides that should be avoided by small holders. Orange denotes that risk mitigation is needed for use. For example, Pollinator exposure mitigation is needed to ensure bees are not harmed.

Ezinne Emeana: Armyworm is really ravaging maize farms in Nigeria

Dickson Kazembe: Chichewa will be great for Malawi as for the past two seasons our maize has been attacked by FAW and this language is widely spoken in the country

April Thompson - Agrilinks: Q&A time everyone!

Catherine Hamlin: I am a little confused on the translation - you are asking us to email you to request that the SAWBO videos be translated into French and Portuguese? Or you are looking for help on translation?

Jorge Brito 2: Sorry, I am missing the presentation because connection is bad.....

Alice Ndikontar: How do you handle the use of HHPs by farmers, any alternatives?

USAID Agrilinks: The video is also available in the box titled links at the left

Srikanth Ks: life cycle duration

Regina Eddy 2: Hi Cathy, We will follow up with specific details via email. French and Portuguese will be done. However, local languages - eg Wolof, etc. - are also possible.

April Thompson - Agrilinks: Jorge, que pena... mas nao preocupe, nos temos un gravacao!

Owen OKOKO: What are teh target countries for USAID at this moment? Coming Congo-Brazzaville, farmers and agripreneurs feel to work on practices available when it comes to pesticides and hwo can we work on training with USAID?

Niber Baba Tierto: In Ghana the translations in Dagbani, Hausa, twi, frafra, dagaare, mampruli, kusaal, kaseem will be useful

April Thompson - Agrilinks: Thanks everyone for the feedback on languages. Hope you all can assist in the translation too... so many local languages to cover!

Keith Cressman: In the PMDGs, would it be possible to include the possible use of the FAO FAMEWS mobile app for recording and sharing FAW scouting & trap data?

John Mullenax 3: pleased to see the insistence on economic decision making. if projects or governments are paying it changes the economics for the farmer. Please promote more awareness of project of the economic implications of control. In many cases it is cheaper to supply food and not treat. This is based to some extent on experience with locusts

Jorge Brito 2: Ok April, fico-te grato por isso! Obrigado

Phil Steffen: Hi Vamsi, maybe you can provide quality control! P

Miriam Alonso Camarero: I agree with Dickson, Translation in Chichewa would be excellent and it is urgently needed

April Thompson - Agrilinks: Por nada, Jorge!

Srikanth Ks: tnx

daniel otwani: Can we have examples on other crops like sorghum and finger millet too as both are affected by FAW and the damage symptoms may be confusing

Regina Eddy 2: Hi Phil, We will work with local partners to facilitate as many translations as we can.

Fentahun Tiruneh: In Ethiopia it can be translated in several languages: Amharic, Oromiffa, Tigrigna, etc.

April Thompson - Agrilinks: And share them back with us if you do!

Chris Peterson: Daniel, I too noticed that all the focus is on maize. Integrated control will require attention to other crops FAW affects. However, as early as we are in the process I think people are concentrated on the major staple crop.

Regina Eddy 2: Daniel, We have a one-page pest management decision guide for sorghum. We will post this on Agrilinks. Other crops to follow.

Chris Peterson: Great Regina! Good to hear.

daniel otwani: Thanks Chris and Regina

malika Bounfour : Thanks Brian we could do the translations for the tables but I was thinking of copyright .

April Thompson - Agrilinks: We'll be wrapping up soon if there are no more questions so last call if there is something you'd like addressed!

Phil Steffen: This line of questions prompts me to ask: How about using the resources of DigitalGreen (the prime awardee of the Feed the Future Developing Local Extension Capacity (DLEC) activity) for farmer extension/advisory messages in local languages? John Peters (JoPeters@usaid.gov) in BFS is your contact.

Ezinne Emeana: Will it be possible to incorporate the training for farmers and the extension personnel

Modibo Traore: Could poor farmers can use other low cost techniques to limit diseases of FAW than pesticides

Kristin DAVIS: Digital Green is working on FAW in Ethiopia

Lakshmi Iyer: [www.digitalgreen.org](http://www.digitalgreen.org)

Merrill Anne Jordan: Yes, their work using low-cost video to disseminate information has been great

Merrill Anne Jordan: the New Alliance ICT Extension Challenge Fund M&L contractor, IBTCI, is also in the process of completing case studies on this work

Gilbert Silva: Great Merril, very interesting

Amenti Chali: how do you see the introduction of Spray Service Providers to provide professional spraying service to control FAW, Feed the Future Ethiopia - USIAD funded project is currently promoting in partnership with CropLife Africa Middle East

Niber Baba Tiertto: Do we have other non-crop plants that FAW "hide" when their preferred crop is not available? That is plants in the wild, that are no crops as hosts for this pests?

Regina Eddy 2: Owen, in Africa our target countries include Senegal, Ghana, Nigeria, Niger, Uganda, Kenya

Lynda Stephens: USAID ADVANCE is also using the trained spraying service providers in Ghana

Amenti Chali: hi Lynda - nice to hear that

Ezinne Emeana: Happy to hear that Nigeria is included, Regina!

Lynda Stephens: Yes Chali our SSPs are doing great, Apart from providing services for in their communities, they are providing services for farmers outside of the project's operational zone

Amenti Chali: Thanks - Lynda Stephens; i need your experiences ([achali@fintrac.com](mailto:achali@fintrac.com))

April Thompson - Agrilinks: Moving to polls everyone! Still time for a few questions if you have any final thoughts.

Lynda Stephens: We also use the short video as a medium for extension for our Small Holder Farmers. The videos touch on general pest management; spraying etc

Ezinne Emeana: When is it proper to commence, spraying at the farm. Is it as the plants germinate and/or when the pests are noticed.

J. Camacho: Miss Lynda how do those who are innovating solution can get help

Catherine Hamlin: Thanks for the SAWBO translation clarification, Brian!

Regina Eddy 2: Keith we could explore including mobile apps on our dissemination tools. Interesting idea.

Niber Baba Tierto: Lynda Stephens can we link up this week or next?

ASSA BALAYARA: hi, I am Assa from Senegal. I was in the field. I just join the seminar. I should miss a lot

Julie MacCartee (USAID/BFS): Assa, we hope you can watch the recording! You'll get it in your email

KENGNI Fidele: I was late in entering the room, can I HAVE A SUMMARY

KOTOMALE Morel: Hi everyone

April Thompson - Agrilinks: Kengni, we will have a transcript available afterward

Lynda Stephens: Sure Niber

April Thompson - Agrilinks: as well as the recording.

Lynda Stephens: Sure Niber

ASSA BALAYARA: We have the FAW in Senegal. I am very interested to this topic in FAW.

ASSA BALAYARA: Ok Thanks.

Regina Eddy 2: Assa, the webinar is being recorded and you will receive a link to this recording within a week or so. Plan a viewing party and invite colleagues!

Gilbert Silva: The meeting is very interesting but the net was very bad for me to follow the presentation. Thanks for the opportunity and I hope that the next time will be better.

Lynda Stephens: Camacho please check your private chat

April Thompson - Agrilinks: Sorry to hear, Gilbert - the transcript will be up on the event page within a week or so!

malika Bounfour : I have to leave for a meeting but thank you very much for very useful and interesting presentations and material. looking forward to next webinar

April Thompson - Agrilinks: Thanks for coming! Please join the next one a week from today, same time & place!

Fentahun Tiruneh: Thanks. I enjoyed it.

April Thompson - Agrilinks: We also are launching Ag Extension month and welcome your contributions on Agrilinks.

Niber Baba Tierto: Thanks April-Agrilinks, see you next time.

April Thompson - Agrilinks: Thanks for joining, Fentahun!

Ivan Rwomushana: Could USAID consider also developing PPT presentations of the different modules in the Guide? This is useful in packaging consistent information.

Gilbert Silva: Ok

malika Bounfour : I will good bye

Amenti Chali: Thank you all;

ASSA BALAYARA: I am working in the ministry of agriculture, I am doing a rearing of FAW in the lab since january but I can succed. Can you help on that too. I also missed the first webinar too

April Thompson - Agrilinks: Assa, you can access that from Agrilinks directly

Regina Eddy 2: Ivan, this is an excellent idea. Let's partner - CABi and USAID - on this!! Note to all, Ivan Rwomushana from CABI has been instrumental in shaping the PMDGs. Thanks CABI!

April Thompson - Agrilinks: <https://www.agrilinks.org/event/technologies-managing-fall-armyworm-lessons-brazil>

Ezinne Emeana: Thank you

Merrill Anne Jordan: thank you!

April Thompson - Agrilinks: There is the link, Assa - you can get the post-event resources there!

Modibo Traore: Thank you

ASSA BALAYARA: ok, thank you so much

Magdaleno Bargamento: thnaks

KOTOMALE Morel: I was late to entring the room. so this topics is very interrested

USAID Agrilinks: Thank you everyone!!

J. Camacho: Thank you host and all. Have a great day, evening to all.

Debbie Muir: thank you

Julie MacCartee (USAID/BFS): <Http://agrilinks.org/faw>

Elizabete Tavares: Thankk you!

Marjatta Eilitta: Thank you!!!

Moffatt Ngugi: thanks!

Gordon Mengel: thank you!

Carla Tavares: Thank you!

Niber Baba Tierto: Hi Marjatta!

Kuda Ngoro: thank you

Lynda Stephens: thank you. very useful

Julie MacCartee (USAID/BFS): Thank you for joining and asking questions!

Gilbert Silva: Thanks you.

April Thompson - Agrilinks: Thanks again everyone!

Niber Baba Tierto: Thanks so much April

Charlin Caster - Agrilinks: Thanks everyone, stay tuned for the post-event resources!

Alice Ndikontar 2: very useful

KOTOMALE Morel: please can you do a summary for this webinar please?

Ezinne Emeana: Very useful topic, that has been farmers' concern. Thank you once again

Julie MacCartee (USAID/BFS): You are welcome, thanks so much for joining

Anne-Marie Butuba: Very useful, thank you