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The Agricultural Research Services has six key result indicators in the annual performance plan (APP) of the 2021/2022 financial year.

There was zero (0) target for the performance indicator **“number of research projects implemented to improve agricultural production”** for Q2. This is however an annual indicator and has twenty-five (25) targeted research projects which will therefore be reported on by end of Q4. New research proposals are being developed and critiqued on a continuous basis to ensure that the target is fully achieved.

There was zero (0) target for the performance **indicator “number of research presentations made at peer reviewed events”** for Q2. There is however a target of sixteen (16) presentations which is committed for Q3. A virtual symposium is being organized to provide a platform for the presentations to be done.

There was a target of five (20) presentations for the performance **indicator “number of research presentations made at technology transfer events”** for Q2. The target was fully and exceedingly achieved with a total of 32 presentations done against 20 that were targeted. The reason for the variation is that a lot more invitations for farmers days were received than originally anticipated. Future targets for this indicator in Q2 will take this aspect into consideration as a remedial action.

A total of six (6) for the **indicator “number of scientific papers published”** was targeted for publication in Q4. There was a zero (0) target for this indicator in Q2. One (1) paper was however published through an international journal and the author had no control of the journal’s publishing date.

There was a zero (0) target for the **“number of new technologies developed for the smallholder producers”** indicator in Q2. Efforts are underway to have the two (2) targeted technologies developed by end of Q4.

There was a target of zero (0) for the performance indicator **“number of research infrastructure managed”** for Q2. This is an annual indicator, and the five (5) targeted infrastructure will therefore be reported on by the end of Q4.

Kind Regards



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