






Participatory research methods for varietal selection and improvement of sorghum/ millet production

PRACTICAL GUIDELINES: Variety evaluation using scores

1. Explain the objectives of the evaluation to the farmers
 - Establish your neutrality
 - Clarify expectations
2. Identify/ define/ clarify the criteria to be evaluated (see Practical Guideline: “Criteria”)
3. Develop/ define/ explain the scores to be used:

Type of score and rating	Classification				
Description of each score	Very good	Good	Average	Bad	Very bad
Rating from 5 - 1	5	4	3	2	1
Rating from 9 – 1	9. 8	7. 6	5	4.3	2. 1
Rating from 3 -1	3	3	2	1	1
Ticks	vVV	vV	v	-	-
Crosses	++	+	(0)	-	-
“Smilies”					
Coloured paper	white	white	yellow	red	red
Selection (choose 5 very good plots, 5 very weak plots)	white				red
Selection decision	retain	average	average	reject	reject

4. Make sure that all concerned participants agree with the type of score and the type of rating to be used!!