MANUAL

Assessing and improving the Governance, Management and Performance of a producers' organisation (GMP)

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About the tool

This tool suggests dimensions, benchmarks and indicators to systematically analyse, assess and map the governance, management and performance of a producers' organisation, and to identify possibilities to improve these.

The tool is best used when preparing for the capacity development of producers' organisations. This could be the case when developing a multiannual plan or an annual work plan.

Producers' organisations can use the suggested dimensions and indicators to assess themselves, with the aim to

improve their governance, management and performance (self-assessment).



Governmental organisations, NGO's or donors can use the tool for external assessment, with the aim to identify options to strengthen producers' organisations and support their capacity development.

Aims of the tool:

- To assess 6 dimensions for the governance, 4 dimensions for the management and 6 dimensions for the performance of a producers' organisation.
- To map the scores for governance, management and performance in a graph, giving a quick overview of the relative strong and weak points of the producers' organisation.
- To identify options for improving the governance, management and performance of a producers' organisation.

Scoring and improving the governance, management and performance of a producers' organisation

Introduction

Assessments of producers' organisations generally look at Governance and Management (internal organisation) and at Performance (services to members). This tool, 'GMP scoring' shares commonly used indicators and helps you to systematically look at the following 16 dimensions:

Internal Organisation		Services & Benefits for Members	
Governance		Management	Performance
1.	Legal status & compliance with	7. Staffing	11. Production factors and agro-inputs
	legislation	8. Financial	12. Good agricultural practices
2.	Cooperation among producers'	management	13. Agri-finance
	organisations	9. Planning	14. Post-harvest value creation
3.	Democratic member control	10. Implementation	15. Market relations and sales
4.	Member economic participation	and M&E	16. Enabling environment
5.	Independence		
6.	Financial autonomy		

For each of these dimensions, different points of attention are explored, for which indicators are suggested. For organisations that you know, you can make an assessment in a relatively short time, and you can suggest actions to improve governance, management and performance. For organisations that you do not know well, the GMP tool may help to profile the organisation. The GMP tool can be used for prepare for a self-assessment. In that case the indicators have to adapted to become statements for members to assess and score (Cf. FORCE tool).

The application of the tool consists of five steps:

- 1. Assessing the Governance of the producers' organisation
- 2. Assessing the Management of the producers' organisation
- 3. Assessing the Performance (services and benefits for members)
- 4. Visualising the scores for the 16 assessment dimensions (Excel)
- 5. Identifying options for improving the GMP (Governance, Management and Performance) of the producers' organisation.

In this document, points of attention and	0 Absolute minimum
benchmarks for scoring are suggested and	1 Very weak
explained. The GMP worksheets follow the same	2 Weak
structure. By referring to suggested indicators, you are	3 Acceptable
asked to give scores, for the different points of	4 Very good
attention, ranging from 0 to 5:	5 Perfect, there is nothing left to improve

Step 1: Assessing the governance of the producers' organisation

Governance

Basically, governance is the way how a group of people, in this case a producers' organisation, decides to do things together. Typical points of attention are elections, member participation and independence vis-à-vis other actors. Good governance has, among others, to do with transparency of decision-making processes, respect of rules and regulations and internal by-laws, responsiveness to member needs, non-discrimination, inclusiveness, accountability of elected leaders, orientation at consensus and conflict prevention.

As most important dimensions we will look at organisational structure, the membership base and autonomy of the producers' organisation.

Organisational structure

Under organisational structure, two dimensions are assessed: legal status and compliance with legislation and cooperation among farmers' organisations. Cooperation can be vertical (affiliation to higher tiers and apex organisations such as unions, federations or platforms) and can be horizontal (collaboration with other types of farmers' organisations).

1. Legal Status	and Compliance with Legislation
Points of	Explanation / benchmark
attention	
Legal recognition/ registration	The organisation is legally recognized and officially registered under respective laws and regulations. Depending on the type of producers' organisation, official registration can be under the jurisdiction of different ministries or governmental institutions. Likewise, activities that organisations are allowed to undertake will also differ according the type of organisation. This point of attention helps members of the organisation or external assessors to understand the legal environment the organisation is operating in.
Member registration	The organisation has a list or a database with the names, contact details and contributions of all the members. Availability of an updated and growing member base reflects the efforts put in place to have an overview of existing members and registering new members. The design and content of the database can also give an idea on how much the organisation is eager to tailor their services according to the needs of different categories of members (e.g. small, medium & large farmers, women, youth). A good and up-to-date member registration allows to communicate with all members.
Organizational records	The organisation properly keeps all important organisational records, such as official documents, minutes of General Assembly (GA) and minutes of meetings. Availability of organisational records is for the transparency of an organisation, the accountability of elected leaders and the information of members. Keeping records and institutional memory helps newly elected leaders and supports learning.
General assembly, Board, Control committee, member committees	The presence of different bodies and committees within the organisation are crucial to install a culture of checks and balances within the organisation. The roles and responsibilities of each elected body or established committee need to be well defined and documented. The election of board members and the establishment of committees should be according to the constitution and by-laws of the organisation, and should be a transparent process for all. The general assembly and other statutory meetings should be regularly organised according to the indicated frequency and modalities. Elections take place according to the constitution and by-laws, which are well known by members. Financial management is thoroughly controlled by an elected financial control committee.

2. Cooperation among Producers' Organisations		
Points of	Explanation / benchmark	
attention		
Affiliation and	Higher tiers can be established by local organisations to address issues that cannot	
collaboration	be (sufficiently) addressed. Examples: creating economies of scale for collective	
with higher	marketing, voicing the needs and interests of farmers. Examples of higher tiers	
tiers and apex	are: cooperative union created by primary cooperatives or a provincial platform	
organisations	created by local associations. The communication between different levels should	
	be intensive, the higher tier should operate for the benefit of its members (the local	
	organisations) and their members (the farmers). The higher tier should know the	
	local member organisations and the needs of farmers. The local organisation takes	
	part in relevant decision making and contributes human and financial resources for	
	the activities of the higher tier.	
Collaboration	The organisation is in regular contact with other producers' organisations to	
with other	exchange information and views and to work together for the benefits of their	
types of	respective members. These different producers' organisations collaborate to	
farmers'	complement each other.	
organisations		

Membership base

A producers' organisation is the ownership of the members, or should be. The success of a producers' organisation depends to a large extent on the ownership by the members. Both democratic member $\frac{1}{2}$ control and member economic participation are of key importance.

3. Democratic r	nember control
Points of	Explanation / benchmark
attention	
Member	The priorities of the organisation are set through a thorough consultation process
participation,	among the members of the organisation. Members are prepared and willing to join
priority setting	meetings, general assemblies to discuss and decide upon important subjects.
and decision	Strategies are designed upon identified member priorities. Communication
making	channels ensure feedback of members to the board and staff.
Accountability	Elected board and committee members keep records of their actions during their
of elected	terms. They explicitly communicate what they did during the general assembly.
representatives	Measures and records are in place to demonstrate elected representatives'
to members	compliance with the principles of the organisation.
Equal voting	All members know the principles underlying their right to vote. Depending on the
rights	organisations' constitution, all members have the same voting rights or have voting
	rights according to their share value.
Internal	Different communication channels ensure that all members, also those further
communication	away, have the same level of information about the activities of the organisation.
/ information of	Members feel connected to the organisation at all times.
all members	
Member needs	Farmer members are regularly asked to give feedback on their priorities for
and satisfaction	farming and income improvement. Board members assess their members training
assessment	needs and share training opportunities. The management of the organisation
	regularly applies tools to assess members' satisfaction.
Grievances and	The organisation has mechanisms timely identify potential tensions and conflicts.
conflict	Members are heard and conflicts are managed by good internal communication.
management	Members know that they can make use of the conflict management tools and
	methods of the organisation.

4. Member eco	nomic participation
Points of	Explanation / benchmark
attention	
Equity capital	The most telling indicator of member ownership is the contribution of members to
	the equity capital. Strong organisations are successful internal resource
	mobilization. This requires that members know the ownership structure of their
	organisations and that all members contribute to the capital of the organisation.
	This contribution can be the same for all members or according to the size of the
	farm. Economic participation of members should be closely monitored and
	reminders should be send if members did not pay in time.
Compensation	Rules and procedures are established for the payment of dividend to members in
to members /	case of profit. Yearly financial reports and cost-benefit analyses are prepared and
payment of	shared with members in the general assembly, during which the modalities for
dividend	using profit and paying dividend are decided upon.
Allocating	Instead of using all profit for the payment of dividend, members are ready and
surpluses /	willing to reinvest a significant part of the profit in new activities, which seem
reinvestment	promising and may increase their benefit in the future.
Internal	When necessary for certain activities or investments that are deemed important,
resource	members are ready to mobilise additional contributions to strengthen the financial
mobilization	capital of the organisations.
Members	Available budgets are allocated and used according to the priorities and strategies
deciding on	of the organisation, set by the members. Members formally decide on budget
budget	allocation during general assemblies.
allocation	

Autonomy

In addition to being owned and directed by the members, a producers' organisation should be able to operate autonomously, independent of others.

5. Independence		
Points of	Explanation / benchmark	
attention		
Motivation for	The organisation was established due to the need felt by the farmer members. The	
farmers to	members are clear about the goals they want to achieve by organising themselves.	
organize	Their motivation is clearly communicated to any new members.	
themselves		
Control by	The organisation adopts a bottom up approach ensuring control is exercised by	
members	members. Rules and procedures are in place to prevent that a few influential	
	members dominate the organisation. Members participate in committees, among	
	other the financial control committer. Checks and balances are in place to ensure	
	that the organisation is controlled by the members.	
Level of	The government does not have any influence on the organisation's decisions and	
Government	activities. The support of NGOs or project does not result in being steered by them.	
and/or	Members are well-informed about the purpose of government, NGO or donor	
NGO-donor	support and jointly take the decision of making use of the support. In case external	
influence	support comes with conditions to comply with, these are well communicated to the	
	members.	

6. Financial Au	tonomy
Points of	Explanation / benchmark
attention	
Own capital (no	The percentage of external funding in the budget of the organisation is nil or
or limited	limited. The organisation can function well without external support.
dependency on	There are clear efforts in ensuring higher percentage of own capital in the
external	organisation. The question of financial autonomy is an issue that is discussed within
funding)	the organisation. The percentage of external funding is monitored and shared.
Hardware,	The organisation has an assets inventory that is up-to-date. Assets like offices,
assets and	machinery, cars (etc.) are registered and openly shared with members. The
financial	organisation keeps a financial surplus as a reserve on their bank account.
reserves	
Capacity to	The organisation has an action plan on how to generate financial capital to
generate own	implement their activities. The financial capital is based on own capital and bank
income to	loans. To inform and motivate members and to convince banks a business plan is
finance PO	developed, which shows cash flows and projected revenues for the organisation.
activities	
Long-term	The organisation has developed a clear strategy for at least 5 years. The strategic
strategic and	plan incorporates an investment plan. The strategic plan is a guidance document, it
financial plan	is reviewed during the general assembly, to communicate progress and to adapt
	strategies if need be.

Step 2: Assessing the Management of the producers' organisation

Management is about directing, planning, using and controlling the organisation's (human and financial) resources in order to achieve the set objectives of the organisation. Management translates strategies into operational plans and implementation. The managers of the organisation (staff and elected committee members) should be practical and efficient and should be accountable to the Board and members. As most important dimensions we will look at human and financial resources and at planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation.

Human and financial resources

A key element of management is the availability and functioning of professional staff and good procedures for handling the financial resources of the organisation.

7. Staffing	
Points of	Explanation / benchmark
attention	
Staff	The producers' organisation has recruited professional staff members who are
availability and	responsible for the day-to-day operations of the organisation, in line with approved
recruitment	strategic and operational work plans. The staff recruitment is based on terms of
	reference and an open and transparent selection process.
Staff	The qualifications and experiences of staff members are in line with the job
qualifications /	requirements. Training needs of staff members are regularly assessed and
Regular staff	addressed.
training	
Staff	The performance of the staff members is regularly monitored by the board, making
performance	it clear that the staff members are employees and the organisation is the employer.
appraisal	

8. Financial Mar	nagement
Points of	Explanation / benchmark
attention	
Proper	The board and staff ensure the development and monitoring of clear budgets, that
budgeting	preferably show a clear link between planned activities and approved budget lines
	(activity-based budgeting)
Approved annual	Budgets are annually reviewed and approved at different levels of the
budgets at	organisation. Budgets are officially approved according the organisations' defined
different levels	by-laws and procedures before they are used.
Separation of	To avoid errors or fraud, the organisation adopts the principle of separation of
functions	functions principle for transparent financial management. The organisation ensures
	there is an oversight and review process to be able to avoid and correct errors and
	to reduce the possibilities to commit fraud.
Financial record	Financial record keeping is according to prevailing rules and regulations
keeping	established in the country. The bank and cash books are very well kept and
	accessible at all times. Documents related to expenses are collected and archived
	for potential checks.
Fixed assets	The organisation is aware of prevailing rules and regulations for registering fixed
register	assets and handles accordingly. The inventory of all the fixed assets and hardware
	is existing, regularly updated and accessible.
Financial reports	Financial reports are prepared for defined periods (for instance: annual reports and
made and	quarterly progress reports) and shared during relevant meetings. The organisation
shared	prepares yearly financial reports to be presented to the members during the
	general assembly. Financial progress reports are discussed during quarterly (or
	more frequent) board meetings.
Audited	The organisation ensures the establishment of internal auditing processes to
accounts;	evaluate and ensure the organisations' compliance with laws and regulations and
internal and	maintain accurate and timely financial reporting and data collection. External
external	auditors are officially and regularly auditing and approving the accounts of the
	producers' organisation.

Planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation

This is a bridge to Performance. Based on good governance and good management of human and financial resources, a producers' organisation has to have the capacity to properly plan for its activities and subsequently implement, monitor and evaluate these.

9. Planning		
Points of	Explanation / benchmark	
attention		
Planning	The organisation uses participatory methods to develop medium-term strategic	
documents	plans that are regularly updated. The members have as strong sense of ownership.	
(strategic,	Economic targets are met through the implementation of business plans in line	
business and	with the PO's strategic plan. The strategic plan and business plans are translated	
work plans)	into operational work plans.	
Clear objectives	The organisations' strategy is put into practice through an action plan including	
and performance	S.M.A.R.T.ly defined objectives and indicators to monitor and evaluate progress.	
indicators	(SMART=Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Time-bound).	
Member-	The strategy and related business and work plans reflect the priorities of the	
prioritized	members. The strategy is developed with the participation and contribution of	
activities	members and activities are designed accordingly.	
Operational	The roles and responsibilities within the organisation are clearly defined. The	
planning (who,	activities are developed in detail. The operational planning informs about who	
what, when,	needs to do what, where, when and how. Depending on the developed activities,	
where, how)	the committees of the organisation and staff members take responsibility for the	
	implementation of specific activities.	

10. Implementation, monitoring and evaluation		
Points of	Explanation / benchmark	
attention		
Effective	Members, committees and staff take responsibility and play roles according the	
implementation	work plans. The staff job descriptions are in line with the activities they are	
of plans	assigned and staff performance is regularly monitored and assessed. The	
	implementation of work plans is regularly evaluated, for instance during monthly	
	or quarterly meetings.	
Monitoring and	During meetings, the monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of work	
timely	plans lead to the formulation of action points. These may include the adaptation of	
correction by	plans and budgets, and the adaptation to changes in the external environment of	
staff and	the organisation. If necessary, board members have to intervene to address low	
members	staff performance issues.	
Evaluation of	Monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the organisation's work plans	
implementation	is regularly done and shared yearly with the members to assess the performance	
level and results	of the organisation. Lessons learned and consequences for the way forward are	
obtained	documented. This supports organisational learning and avoids the repetition of	
	mistakes.	

Step 3: Assessing the Performance (the services of the producers' organisation and benefits for members)

Performance is about the delivery of the organisation. What is effectively done and what are the member benefits? The assessment of performance should relate to the most important purposes of the organisation and should be set against what could be reasonably expected, considering the objectives of the members.

Service delivery of PO's is about collective action, which has two major manifestations:

- * Collective action for individual benefit. By working together, individual producers can have access to goods and services that improve the performance of their individual farms.
- Collective action for member-owned enterprises. Through collective action, producers can take up activities going well beyond the individual farm level. For instance, farmers' organisations can set up a seed production unit, have an input shop, have a store, truck, processing unit, shop town (to mention some business opportunities). In this way producers can become co-owner of social enterprises contributing to producer income, either resulting from cost reduction or from value creation.

Collective action can improve the resource endowment of producers (cf. Capital pentagon). There are many forms of collective action: producers' cost sharing; creating economies of scale, reducing transaction risks and costs, negotiation (markets, prices), representation and visibility. There are many activities that producers' organizations can undertake.

In the GMP assessment, the performance of producers' organisations is assessed by analysing whether the organisation undertakes significant activities and whether good results are obtained for the associated members, in one or several of the following intervention areas:

- 1. Production factors and agro-inputs
- 2. Agricultural practices
- 3. Agri-finance
- 4. Post-harvest value creation
- 5. Market relations and sales
- 6. Enabling environment

For these six intervention areas, the GMP scoring looks at two aspects: (1) the efforts of the organisation (current activities) and (2) the benefits gained by members as a result of the activities undertaken (member benefits).

Below, some explanations, benchmarks and questions are shared for each of the six intervention areas. These are indicative; the purpose is that you reflect on the activities that are undertaken by the producers' organisation, which you are reviewing and assessing. For member benefits, reflect if the results can be (fully, partially) attributed to the organisation.

11. Production	n factors and agro-inputs	
Points of	Explanation / benchmark	
attention		
Current	The purpose is improving the access of farmers to the production factors and agro-	
activities	inputs they need (seeds, fertilizer, animal feed, machinery, tools,).	
	The producers' organisation should be aware of the members' input needs and take	
	the needs of different farmer categories into account (input needs are likely to be	
	different for large and small farmers and may vary according to agro-ecological	
	zones, soil structure, water availability etc).	
	A farmer organisation can facilitate access to good quality seeds (semen in case of	
	livestock, fingerlings for aquaculture) and agro-inputs (such as fertilizer, animal	
	feed and agro-chemicals) through own production and/or collective procurement.	
	Collective procurement enhances producers' organisation bargaining power. The	
	organisation should clearly communicate decisions in the purchase of inputs. For	
	instance, the bargaining process with different vendors, the assessment of different seed varieties.	
	For assessing this intervention area, other questions and considerations are	
	possible: Does the organisation supports farmers in relation to access to land and	
	water resources, machinery, and other production factors?	
Member	What is the benefit of the actions of the producers' organisation for the members?	
benefits	Are the efforts of the PO clear to farmers? Are they happy with the results? Are	
	results positive or negative for some member categories?	

12. Agricultural practices		
Points of attention	Explanation / benchmark	
Current activities	The purpose of activities in this intervention area is improving production, yields and quality of the farmers produce. Some of the activities that the farmers' organisation can undertake are the following: - Building a strong relationship with research and extension services. - Identifying training opportunities and ensuring the participation of (transparently and purposefully) members. - Organising internal training, whereby trained farmers train fellow-farmers - Printing and distributing training materials, such as field guides - Setting up demonstration plots or visiting demonstration farms. - Organizing exchange visits to other farmers in other regions. - Hiring own agronomist staff	
Member benefits	Do members have improved production, yield and/or quality due to the activities and support of the producers' organisation? Do farmers appreciate the training and demonstration efforts? Do they trust the recommendations for good agricultural practices? Are members aware of production costs, revenues and making costbenefit analysis? Do they attribute a cost reduction or revenue improvement to the improved practices applied	

13. Agri-finance		
Points of	Explanation / benchmark	
attention		
Current activities	The purpose of this intervention area is to improve farmers' access to financial resources. Possible activities of the organisation include: - Assessment of financial needs of their members. - Financial literacy training (cost recording, cost-benefit analysis,) - Setting up internal credit provision system for their members. - Guiding members on options to access credit at financial institutions (banks, micro-finance) - Provide collateral of the organisation (for instance the office or store) to provide a guarantee to the bank/MFI - Developing bankable proposals to access finance for investments and business development plans - Facilitation of health and insurance packages to the benefit of their members.	
Member	What is the benefit of the actions of the producers' organisation for the members?	
benefits	Are the efforts of the PO clear to farmers? Are they happy with the results? Are	
	results positive or negative for some member categories?	

14. Post-harvest value creation				
Points of	Explanation / benchmark			
attention				
Current	Farmers' organisations can do a lot to support members with product and market			
activities	development. The purpose of this intervention area is to undertake activities that			
	create added value to the primary produce of the farmers.			
	The organisation is making efforts for post-harvest value addition, for which there			
	are many options: Sorting and grading; Drying; Cleaning, washing; Storing and			
	conserving; Home / local processing; (semi)industrial processing; Transporting;			
	Bagging and packaging; Branding and labelling; Putting value to by-products.			
	The members participate in decision-making and resource mobilization. The farmer			
	members deliver primary produce for the value adding activities. The members are			
	trained in quality maintenance. Options for adding value through certification and			
	compliance with specific standards are facilitated by the organisation, capacity is			
	accordingly built. New options are continuously explored and facilitated. The			
	organisation looks for possibilities to take up more roles along the value chain.			
	Members are able to communicate their value creation ideas for the benefit of all			
	members.			
Member	What is the benefit of the post-harvest value adding activities of the producers'			
benefits	organisation for the members? Are the efforts of the PO clear to farmers? Are they			
	happy with the results? Are results positive or negative for some member			
	categories?			

15. Market relations and sales			
Points of attention	Explanation / benchmark		
Current activities	The purpose of this intervention area is to improve the sales revenues of farmers. The organisation provided up-to-date information to members markets and prices of the commodities produced by their members. The organisation seeks to be up to date on quality requirements, market risks and competitors. which products is cultivated elsewhere, who their competitors are, in order to be able to make the right marketing decisions. Farmers are aware on the costs involved in reaching out different markets. The organisation engages in collective marketing of members' products. The organisation may also provide contract farming options to their members. The organisation looks for options to increase the visibility and recognition of their brand. The organisation ensures timely delivery and compliance to agreements and create trust among their clients.		
Member benefits	What is the benefit of the marketing and sales activities of the producers' organisation for the members? Are the efforts of the PO clear to farmers? Do members take informed decisions with regard to their sales? Are they aware of the differences between selling through the organisation and selling by themselves? Are members happy with the results? Are results positive or negative for some member categories?		

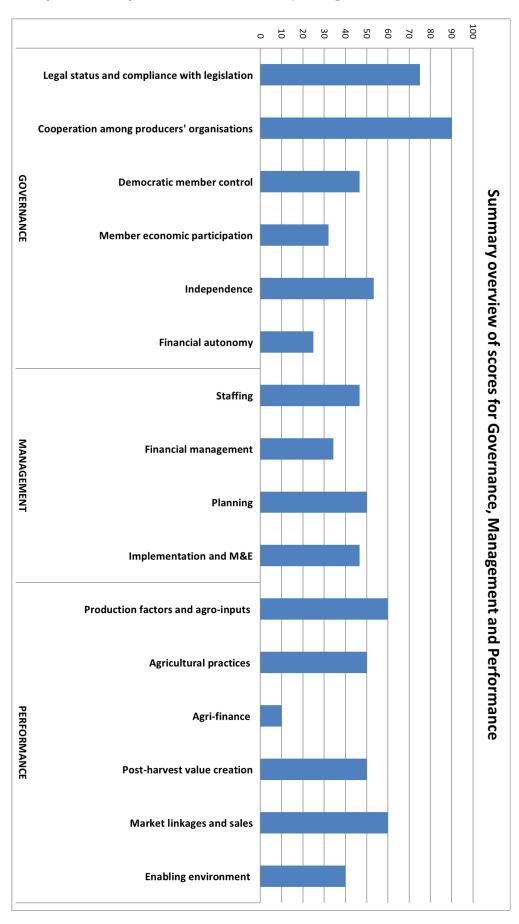
16. Enabling environment				
Points of	Explanation / benchmark			
attention				
Current	In addition to supporting farmers with their economic activities, farmers'			
activities	organisations can defend the rights and interests of their members by lobbying,			
	advocacy and negotiation.			
	The members of the organisation are aware of their policy and business environment			
	and changes that may affect their operations. The organisation develops ideas for			
	lobby and advocacy which are prioritised with the contribution of the members. The			
	process of generating a common voice is known to all members.			
	Farmers' needs and interests are voiced at the local level. As a result, the local			
	government recognises farmers' challenges and is willing to collaborate to address			
	these.			
	The organisation is able to influence decision taken at higher levels. For this purpose,			
	it collaborates with others to defend farmers' rights. The organisation informs			
	members about lobby and advocacy processes and results at higher levels. Members			
	can be mobilised for action when deemed necessary. Lobby activities, contacts			
	established and agreements made are well documented. The organisation organise			
	emergency meetings if changes in the legislation might affect their members.			
Member	Members are satisfied on how the organisation defends their interests. They			
benefits	are well aware of the efforts and achievements of their organisation's lobby and			
	advocacy activities. They feel ownership of the steps taken at higher levels. They			
	know how these attempts are improving their situation or may do so in the future.			

Step 4: Visualising the scores for the 16 assessment domains

During the preceding steps, the points of attention for 16 dimensions were explained in order to facilitate the assessment and scoring of the governance, management and performance of a farmers' organisation.

As indicated, the scores range from zero (absolute minimum) to five (totally perfect score, with nothing left to improve). Intermediate scores (1-4) indicate: very weak (1), weak (2), acceptable (3) and very good (4), with related room for improvement. These scores can be put in the provided GMP scoring and mapping tool (Excel). After putting in the scores in the indicated column, graphs are automatically generated for Governance, Management, and Performance separately, but also as one overview graph, such as the example below.

Example: Summary overview of Governance, Management and Performance scores



Step 5: Identifying options for improving the GMP of the farmers' organisation

After the assessment of the 16 dimensions and the visualisation of the scoring results in graphs, you are now reaching the most important step: identifying options for improvement. The following tables help you summarize the main conclusions for each of the 16 dimensions and to brainstorm on how to improve the existing situation.

GOVERNANCE			
Dimensions	Conclusions	What can/should be done to improve the current situation	
Legal status and compliance with legislation		•	
Cooperation among producers' organisations		•	
Democratic member control		•	
Member economic participation		•	
Independence		•	
Financial autonomy		•	

MANAGEMENT		
Dimensions	Conclusions	What can/should be done to improve the current situation
Staffing		•
Financial management		•
Planning		•
Implementation, monitoring & evaluation		•

PERFORMANCE			
Intervention areas	Conclusions	What can/should be done to improve the current situation	
Production factors and agro-		•	
inputs			
Agricultural practices		•	
Agri-finance		•	
Post-harvest value creation		•	
Market relations and sales		•	
Enabling environment		•	