**Responses from Offline Activity 1 from participant No.1**

Field note should be objective, descriptive, connect to some theory and be brief. However, this may mean different things to different people. In my understanding:

* Field note is considered objective when it is stated as it is without being influenced by the researcher’s biased opinion, perception or feelings. While it is natural for any human being to be subjective, the researcher should strive to present his/her observations as straightforwardly and clearly as possible for the field note to remain objective.
* Field note is considered descriptive when it can as vividly as possible report the what, who, when, why and how of an event, without the researcher having to provide explanation, interpretation or comments about the observations. Descriptive field note should allow those who were not there to independently follow the event through.
* Field note should be limited to some scope or theoretical context. For instance field note taken during field visit in the multipurpose legumes project may be limited to how the soil amendment through the use of Lablab beans has improved the farmers’ soil health, their household income and nutrition. The farmers’ opinion on how the technology being deployed is beneficial or not would be of interest.
* Field note should be brief to the extent that it clearly captures when (date, time), and where (place) an observation was made giving specific facts, numbers and details of what happened.