Reconfiguring Public Policies & Investments for Ease of Doing Agriculture in Rainfed Areas

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ONGOING PROJECTS OF RRA NETWORK

4.38 Lakh Farm HHs
30 Districts
12 States
1543 Crores

Study on Policy Issues on Effective Implementation of PMFBY (10 Partners)
A Pilot Project on System of Crop Intensification (SCI) in Rainfed Region (4 Partners)

Exploiting Camel Milk Procurement in Rajasthan (3 Partners)
Policy and Budgetary Priorities for Rainfed Agriculture in India (4 Partners)
RRA Data Centre: Data Support for RRA network (1 Partner)

Capacity Building of Professional for Policy Deliberation on RRA at state, region and district level (8 Partners)

Study on Draft Animal Power Use in Rainfed Agriculture Status, Trends, Constraints and Potential in Rainfed Areas in Climate Change regime (13 Partners)

Establish a data analytics service at Indian School of Business (ISB) Hyderabad, which is available to all members, researchers and academicians

STRATEGY TO INCREASE PUBLIC INVESTMENTS IN RAINFEDE AREAS

Build comprehensive investments based on the thematic recommendations in convergence with Department of Agriculture, Horticulture, Fisheries, and Animal Husbandry

Synthesise, document and showcase the best practices from the thematic investments

Design and deliver mainstream programmes on rainfed areas

Building capacities of young professionals on rainfed agenda

Stakeholder consultations on rainfed policy issues in collaboration with network members and regional network chapters

Provide inputs to state and national policy making committees to affect the nature, amount and delivery of public investments on rainfed agriculture

Promote macro-economic research on rainfed agriculture

Network Hub

Rainfed Agriculture

The RRA Network

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RAINFED AREAS ARE CHARACTERISED BY

- Mix of topographies
- Varied agro-climatic conditions
- Marginal soils
- Crop loss due to dry spells
- Remote locations with poor access institutions
- Distant markets

Major poverty landscape of India overlaps with rainfed areas with high density of tribal population

CONTRIBUTION OF RAINFED AGRICULTURE

- 61% of India’s Farmers Rely on Rainfed Agriculture
- 55% of Gross Cropped Area is Rainfed
- 40% Rice
- 89% Millets
- 73% Cotton
- 69% Oilseeds
- 88% Pulses

Inspite of the large contribution to production, agriculture policies and programs exclude rainfed areas at the design stage

THE NETWORK

In this context, NGOs, academia, bankers, donors, and others concerned with rainfed agriculture and areas came together to form the Revitalising Rainfed Agriculture Network (RRAN) with the

VISION: To facilitate the establishment of productive and resilient rainfed agriculture systems

MISSION: To affect the nature, amount and delivery of public investments for the establishment of productive and resilient rainfed agriculture.

10 THEMATIC PROPOSITIONS OF RRA NETWORK

- Protective Irrigation
- Extensive Livestock
- Community based Seed Systems
- Living Soils
- Rainfed Fisheries
- Millets & Crop Diversification
- Agronomic Innovation
- Community Institutions
- Access to Market
- Access to Credit

CURRENT STRATEGY

OPERATIONAL FRAMEWORK

- Board Members
- Grant Manager
- Working Group
- Project Management Unit (PMU)
- Network Hub
- Regional Network Chapters