

Capitalisation of past Natural Resource Management Experiences – Vulnerability and Adaptation (V&A) to Climate Change perspective

Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation has been supporting a program on vulnerability assessment and enhancing adaptive capacity to climate change in the semi-arid areas in India (V and A program) in the states of Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan. As SDC felt that there was a need to review its past NRM sector experience from the perspective of their contribution to adaptation to climate change, this small action project has been carved out.

As Intercooperation has already facilitated the process *Capitalization of Experiences – Water, Land and People (CE-WLP)* process, it was given a mandate to facilitate this process as well which will be reviewed from the standpoint of adaptation to climate change by using the framework developed. The duration of the project was from March – October, 2008

Goal:

The overall objective/aim of the project was to analyze a select set of past development interventions, supported by SDC/IC and other partner agencies that qualify as adaptation measures to climate variability and change.

Interventions:

The project has adapted the following process for implementation of the Programme – Formation of Peer group; identification of projects for analysis using a selection criteria; develop a framework for analyses; systematic review of relevant documentation for short-listed projects; select field visits; analyses and reporting.

Achievements:

- ✔ We could develop a framework on the impacts of various past development interventions on enhancing / reducing the local adaptive capacities.
- ✔ Reviewed past experiences of the partner organizations by using the assessment framework developed.
- ✔ Short listed and reviewed relevant products and case studies from the Capitalization of Experiences – Water, Land and People (CE-WLP) process anchored in India by IC
- ✔ Developed and published the final product – V&A Capitalisation of Experiences – Case Studies.

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Publications under this project:

- ✔ V&A Climate Resilient Development - Synthesis Report and with case studies

Partners:

M S Swaminathan Research Foundation, National Institute of Agriculture Extension Management (MANAGE), Action for Food Production (AFPRO) and INFRAS, Zurich

Field level NGOs:

Sahyog Sansthan and Vikas Sansthan (Rajasthan), Eco-Club (Andhra Pradesh)

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