Triangular Cooperation Project: Lessons for S-S Cooperation w.r.t. Natural Resource Management and Livelihood

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Triangular Institutional Co-operation between Ethiopia, India and Norway: Fostering South-South Links in Natural Resource Management and Sustainable Rural Livelihood

• Visualised on UN’s TCP by NORAD
• Implemented during 1997-2005
• With the hope that lessons could be replicated for other countries
About Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA)

1. A Unique institution of Rural and Development Management set up in 1979

2. Founder : Dr. V. Kurien, Father of Milk Revolution in India

To provide management education, training and other capacity building support to co-operatives & rural development organisations
Objectives of Triangular Project

• To promote South-South Co-operation of NGOs in management of natural resources and improvement of rural livelihoods in semi-arid areas through experience sharing and joint project activities

• To develop capabilities in support of project activities and to make successful NGO efforts in natural resource management and South-South co-operation more widely known

• To promote and facilitate the flow of knowledge and information among all partners in the collaboration
Partners

• Ethiopia:
  1. REST: Relief Society of Tigray, Mekelle,
  2. MU: Mekelle University, Mekelle, Tigray

• India:
  4. Institute for Rural Management Anand,

Norway:
  DF: The Development Fund, Oslo,
  NORAGRIC: Centre for International Environment and Development Studies, of Agricultural University of Norway
Triangular Cooperation

Norway

Ethiopia  India
Activities and Admn

Activities: (Two Phase Implementation)

• Exposure
• Training
• Research
• Action

Admn and Teams:

• Steering Committee(of partners)
• Multi-Disciplinary Teams for activities
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Lessons for Agriculture/Dairy

• Common Challenges of Food Security and Value addition

• Lessons:
  - Crop diversification in irrigated areas
  - Need of marketing /infrastructure
  - Not every thing is replicable
  - Technology transfer small-scale milk processing and post-harvest attempted with some modifications: Milk chunrnners, cream seperators; GN decorticatators; cold storage and veg drying.
Watershed and Water Harvesting

- Relevant areas for exchange of experience
- Capacity building in Watershed Methods
- Water Harvesting: Skills and technology for improvements
- Water Users Associations: Relevance Identified for sustainability but needs contextual development.
- Manual in local language/Video Film
Forest Management

• Common concern and approach towards forest conservation (JFM and Area Enclosure)
• Livelihood concerns
• Scope for mutual leanings (from success and failures)
• Institutions and Technology needs contextual development / adaptation
Assessment
1. Unique project for experience sharing (North-South-South-South) involving civil society
2. Northern resources for S-S-C
3. Helped create mutual understanding, awareness and capacity building
4. Diverse activities including Pilot Field based activities and transfer of technology
5. Some Spill-over effects (for S-S –C)
6. Innovative project administration
Challenges/ Limitations:

- Egos and cultural differences
- Delays / Communication difficulties

Northern Partners:

- Different Agenda: More research oriented and less on action
- Uncertain funds flow/ Limited replication
- Backward Resource Flow/ Costly

Southern Partners:

- Largely One way (India to Ethiopia)
- Common concerns: No readymade transfers possible
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