

Workshop and review of innovation platforms to enable scaling out of conservation agriculture-based sustainable intensification in the Eastern Gangetic Plains



Key details

Location

Bangladesh

Duration

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End Jan 2018

Budget

AUD 40,250

Commissioned organisation

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implemented since 2015 to enable scaling out of conservation agriculture-based sustainable intensification in the Eastern Gangetic Plains

Innovation Platforms (IPs) have been implemented and supported since 2015 to enable scaling out of Conservation Agriculture-Based Sustainable Intensification (CASI) in the EGP (Eastern Gangetic Plains). IPs were designed to be multi-stakeholder forums linking private, civil and public sector stakeholders (including micro-entrepreneurs) to collectively identify and work towards overcoming barriers to improving agricultural productivity and profitability. They were established to (1) diagnose problems, (2) identify opportunities, (3) find ways to achieve goals, and (4) create mutual benefits with stakeholders for the benefit of farmers and farming communities through the EGP.

A four-day Innovation Platforms Review Workshop was conducted at RDRS in Rangpur, Bangladesh with additional funds provided by ACIAR to support the “Sustainable and resilient farming systems intensification” (SRFSI) project in the EGP ([CSE/2011/077](#)). It was considered timely to review progress made and explore collective learnings of success or failure of IPs at the Node and District level over the past two years, and consider key policy and institutional issues.

Overview

This project aimed to review progress made through the 'Innovation Platforms' which had been

Project outcomes

- Value-add to ongoing development and implementation of IPs through the existing SRFSI project through a focussed and facilitated workshop.
- Identifying and learning from successes and failures and to consider strategies to improve overall functioning and benefits of IPs.
- Synthesising experiences to contribute to a better understanding of IP in the region and to make future IPs more effective either in subsequent phases of SRFSI/SDIP or new initiatives.



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