

A process of multistakeholder engagement for resilient agriculture value chain development

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Introduction

The GRAPE project aims to enhance climate-resilience and sustainability of market-oriented agricultural ecosystems. Key issues faced by value chain actors include sustainable production, processing, and marketing. Ownership and participation of the value chain actors in resilient agricultural value chain development continues to be a concern. Engaging a wide range of stakeholders for developing standard guidelines to address issues and challenges is necessary for promotion of resilient value chain development.

Research questions

- How can locally adapted standard guidelines be developed for resilient agricultural value chains?

Methodology

- Stakeholders' consultation and formation of value chain committee.
- Roles and responsibilities of the value chain committee developed.
- Capacity building – to discuss and finalise roles and responsibilities and with other chambers.
- Identify key issues and prospects for resilient agricultural value chain development.
- The step wise process followed was documented, agreed and shared.

Key findings

- The step wise guidelines on agriculture value chain development will help value chain actors for promotion of resilient agriculture value chains in western Nepal. It will promote:
 - Enhanced stakeholder buy-in and ownership.
 - Increase market access and fair trade.
 - Sustainable resource management
 - Governance and policy
 - Monitoring and evaluation



Conclusion

The standard guidelines for developing resilient agriculture value chains brings together relevant value chain actors to address the issues and challenges faced by them.

