

Development of Agricultural Advisory Systems and Farmers' Organisations

DAAS uses its particular expertise to elaborate methods for strengthening organisations of small-scale farmers in developing countries and supporting the development of advisory services for crops and livestock. These elements are found to be crucial for poverty reduction among small-scale farmers.

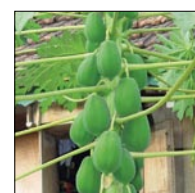
DAAS cooperates with partner countries to:

- Develop and expand national capacity for decentralised development of the agricultural sector
- Strengthen rural institutions and privatisation processes of delivery systems for agricultural services to small-scale farmers
- Support capacity development of farmers, rural producer organisations and agricultural service providers
- Increase focus on performance management and accountability among farmers, programme implementers, governments and donors
- Manage natural resources sustainably

DAAS assists partners in management of agriculture related programmes and projects in elaborating:

- Formulation of agricultural development programmes
- Development of user driven agricultural advisory systems
- Agricultural training and advisory methods tailored to farmers' needs, e.g. Farmer Field Schools
- Tools for participatory farmer based monitoring of agricultural advisory system including its impact on farmer empowerment, gender roles and poverty reduction
- Pro-poor delivery systems for agriculture and livestock services, e.g. community based services
- Assessments of environmental impact of agricultural production
- Review and evaluation of agricultural and livestock related programmes and projects

DAAS always operates from a participatory approach respecting local culture and promotes democratic procedures and gender awareness in compliance with updated research and technical innovations. DAAS contributes to optimal and sustainable solutions to poverty related problems, including HIV/AIDS, in rural areas.



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Selected Project References

Global Initiative for Livestock Services and the Poor

Phase One included a desk review combined with case studies in Kenya, India (Orissa), Bangladesh, Bolivia and Denmark. The review examined direct as well as indirect effects of livestock development on poor rural and peri-urban livestock farmers. The project was financed jointly by Danida, IFAD and the World Bank.



Bangladesh Livestock Sector Review

A review of the livestock sector in Bangladesh in terms of prospects for contribution to poverty reduction. The review updates the situation of rural poverty in Bangladesh and provides recommendations for strategic objectives on future development of the livestock sector. Financed by Danida.

Neuchatel Initiative

The Neuchatel Initiative (NI) is a forum for donors to discuss development of agricultural extension in developing countries in light of the new development agenda of poverty reduction. NI aims at new partnerships for inclusion of marginalised groups in political processes and the increased role of the private sector. Danida participates in the NI through DAAS.



Development of a National Agricultural Advisory Service, Uganda

DAAS contributed to the preparation of National Agricultural Advisory Service (NAADS) in Uganda. Models for identification of farmers' needs and participation in management and administration of advisory services were developed. Modalities for empowerment of farmers to influence the services and development of the overall implementation strategy were elaborated. The project was financed by Danida.



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