

Addressing Barriers to Rice Seeds Trade between
India and Bangladesh
(RISTE)

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Group-II Presentation

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Goal

A strong case for initiating a feasible and doable sub-regional cooperation initiative between India and Bangladesh on agricultural issues which will have practical relevance to the development discourse of India and Bangladesh

Objective I

To address trade and trade-related regulatory challenges in cross-border rice seeds trade between India and Bangladesh

Group Comments

Informal Trade is going on so, Activity includes to understand

- Seed Route Map of Informal trade
- Quantity of Seed traded formal/Informal
- Identification & categorization of varieties which have potential for trade- Including climate resilient variety
- Management Practices
- Seed Replacement rate and plans for both country
- Role of Private Players
- Role of Subsidies
- Marketing Chanel within India and Bangladesh
- Infrastructure for seed storage & transport between Bangladesh and India
- Introduction of seed village system

Objective II

To identify key advocacy stakeholders to ensure greater uptake of the findings of the policy research in objective 1 in the media and society, more broadly

Groups Comments

- Detailed stakeholder Analysis of both the country
- Constituent of PAC in both the country involving Research Institutions, State Seed Corporation, National seed Corporation etc,
- Initial Meetings for Report and Validation of any hypothesis.
- Get official Media Partner
- Creation of Social Sites
- Dissemination of validated reports by CUTS
- Detailed Work plan with measureable indicator for project activity.
- Desk study for seed trade

Objective III

To conduct strong monitoring and evaluation, and oversight of the project to create the enabling conditions for learning about seed trade, not only in rice, but also for other important crops in South Asia

Outcome

(May,2014 - September-13)

- To get Precise understanding of economic potential of rice seed trade between India & Bangladesh
 - Categorization of Seed Trade Potential Varieties
 - Clear understanding of existing Informal/ Formal seed flow map and volume
 - Major Stakeholder Mapping
 - Understanding of current state of seed storage and transport infrastructure of both countries

Outcome

(Oct, 2013 - March, 2014)

- To Prepared pre-Advocacy Documents for Seed Trade Policy
 - Identification of bilateral commonalities of seed trade constraints
 - Suggestions for addressing the constraints
 - Identification of suitable seed source agencies to be involved in seed trade- both countries

Outcome

(April,2014 –Sept,2014)

- To get final Advocacy Documents
 - Suggestions of clear cut seed trade policies between two countries
- To Disseminate and Sensitize the stakeholders and end users-farmers

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