

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

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Group-I Presentation

Group I

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Objective

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

- Adaptation and acceptance of Indian and Bangladesh rice varieties by farmers in both the countries, as happened in case of Swarna variety.
- The Hybrid seeds which are imported from China is used during Boro or Aman Season, then why not Indian Hybrid seed be used at the same time.
- The trade is taking place between Bangladesh and china. Then why not between Bangladesh and India. We need to analyse and know the answer in regard to quality, Productivity, adoptability, prize, policy regulation and other relevant indicators
- We also need to know in detail regarding the trade regulation policies of both India and Bangladesh
- Informal trade is taking place between India and Bangladesh and this need to be formalized.

Outcome 1

A preliminary understanding of issues and challenges hindering trade and Cooperation in rice seeds trade between India and Bangladesh

Activities (State level Partners)

- Identifying the availability of quality seeds provided by public and private seed agencies Quality and quantity of rice seeds produced and used by farmers
- Identifying major issues faced by the farmers and other stakeholders in the seed supply chain.
- Making aware of the improved variety of seeds to farmers.
- Organising group discussion with concerned farmers' group for facilitating availability of good quality of foundation seed, certified/TL seed through seed village concept
- Seed replacement ratio need to be addressed with quality and productivity of seed.

Indicators of success:

Report of meetings/ GD with farmers/ and report in Media

Outcome II

Not covered as it focuses and is connected to Outcome 1, which will flow from activities and outputs relating to Outcome 1.

Outcome III

Understanding on real time stakeholders' perspective on issues and challenges hindering rice seeds trade and cooperation between India and Bangladesh

Activities

- Preparing a checklist in the form of questions that needs to be discussed with
- stakeholders
- Group discussion with the farmers regarding where do you get seed, who will provide the seed, status of seed etc.
- Develop a guideline for different stakeholders like policy makers, seed agencies, Breeders, NGOs, etc.

Outcome IV

Understanding of key messages emerging from the study in both India and Bangladesh by relevant stakeholders

Activities

- Partners invites different stakeholders policy makers, scientist, Rice breeder, seed
- Producer both govt and pvt., NGOs and disseminates this finding, and preparation of a report based incorporating feedbacks from all the relevant stakeholders
- Getting validation of the report
- Inviting policy makers from both the countries in a neutral venue and presenting the Data (evidence based policy

Indicators of success

- Report of the meeting
- Media coverage of the meeting

Outcome V

Dissemination of key messages for policy and practice change for an improved rice seeds trade regime in India and Bangladesh for a better policy synergy between Bangladesh and India.

THANK YOU