Innovation for Sustainable Agriculture (ISA)

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INNOVATION SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

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WHY FOCUS ON CONSERVATION AGRICULTURE/SUSTAINABLE INTENSIFICATION (CA/SI)





PROMOTION



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II. CHALLENGES IN AGRICULTURE

There is a need for the Cambodian agriculture sector to reinvent itself by shifting from increased production through land expansion and excessive use of inputs towards sustainable intensification.

Smallholder farmers are particularly **vulnerable** to **climate change** given their high **dependence** on rainfall and minimal crop diversification. Cambodian agricultural lands are under threat of **degradation** and **soil fertility depletion** due to deforestation.

42% of land in Cambodia is under strong degradation.

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The annual cost of land degradation in Cambodia is estimated at USD 677

million.







III. NEED FOR A SUSTAINABLE INTENSIFICATION SOLUTION

Sustainable Intensification looks at optimizing resource utilization and management whereby farmers produce greater yields by using fewer inputs and without increasing land area. The key components of sustainable intensification (SI) are Conservation Agriculture (CA) and Agroecological Crop Protection (ACP).



EFFICIENCY

better use of on-farm and imported resources.



SUBSTITUTION

focuses on the replacement of technologies and practices.



REDESIGN

(transformative) to harness ecological processes and connect scales (field to markets).



IV. PROMOTION OF SUSTAINABLE INTEN-SIFICATION SOLUTION THROUGH ISA

Objective

In line with the aspirations of the Royal Government of Cambodia, ISA will work to make the Cambodian agriculture sector move towards sustainable intensification by promoting conservation agriculture (CA/SI). The project will support existing public and private institutions to provide appropriate sustainable technologies and techniques to smallholder farmers.

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Development Plan

- To strengthen coordination and sharing of information and knowledge
- To promote sustainable agriculture extension services
- To promote sustainable agriculture techniques and technologies
- To increase knowledge of system actors by collaborating with universities and research institutes.

Geographic Focus



ISA is in 4 provinces: Battambang, Preah Vihear, Kampong Thom, and Siem Reap.





ISA ELEMENTS



COLLABORATION

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V. TARGET GROUPS AND OUTREACH

The project will have two target groups, namely the **farmers** and the **students**. ISA seeks to create an impact by a) increasing the income of the farmers; and b) improving the skills of the students so that they would be the future technical experts to promote Conservation Agriculture and Sustainable Intensification.





Smallholder farmers

Access outreach: **9,050**

Benefit Outreach: **2,987**



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Students

Access outreach:

Benefit Outreach:

VI. PARTNERS

ISA delivers interventions by fostering collaboration with relevant private and public actors.



VII. STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK



VIII. INTERVENTION AREAS

IA1: : Collaboration



Strengthen coordination and sharing of information and knowledge

IA2:: Extension



Promote sustainable agriculture extension services

IA3: : Promotion



Work on various mechanisms to promote sustainable agriculture techniques and technologies

IA4: Knowledge



Increase knowledge of system actors by collaborating with universities and research institutes





IX. HOW THE INTERVENTION AREAS COME TOGETHER



X. MODELS



Metkasekor, literally translated as farmers' friend, an "opening-the-market" conservation agriculture/ sustainable intensification extension service model.





4S Technology Market Segmentation

4S Model, a go-to-market strategy developed specifically for private sectors to introduce and promote new agriculture technology to farmers.



InGuider a four-stage guideline in preparing and running a standard internship program for universities.

XI. TECHNOLOGIES





XII. GENDER INCLUSION STRATEGY

ISA aims to engage women farmer's participation in project activity and encourage female university students to participate in internship program, also known as InGuider.

ISA will employ Gender Equity and Social Inclusion (GESI) Policy which will ensure that, male and female both have equal access to information and extension services.

Apart from women farmers, ISA will also be working with female university students at Royal University of Agriculture and National University of Battambang.





ISA LAB

WE INTEND TO SUPPORT APPLIED RESEARCH. WE WILL WORK WITH RESEARCH INSITUTITES, UNIVERSITIES AND OTHERS TO CONDUCT THE RESEARCH. SOME OF THE RESEARCH AREAS ARE...



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VALLEY OF DEATH

"Valley of Death" to get an in-depth understanding of the various factors that contribute to narrowing the gap between researched technology and commercialization. We envision that the findings will help improve our understanding and also serve as a guiding document for researchers, development agents and relevant stakeholders to understand what factors help in overcoming the gaps.





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DIFFUSION OF INNOVATION

"Diffusion of Innovation" to validate and identify factors that incentivize innovators and early adopters to try out the new technology. ISA envisions that the findings will serve as guiding document for other development agents or stakeholders to implement efficient interventions when it comes to introduction of new technologies in Cambodia and beyond.







METKASEKOR EXTENSION MODEL

"Metkasekor Model" to understand the effectiveness of promoting CA technologies through "opening the market" extension model, the success will allow the Government to plan on "opening the market" in other areas so that the private sector can expand their activities in those "sensitized" locations.



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METKASEKOR EXTENSION MODEL





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Thank You!

Please be in touch with us if you are interested in

- Expanding your business in the sustainable intensification (machinery, credit, inputs, etc)
- Providing support to expand the ISA model or parts of it in other parts of Cambodia
- Doing more research on how sustainable intensification can scale up in Cambodia



