


INFACT's initiatives

Initiative	Eco-friendly farmers forum (EFFF)	
Summary	<p>Eco-friendly farmers forum (EFFF) is a forum of 17 farming families who are actively involved and committed to sustainable agricultural practices, started in 1992.</p> <p>This being the oldest and most experienced institution, also functions as a “think tank” in providing guidance and support to other institutions in the network.</p> <p><i>Picture: Promotion of jack fruit for food security</i></p>	
Objectives	To ensure food security and sustainable income for resource poor farmers, through promoting sustainable agriculture practices, and sustainable relationships among the members and other stakeholders.	
Approach	EFFF encourages farmers to come together, share their experiences, exchange their produces and market their products. Involves in direct marketing of the products of the members, and intervenes constructively in developing farm profiles and formulating action plans in the farms. Implementation of the farm-based activities is the responsibility of the concerned farmer. Other members EFFF share their experiences and resources. All other associations emerged through eco-friendly farmers forum.	
Important learnings	<p>Positive results:</p> <p>Experiences shared by the farmers were found to be valuable and therefore acceptable by the other associations. EFFF established as a model for providing the importance of sustainable relationships among the farmers. EFFF could promote viable practices in organic farming, multi cropping and integrated farming. EFFF could generate common interest for protecting environment. EFFF could introduce methods for more efficient agricultural operations.</p> <p>Negative results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inadequate documentation and sharing of the experiences and learnings. - Absence of systematic follow-up actions. 	
Future plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establishing sustainable family-based model farms - Improving the participation of women and children in the activities of EFFF. - Developing proper documentation of the learnings and sharing the experiences - Planning and implementation of appropriate follow up actions. 	
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