

SAFE-World Project/Initiative Summary

Country: India

Project/Initiative Title: RACHNA

1993

Scale: Regional

Improvement types

1x	2	3x	4	5x	6	7	8x	9
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Success and Limits to spread

Success	Limits
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A5 – Key changes in farm / regional system

- ?? MANY FARMERS AND GROUPS ARE GOING BACK TO NATURAL, TRADITIONAL SYSTEMS
- ?? GREATER SELF SUFFICIENCY IN FOOD, FODDER, FUEL, TIMBER, LESS DEPENDANCE ON OUTSIDE FORCES, ONLY ORGANIC FERTILISERS AND PEST REPELLANTS
- ?? Dozens of convinced promoters

B. Types of Sustainable Agriculture Improvements

Type 1: Better use of available renewable natural capital

Type 2: Intensification of single sub -component of farm system

Type 3: Diversify by adding new productive natural capital and regenerative components

Type 4: Better use of non-renewable inputs and technologies

Type 5: Social and participatory processes leading to group action for making better use of natural capital

Type 6: Human capital building through training-learning programmes

Type 7: Access to Finance

Type 8: Add value by processing to reduce losses and increase returns

Type 9: Add value by direct or organised marketing of produce to consumers

	Yes/No	Narrative
Type 1	x	IPM, precision-farming, agroforestry, raised beds
Type 2		
Type 3	x	Cover crops, green manures,
Type 4		
Type 5	x	WE WORK DIRECTLY WITH FARMERS. A BIT SICK AND TIRED OF WORKING THROUGH INTERMEDIARIES
Type 6		
Type 7		
Type 8	x	FOCUS IS ON FULFILLING LOCAL NEEDS. ADDING VALUE WHEREVER POSSIBLE
Type 9		

C. Key Lessons: Success, Spread and Constraints

C1 – Key Lessons Learned

ONLY THOSE DIRECTLY WORKING WITH SOIL AND FARMERS CAN MAKE MEANINGFUL CONTRIBUTIONS

C2 – Aspects of local/national context contributing to success

BITTER EXPERIENCES FROM GREEN REVOLUTION, INCREASING COST OF EXTERNAL INPUTS

C3 – Limitations preventing spread

INTELLECTUALS AND POLICY MAKERS STILL CAUGHT UP WITH ILLUSORY GAINS FROM GREEN REVOLUTION

C4 – Policy issues

GOVERNMENT AND AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITIES STILL ADVOCATING GREEN REVOLUTION

C5 – Scaling-up

MORE COMMITTED INVOLVED TRAINERS AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

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