Living with Climate Change: The relevance of CBA

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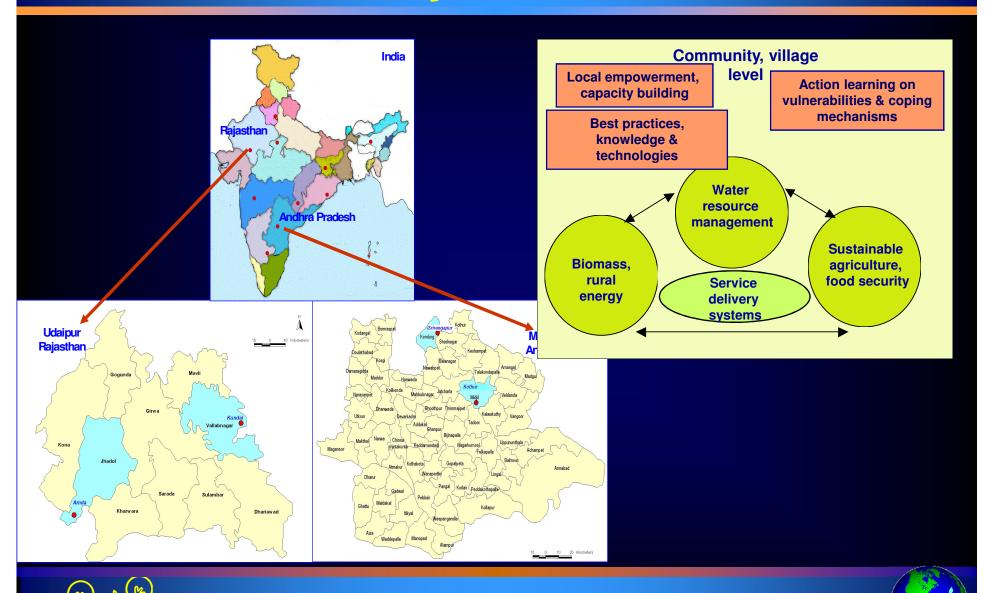
How Community Based Action support Adaptation?

- Generally community actions are need based emerging from communities
- Takes into account local knowledge and experiences
- Decisions are by and large endorsed by communities
- Focuses on common property regimes and determine the distribution of common resources
- Facilitate pooling of resources, risk sharing and mutual insurance
- Shape access of communities to information/resources that may be relevant for climate change adaptation
- Facilitates transformative changes





Project Sites



Community Participation

















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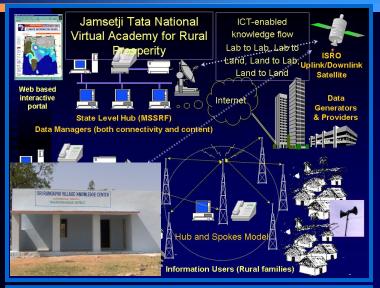








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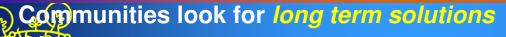






Notable Insights

- Community participation is key to adaptation practices and this is achieved by a variety of facilitations and interactions
- Both Strategic investments in infrastructure & skills sets are key for successful CBA
- Knowledge of the past experiences are vital in CBA related interventions
- Generation of *social capital* through network of mutually supportive entities is important for CBA (Ex., SFC / Transformer Committees)
- Right types and right combination of assessments are needed to move into CBA related actions
- Expanding information, awareness and capacity building is critical
- Alternative crops, livelihoods are central to rural CBA
- Successful technology demonstration and establishing credibility at cluster level essential
- Resource sharing (including labor) is fundamental to community based adaptation measures. This is most likely to occur where community relations are good and traditional social institutions are strong



Challenges

- Difficulty in separating climate change impacts from other pressures
- Uncertainty in characterization of current / future climate variability/change
- Knowledge gaps
- Weakening of social networks /safety nets
- Up-scaling
- Limits of best practices





Critical elements

- Social Mobilization
- Skill Development at the Community Level
- Awareness & Access to Information
- Identification of Catalytic Interventions
- Horizontal Knowledge sharing (community to community, farmer groups to farmer groups)



