Measures to Make Project Implementation More Effective and Sustainable



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Why Project for Improvement of Himachal Pradesh Forest Ecosystems Management and Livelihoods (PIHPFEM&L)?

- Great **need** to promote the health of our **forests**. They provide us with many benefits, which foster life and create nourishment.
- Forests are invaluable sources of fuel and resources, such as timber, which are **necessary** for so many practical purposes.
- Local communities have been facing problem in **accessing** forest resources & water due to soil erosion caused by forest degradation.
- Sustainably-managed forests meet the needs of wildlife while supporting livelihoods and providing many other ecosystem services, such as carbon storage, combat soil erosion and flood risk mitigation.
- Non-forest based livelihood activities, help to diversify income sources, increase household income & reduces dependence on forests.

Who are the stakeholders?

- >HPFD
- Communities- VFDSs, SHGs, UGs
- ➤ Users of the Forest Resources-Industries, local Practitioners
- ➤ PIHPFEM&L(JICA Funded) staff
- ➤ Govt. of India
- >JICA (Funding Agency)

Aim of the Project

Improvement of Forest Ecosystems services for sustainable socio-economic development in the state of Himachal Pradesh.



Objectives

To manage and enhance forest ecosystems in the Project Area by:

- Sustainable Forest Ecosystem Management,
- **▶**Biodiversity Conservation,
- Livelihoods Improvement Support and
- ➤ Strengthening Institutional Capacity

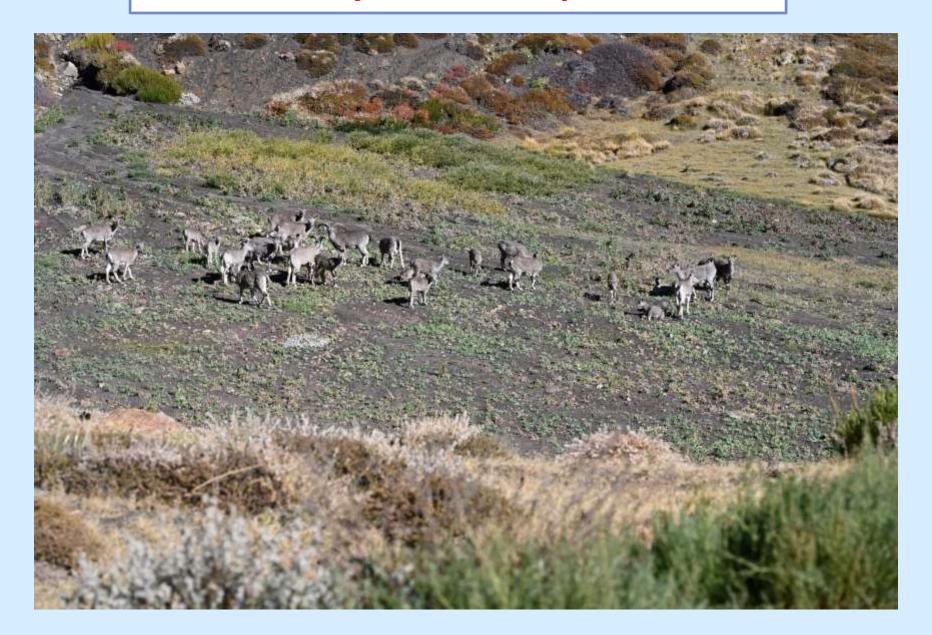
.....thereby contributing to environmental conservation and sustainable socio-economic development.



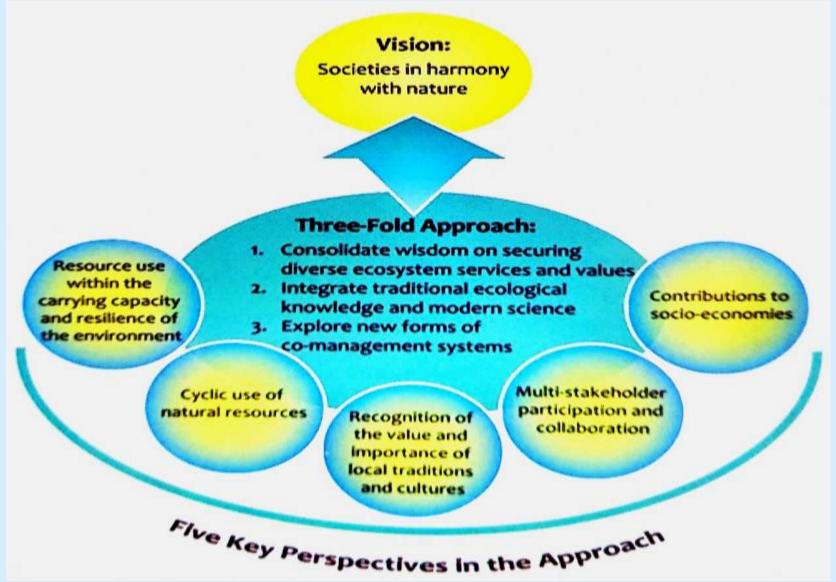
Community Institutions' Sustainability

- i. VFDSs/BMC Sub-Committees
- ii. Conceptual clarity about the Project, special approaches and Interventions like Satoyama
- iii. Clear institutional vision and mission of VFDSs/BMCs/SHGs
- iv. Understanding the bye laws & Business Plans etc....?
- v. Handing over the responsibilities
- vi. Transparency in working
- vii. Conflict Resolving Mechanism
- viii. Multiple leadership
- ix. Convergence-linkages

Biodiversity & Landscape in Focus



Satoyama for Sustainable use & Management of Natural Resources



Satoyama: A Tool For Harmonising Life with Nature







Financial Sustainability

- ✓ Membership fee
- ✓ Grant in aid/Matching grant
- ✓ User Charges, VFDSs/BMCs /SHGs Income/Funds
- ✓ Fodder/NTFP
- ✓ Value addition of NTFP
- ✓ Linkages with Jadi Buti Cell & Van Samridhi Jan Samridhi Scheme and similar other programmes
- ✓ Eco-tourism and other community led initiatives

Self Help Groups/ Common Interest Groups

- ✓ Institutional Sustainability
- ✓ Business/ Income sustainability
- ✓ Cluster level organisation

Project Management Unit (PMU)

- ✓ Preparation of phase-out/ sustainability mechanism
- ✓ Transfer of assets and resources to primary stakeholders and community institutions
- Revisiting of FPMP & CD and LIP
- ✓ Phase out training for all primary stakeholders for conceptual clarity about Project and its implementation
- ✓ Feedback about Performance of Institutions and their Activities- VFDS/SHG/BMC
- ✓ Preparation of operation manual of FEMP/ CBMP fund



