Identification

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| Name of organisation | Department of Agriculture |
| Address | Rajapankar Block, Vaishali  Bihar, India |
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| Contact number | 9430418434 |
| Email address |  |
| Person interviewed | Syed Zabed Hassan |
| Position/function in organisation | B.A.O.  Look after Agril. Development Activities |
| Male/female | Male |
| CCAFS Site (ID No.) | IN-16 (Vaishali) |
| Town name | Rajapankar |
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| Name of interviewer | Dr. R. K. P. Singh |
| Date of interview | 05-03-2013 |
| Duration of the interview | 2 hrs. |
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| Other people present | No |
| (please record names and |  |
| functions) |  |

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|  | Type of organisation | |  |
|  | Private sector (profit making) | ⃝ | 1 |
|  | NGO (local) | ⃝ | 2 |
|  | NGO (national) | ⃝ | 3 |
|  | NGO (international) | ⃝ | 4 |
|  | Government (local) | ⃝ | 5 |
|  | Government (regional – within country) | Yes | 6 |
|  | Government (national) | ⃝ | 7 |
|  | Other International Organisation | ⃝ | 8 |

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|  | Does the organisation work at any of the following levels? (tick as many as relevant) | |  |
|  | Local | Yes | 1 |
|  | Regional (within country) | ⃝ | 2 |
|  | National | ⃝ | 3 |
|  | International | ⃝ | 4 |

Organisation Information

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| 1. | What does your organisation do? (main areas of work) |  |  |  |  |
|  | To help farmers in crop production | | | |  |
| 2 | Describe the locality where your organisation works |  |  |  |  |
|  | Rajapankar Block | | | |  |
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| 3. | How long has your organisation been working in this area? | | | |  |
|  | More than 50 years | | | |  |
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| 4 | What types of services and information do you provide to farmers (and their communities) on: | | |  |  |
| 4.1 | Agriculture related decision making |  |  |  |  |
|  | To organize farmers’ training in enhancing agril. Production and provide up-to-date information and technology | | | |  |
| 4.2 | Natural resource management |  |  |  |  |
|  | Arrange soil testing of farmers | | | |  |

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| 4.3 | Food security |  |  |  |  |
|  | Help farmers in increasing food grain production | | | |  |
| 4.4 | Weather and climate related decision making |  |  |  |  |
|  | To suggest farmers for growing short duration crops like, vegetables, green pea, finger millets etc. because these crops are of short duration and need less water | | | |  |
| 4.5 | Markets related decision making |  |  |  |  |
|  | To educate farmers to sell food grains through PACS on procurement price | | | |  |
| 4.6 | Does your organisation have activities related to climate change mitigation? | | | |  |
|  | In case of drought, we provide varieties of short duration crops and provide free seeds for cultivation | | | |  |
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|  | **Mitigation** In the context of climate change, a human intervention to reduce the sources or enhance the sinks of greenhouse gases.  Examples include using fossil fuels more efficiently for industrial processes or electricity generation, switching to solar energy or wind power, improving the insulation of buildings, and expanding forests and other "sinks" to remove greater amounts of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.  Source: Glossary of climate change acronyms, UNFCCC (<http://unfccc.int/essential_background/glossary/items/3666.php>) - reached through Wikipedia | | | |  |
| 4.7 | Other types |  |  |  |  |
|  | Provide grants in case of natural calamities | | | |  |

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| 5 | What objectives does your organisation aim to fulfil in the area of supporting farmer decision making by providing information and services? List them  *Probe for any objectives that may be forgotten and have to do with climate or weather issues specifically* | | | |  |
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|  | a Assist and motivate farmers to adopt SRI method of rice production | | |  |  |
|  | b Help farmers in increasing area under Hort. Crops | | |  |  |
|  | c Motivate farmers for inter-cropping | | |  |  |
|  | d Suggest alternative crop in case of low rainfall | | |  |  |
|  | e Promote zero tillage | | |  |  |
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| 6 | In operational terms, what are your organisation’s current priorities?  Please tell me how important each objective is on a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 represents unimportant and 10 is the highest importance for your organisation. | | | | |  |  | |
|  | Objective (use letter from Question 4 to identify the objective) | | |  | Importance |  |  | |
|  |  | SRI method | 🡪 |  | 10 |  |  | |
|  |  |  | 🡪 |  |  |  |  | |
|  |  | Hort. Dev. | 🡪 |  | 8 |  |  | |
|  |  |  | 🡪 |  |  |  |  | |
|  |  | Inter cropping | 🡪 |  | 7 |  |  | |
|  |  |  | 🡪 |  |  |  |  | |
|  |  | Alternative camp | 🡪 |  | 6 |  |  | |
|  |  |  | 🡪 |  |  |  |  | |
|  |  | Zero tillage | 🡪 |  | 9 |  |  | |
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| 7 | What is your view of the way priorities of your organisation could be changing over the next 5 years? | | |  |  |
|  | During next five years, SRI method of rice cultivation, Inter-cropping in orchards and zero tillage will be promoted on priority basis | | |  |  |
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| 8 | In your geographical area of operation do you work directly with, or specifically target any of the following? | | |  |  |
|  | individual farmers | | | Yes | 1 |
|  | community groups | | | ⃝ | 2 |
|  | other organisations working in the locality | | | ⃝ | 3 |
|  | local authorities | | | ⃝ | 4 |
|  | women individually or in groups | | | ⃝ | 5 |
|  | Other, specify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | | ⃝ | 6 |
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|  | Use the answer from this question to probe the answers you get in the next question | | |  |  |
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| 9. | What activities are the main activities that **YOU** are implementing **NOW** in relation to the provision of information and services that help in decision making? | | | |  |
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|  | SRI method of rice production | | |  |  |
|  | Zero tillage | | |  |  |
|  | Intensive orchard | | |  |  |
|  | Inter cropping | | |  |  |
|  | Alternative crops in case of low rainfall | | |  |  |
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For each activity described above, use the Activity Information pages as a guide for the interview and to record the information provided by the respondent.

Information about service activities

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| 1 | Activity name | | |  |  |
|  | Provide free seeds, subsidy in purchase of agricultural machineries and subsidized plant saplings | | |  |  |
| 2 | What are you doing? | | |  |  |
|  | Provide training and rice seeds for adoption SRI.  Information about zero tillage and provide subsidy for purchase of zero till machine.  Motive for Hort. Crops and provide free plants (saplings). | | |  |  |
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| 3 | Where is it happening (include area coverage, if possible identify it on a map of the area)? | | |  |  |
|  | In whole of Rajapankar Block | | |  |  |
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| 4 | Describe the way it is implemented (find out: who implements, mechanism for delivery, frequency, what capacity is built, what is the role of individuals/groups/community, etc.) | | |  |  |
|  | At first training is organized with help of Agril. Tech. Mission Agency (ATMA) through fund of different schemes and all projects are implemented and subsidy provided and seeds and saplings distributed among farmers. There is no role of community in these activities. | | |  |  |

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| 5 | Describe the target population and the population being reached (characteristics, size, etc.) | | | | | |  | |  |  |
|  | There is no fixed target. All needy farmers will be included in the project. | | | | | | |  | |  |
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| 6 | Are you targeting a particular group? | |  | | | Yes | | ⃝ | | 1 |
|  |  | |  | | |  | | No | | 2 |
|  | Describe the targeted group | |  | | |  | |  | |  |
| 7 | Are you targeting mainly | | men | | | young | | Yes | | 1 |
|  | Tick as many as relevant | |  | | | adults | | Yes | | 2 |
|  |  | |  | | | elderly | | Yes | | 3 |
|  |  | | women | | | young | | ⃝ | | 4 |
|  |  | |  | | | adults | | Yes | | 5 |
|  |  | |  | | | elderly | | ⃝ | | 6 |
| 8. | Are there any specific ethnicities, type of households (e.g. female headed) or specific socio-economic/vulnerable/ marginalized groups that you are currently targeting in your operations? (list them below) | | | | |  | |  | |  |
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|  | Scheduled caste households are preferred | | | | |  | |  | |  |
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| 9 | Are you working together with other organisations? | |  | | |  | |  | |  |
|  | If yes, list them | |  | | |  | |  | |  |
|  | Name | Contact person | | Type of organisation | Contact number | | |  | |  |
|  | ATMA | P.D. | | 3 |  | | |  | |  |
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|  | Agril. Department | D.A.O. | | 3 | 9431818744 | | |  | |  |
|  |  |  | |  |  | | |  | |  |
|  | Hort. Department | D.H.O. | | 3 | 9431818994 | | |  | |  |
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|  | Types: 1. Community based - 2. NGO - 3. Government - 4. International - 5. Other | | | | | | |  | |  |

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| 10 | How long have you been implementing this activity? | 10 years | | |  |  |
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| 11 | When will this activity finish? | Continuing | | |  |  |
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| 12 | What is the source of funding for this activity? |  |  |  | |  |
|  | Govt. of Bihar | | | |  |  |
|  | Please specify government (national/ local), private (profit making), NGO local/ national/ international), community funded | | |  | |  |
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| 13 | If the activity is information based, try find out about the sources and process to get the information to the users. Here are some questions that may be useful to build the story:   * What is the source of information used? * How do you get it? * Do you process the information in any way for your target audience (e.g. reformatting, reframing, re-analysis)? * If yes, what do you do, how and why? * How do you pass it on to your target audience? * What products do you generate? * How do you communicate them? * What are the main challenges/difficulties you encounter? | | | |  |  |
|  | We receive information from State Agril. Department through D.A.O. We call our Agril. Consultants posted at Panchayat level and advise them to implement the particular project. We involve Mukhiya (Village Chief) in implementation process, particularly for identification of beneficiaries. Hence, the project is impeded through this process.  (use additional pages if needed. If so, please write the organisation, activity name and page number at the top). | | | |  |  |
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| 14 | Are you aware of any other organisations working locally on this theme, but that you are currently not working with? (list) |  |  | |  |
|  | IFFCO – Foundation | | |  |  |

Perception

1. From your point of view, at your workplace, what is the relative importance in the portfolio of your organisation that is placed on climate or weather related activities:

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|  | None | Low | Medium | High | Very high |
| Allocation of time | ⃝ | ⃝ | Yes | ⃝ | ⃝ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Allocation of staff | ⃝ | Yes | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Allocation of budget | ⃝ | Yes | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ |
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| Other, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ | ⃝ |
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| 2. | From your point of view, what is driving the agenda for climate related services and information (tick as many as relevant) |  |  |
|  | funders | ⃝ | 1 |
|  | my organisation headquarters | Yes | 2 |
|  | my local office | ⃝ | 3 |
|  | community based organisations | ⃝ | 4 |
|  | farmers individually | ⃝ | 5 |
|  | other | ⃝ | 6 |

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| 3. | When did your organisation start implementing on the ground “climate change” related activities? |  |  |
|  | We provided grant in drought year |  |  |
|  | don’t know | ⃝ | 1 |
|  | not started yet | Yes | 2 |

4. Are there any gaps in the areas of climate related activity that you perceive in your organisation today?

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|  | Area |
| 1 | No |
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5. What is your organisation doing well, or is innovative in areas of climate related activities today – where can others learn from you?

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|  | Area |
| 1 | Intensive Hort. Crop Production |
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| 6. | If you were the person making decisions on the agenda for next year, which climate related activity do you think would have potential here that is not yet included in your work? |  |  |
|  | NA |  |  |

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| 7. | Do you have any comments or additional ideas you would like me to record? |  |  |
|  | There is a need to have separate office for Agriculture at Block level. |  |  |