



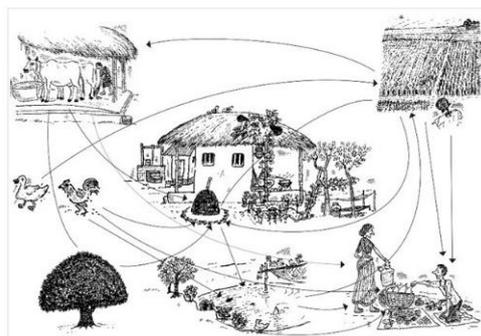
Training of Trainers
Sustainable Integrated Farming System
 SIFS – an agroecological approach to manage farm system
16-19th May 2018
Banswara, Rajasthan

What is SIFS

Sustainable Integrated Farming Systems (SIFS) is an agroecological farming approach that looks at the farm as a miniature biodiverse holistic 'ecosystem', instead of a linear production unit. It tries to imitate nature's principles, where not only crops but, varied types of plants, animals, bird, fish and other aquatic flora and fauna are utilized for production. These are combined in such a way and proportion that each element helps the other; the waste of one is recycled as resource for the other.

Following this principle, SIFS focuses on the processes of

- Capacity building of farmers through Farmer Field School (FFS) on **farm planning** and technical skill building
- Integrating various concepts and techniques as required by the farm planning, following principles of a) cropping sequence management, b) multitier arrangement and c) integrating various plant-livestock-poultry-aquatic components for **better management of space** and **better utilization of time** by increasing cropping intensity and decreasing fallow period.



Enhancing diversity and recycling linkages between various component of a farm system

- Reduce disaster risk
Reduce climate hazard risk
Reduce health risk
Reduce market dependency
- Improve soil health
Improve farmer's health
Improve livestock health
Improve market link
Improve energy flow within the system
Improve fuel availability
- Diversify income source
Diversify farm output
Diversify time of harvest
Diversify diet
Diversify job option

Why it is relevant

SIFS is a universally applicable approach, as this is essentially a planning tool and marks a paradigm shift from a predominantly top-down, reductionist view of agricultural development dominated by technical productivity considerations, to a more holistic and systemic perspective based on food, nutrition and energy security, biodiversity conservation, market integration and participatory approaches for community planning and monitoring. Welthungerhilfe has demonstrated success stories in South Asia, generated fund from private donors and advocated with the Government and international agencies as UNICEF highlighting the direct link of SIFS to diet diversity, assurance of year-long food supply and income. SIFS represents one of the most appropriate approaches for smallholder agriculture and could be a key factor in resolving the fourfold global food-finance-fuel and climate crises.



Training starts from 16th May 9 AM,
ends 3 PM on 19th May.

Last date of registration 5th May

Fees 3000 INR (Scholarships can be
provided for deserved candidates)

Nearest train station is Ratlam,
airport is Udaipur

The participants need to bear their
travel, food and accommodation
costs. For booking

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What do we offer in the training

The 4-day course for trainers will cover the aspects of

- What and why of Integrated Farming
- Practice sessions on step by step methods of farm planning
- Practical sessions on various farm practices/techniques
- Practice sessions on planning and facilitating FFS on SIFS
- Exposure to integrated farms
- Indicators and methods of monitoring farms
- Introduction on common activities by group of farmers beyond farm

The trainers

- Anshuman Das from Bhoomi Ka/Welthungerhilfe
- PL Patel from Vaagdhara

Bhoomi Ka is an initiative that seeks to link all people in the food supply chain to ensure 'Clean, Green and Fair' food that's responsibly grown and for which the smallholder farmer gets a fair price. It

- Trains farmers in creating sustainable, integrated, ecological farms
- Brings the produce to the market through a transparent and ethical value chain
- Motivates consumers to move to more eco-friendly and farmer friendly food practices.

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