



The
Food and Land Use
Coalition
India Country Platform



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FOLU India Sustainable Rainfed Agriculture Programme (FISRAP)

The FOLU India Sustainable Rainfed Agriculture Programme, supported by the IKEA Foundation, aims to develop three state-level strategy action plans in India - one each for the states of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and Maharashtra, to achieve the widescale adoption of sustainable and regenerative agricultural practices in the rainfed areas of the state. The project will be implemented in pilot landscapes with considerable dryland and rainfed agriculture areas (Ananthapuramu in Andhra Pradesh, Vikarabad in Telangana, and Gadchiroli in Maharashtra). In the first phase of this two-phase project, FOLU India plans to develop detailed landscape-level sustainable and regenerative agriculture implementation plans and establish operational and research frameworks for comprehensive action in Phase 2.

Programme Objectives

Develop a proof of concept for policy and a strategy to provide decentralised support in three agro-climatic zones covering three Indian states viz. Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Maharashtra

Identify and quantify the economic, ecological, and social benefits of implementing regenerative and sustainable agriculture at the landscape level

Identify the policy and governance mechanisms for supporting implementing and scaling up regenerative and sustainable agriculture through farmers organisations and civil society institutions

FOLU India Country Platform

The Food and Land Use Coalition in India is a coalition of institutions working to support the country's efforts to bring about a more sustainable food and land use economy. The Coalition aims to provide platforms to inspire key Indian stakeholders with a view to accelerating globally significant action that addresses the important development, climate, environment, biodiversity, and health/nutrition challenges India faces in the coming decades concerning food and landuse.

The Food and Land Use Coalition in India supports policy research, engages directly with the Indian Government at the central and State levels and other stakeholders to support the shift towards sustainable land use and food systems, and enables India's rich experience and diverse perspectives to be shared with the international FOLU community. The Food and Land Use Coalition in India comprises high-level policy engagement with national and sub-national decision-makers in the public and private sector. The FOLU Coalition in India includes the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW), Revitalising Rainfed Agriculture Network (RRAN), The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) and World Resources Institute India (WRI India), and with a detailed integrated country modelling effort, led by the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIM-A) with support from International Crop Research Institute for the Semi-arid and Tropics (ICRISAT).

Programme implementation

The FISRAP programme will be implemented by Council on Energy Environment and Water (CEEW), The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), World Resources Institute India (WRI India) in Ananthapuramu in Andhra Pradesh, Vikarabad in Telangana, Gadchiroli in Maharashtra and Revitalising Rainfed Agriculture Network (RRA Network) in all three landscapes.

Council on Energy Environment and Water (CEEW)

The Council on Energy, Environment and Water is one of Asia's leading not-for-profit policy research institutions. CEEW uses data, integrated analysis, and strategic outreach to explain – and change – the use, reuse, and misuse of resources.

In the FISRAP, CEEW is focusing on the development of the design-framework for a replicable and scalable model and a risk management framework for the project and ensure the implementation of the project in Ananthapuramu landscape.

Revitalising Rainfed Agriculture Network (RRA Network)

Revitalising Rainfed Agriculture Network works to develop appropriate frameworks for public investments into rainfed agriculture rooted in a paradigm of sustainable natural resource management that ensures the resilience of production systems and better livelihoods. It is a network of civil society organisations, researchers, practitioners and policymakers in 12 states.

In the FISRAP, RRA Network is the connecting link between FOLU partners and landscape partners. It works with the landscape partners to ensure the data collection and other field level activities.

The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)

The Energy and Resources Institute is an independent, multi-dimensional organisation, with capabilities in research, policy, consultancy, and implementation. TERI believes that resource efficiency and waste management are the keys to smart, sustainable, and inclusive development.

In the FISRAP, TERI is focusing on the RS-GIS part, preparation of research framework and taxonomy of analysis on farm agricultural practices and ensure the implementation of the project in Vikarabad landscape.

World Resources Institute India (WRI India)

World Resources Institute India is an Indian research organisation with experts and staff who work closely with leaders to turn big ideas into action to sustain a healthy environment – the foundation of economic opportunity and human well-being.

In the FISRAP, WRI India is leading the development and implementation of landscape level sustainable and regenerative agriculture plan in Gadchiroli landscape. WRI India is supporting FOLU partners with developing a research framework for landscape restoration by adapting Restoration Opportunity Assessment Mapping (ROAM) method.

Landscape partners

Amhi Amchya Arogyasathi

Amhi Amchya Arogyasathi works in the sectors of health and nutrition, education, women's empowerment, and sustainable livelihoods. It promotes natural farming and rainfed agriculture in the Vidarbha region of Maharashtra. It is the site partner for Maharashtra.

Watershed Support Services and Activities Network (WASSAN)

Watershed Support Services and Activities Network has experience in watershed development, rainfed agriculture, participatory ground water management in 7 states of India. WASSAN is the site partner for Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.



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