Flood-Based Livelihoods Network

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Flood-Based Livelihoods Network Foundation

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Why a network??

- A place to start new initiatives
- A place to search for information
- A place to find similar situations
- A place to ask for help

A place to be part of ..
Flood-Based Livelihood Network (FBLN)

- Exchanges experiences and good practices
- Helps upgrade capacity building
- Start/catalyse new initiatives
- Engage a large number of people in FBLS
Network development

• Start in 2004
• Spate Irrigation Network (SpN) → Flood-Based Livelihoods Network (FBLN)
• Network of professionals (800) now becoming network of farmers
• 4 → 9 countries
• Resources: practical notes (35+), overview papers (17), guidelines, taped lectures, training modules, presentations
• Capacity building: Delft short course, Mekelle University short course, MSc courses in 5 universities, Internship programme
• Policy support: FAO guidelines spate irrigation, country policies in 3 countries
• Thematic support: Prosopis program
Network and Partners

Flood-Based Livelihoods Network
- Afghanistan
- Malawi
- Myanmar
- Kenya
- Bangladesh

Flood-Based Livelihoods Network
- Sudan
- Yemen
- Pakistan

Network Foundation

IFAD
International Fund for Agricultural Development

European Commission

World Agroforestry Centre
Website

- Library with resources
  - Practical notes
  - Guidelines
  - Pictures
  - Presentations of past events
- Newsletters
- Twitter
- Facebook
References

- Practical notes
  - Reference material for lectures/research
- Overview papers
  - Also translated into several languages
- Guidelines
  - FAO (2008) and updated on the way
The Waterchannel

- Dossier on FBLS/FBLS
- Past webinars
- The Waterblog
- Open for your input

Welcome to TheWaterChannel, home to hundreds of videos and dossiers on key water themes! The latest dossier is ‘Water Productivity’. Watch videos, webinars, news and blogs... and share your own!

Livelihoods from Floods

Water availability is increasingly under pressure as a result of population growth, environmental degradation, and climate change. More than ever, the potential offered by seasonal floods needs to be harnessed to strengthen agricultural livelihoods, to improve social and economic conditions, and to increase the food security of downstream communities. Harvesting floods is a quintessential method to allow rural communities in vulnerable areas to adapt to climate change. For many farmer communities who rely on seasonal floods for their livelihoods, there is an urgent need to develop the capacity to improve flood management.
Media

Start Sharing!!!

Check out dossier on TWC:
Dossiers → livelihoods from floods

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Future plans for FBLN

• Continue supporting local networks through:
  • Exposure & publications
  • Resources
  • Investment Proposal writing
  • Exchange of knowledge & experiences
  • Research possibilities
  • Development of WaPOR analysis

• Continued advocacy for FBLS
  • Policy development in several countries
Let’s make Floods useful, together!

Thank you for your attention

Questions??

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