

# **Empowering rural institutions through Landcare**

## **Satoyama Initiative**

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# Landcare guiding values

Shared conservation ethic and philosophy practiced on local collective action

Local ownership/involvement i.e. local issues, resources and solutions

Flexibility and adaptability at all levels

Voluntary, and dependent on partnerships

Based on sustainability (triple bottom line) stewardship, profitability, people and community



# Primary collective action issues

Weak farmer groups and associations

Mindsets not inclined to partnerships and collective action

Limited Knowledge and skills on group dynamics and available technologies

Limited access to markets and credit

No integrated extension packages or community processes in place

Limited use of indigenous knowledge and institutional structures

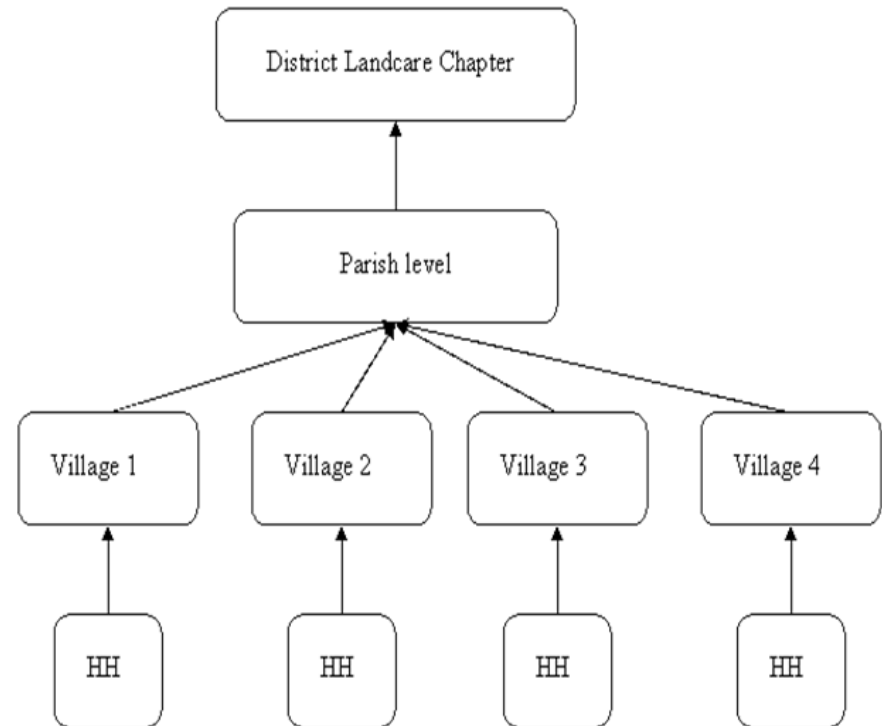


# Entry point based interventions



# Innovation platforms

- Formation of a village representative committee drawn from Landcare members in 50 households per village, initially in 4 villages
- Committee representative, and village head elected to the parish level (innovation clusters)
- Innovation cluster members constitute the community's representation to the district Landcare chapter, with inclusion from NGOs, CBOs.
- Members also include, Local government, Action Aid, Alliance of civil society organization, Sebeny Elders Association, Community based organizations ( TUFA, CIFA, Tuikat Watershed)



# Negotiating support

## Issues

- Boundary demarcation
- Access and use of park resources
- Local UWA – Community conflicts
- Illegal logging , blamed on agriculture

## Opportunities

- Co-management law reinforcing community claims
- Increased forest protection through local level involvement
- Common interests of communities and UWA



# Local byelaw reforms

## Emerging Outcomes

- Development of bylaws and documentation of a participatory bylaw making process
- Local government involvement in legitimizing the process and supporting its implementation
- Adoption of soil and water conservation technologies and practices in the area
- Initiatives to scale out the documented process in neighbouring communities



# ***Satoyama Systems that are Evergreen***

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**High-density *Faidherbia* millet systems in southern Zinder, Niger, 2006.**

