

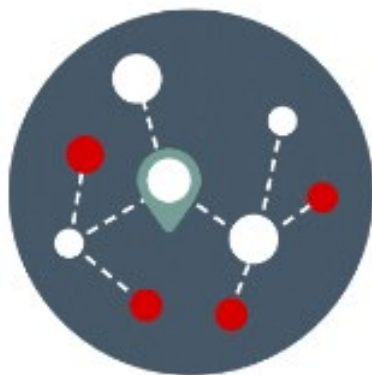


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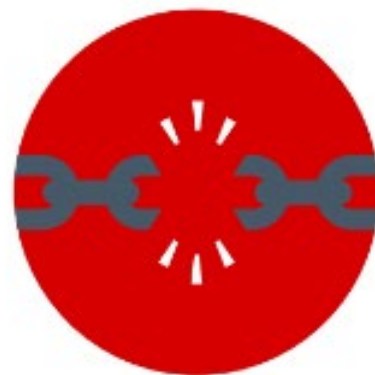
Improving Farmers' Wellbeing
through Social Innovation





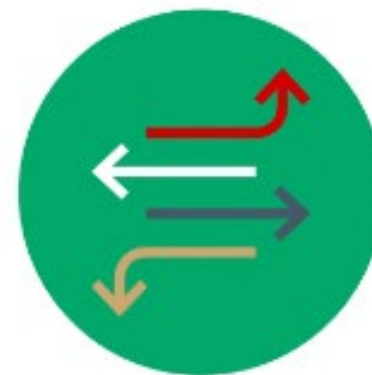
CONTEXT

- Pressure on family farm model
- Socio-cultural dislocation in the countryside



VULNERABILITIES

- Ageing
- Low farm income
- Gender
- Undocumented labour status



OUTCOMES

- Barriers to social services
- Farm succession
- Workload
- Alienation/lack of respect



5 crucial lessons

- 1) Access matters
- 2) Different types of vulnerability have a mutually reinforcing effect
- 3) Prime relevance of informal networks and contacts (family networks)
- 4) Tendency among different farming communities wherein 'one simply continues' working
- 5) Set of normative values wherein asking for external help is considered inappropriate for 'real' farmers

