

A mixed qualitative–quantitative–participatory methodology: a study of the agricultural knowledge and information system (AKIS) of small-scale farmers



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Barriers to attaining full production

- Poor access to agricultural information & knowledge
- New technologies do not reach farmers
- Low output & productivity
- Weak institutional capacity & coordination
- Inadequate markets & market information
- Weak linkages between actors

The need to:

- Increase production
- Improve access to markets
- Address the limited supply of agricultural information & knowledge
- Improve linkages between agricultural actors

Understand the agricultural knowledge & information systems of small-scale farmers (AKISs)