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## Farmer Access to Innovation Resources

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### Piloting Local Innovation Support Funds (LISFs)

An LISF makes experimentation and learning resources accessible to small-scale farmers (and other land users), and is managed by local people to support local innovation processes that emanate from the creative thinking and practices of farmers.

FAIR aims to:

- Establish sustainable area-based funding mechanisms to promote farmer-led R&D processes
- Evaluate, document and share experiences in working with these mechanisms
- Enhance livelihood security and environmental management by local people
- Build replicable models for local control of research and development.

The programme has been piloted in five countries over the past two years. Results thus far are encouraging:

- Local partnerships have been developed in diverse ecological and social circumstances
- A range of institutional arrangements have emerged, often tapping into existing local practices and networks
- To date, 274 applications have been submitted in the initial five pilot countries; 160 of them met the selection criteria and were funded
- At local level, there is increasing capacity of farmer groups and community-based organisations to handle their own funds, with greater confidence to interact with outsiders.

The second phase, involving three additional PROLINNOVA country partners, gives special attention to monitoring and documenting experiences so as to contribute to efforts to increase the relevance and local accountability of R&D to farmers.

*“Exploring with farmers alternative ways of stimulating local innovation and participatory research and development (R&D)”*