Going wider than farm towards greater sustainability

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Abstract: Trócaire has identified that low-input local systems are best suited to the most vulnerable households which are the most directly dependent on natural resources. Systems which increase small farmer and pastoralist independence of aid and inputs fit Trócaire’s transformative approach and response to Climate Change. This poster presents Trócaire’s framework for applying agro-ecological principles and a landscape approach to our heretofore individual farm targeting strategy to promote transformation.

Framing of agricultural paradigms

Figure 1. Characteristics of the three current Paradigms of Agriculture

Going beyond “On-Farm” to “Wider than Farm” Measures

Trocaire’s new frame has five headings:

SOIL CARE • WATER CARE • CROP DIVERSIFICATION • LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT • OTHER

The new frame includes both ‘On-farm’ and ‘Wider-than-farm’ interventions.

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