

## Research Area 2: Enabling Agricultural Incomes for the Poor

### Main Research Areas:

- Policies that enable pro-poor growth, included household and women's asset development.
- Agricultural value chains, including post-harvest management and processing.
- Enabling institutions and governance for the rural poor to support local and commodity sector development.

### The Research theme needs to:

- Be comprehensive across scale – local, regional, global; however research should focus sharply on how policies affect the poor at local levels.
- Be comprehensive in coverage of income sources – for example, including high value crops all along value chain and rural non-farm issues.
- Target inclusive range of beneficiaries: landless poor, women, indigenous groups, etc. But the beneficiary populations should be differentiated for policy targeting and impact.
- Form partnerships now and for the long-term – so that actors are involved from planning, to implementation, to outcome through to communication phases. Complex partnership across sectors.
- Build in institutional and individual capacity strengthening from the beginning across partners and beneficiary groups.
- Be embedded into larger regional fora and other international priority research agendas.

### In addition:

- Participants shared specific research ideas to guide further development of theme.