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Grassroot NGOs provide the last mile link in the research-development continuum.

Development and grassroot NGOs have been working and continue to work with resource poor, smallholder and vulnerable farmers.

- Empowering and building capacity of farmers
- Improving food and nutrition security of smallholder farming families and communities.
- Assist in risk resilience and coping with climate change.
- Supporting women and youth in agriculture.
- Building sustainable livelihoods in agriculture.
NGOs in GFAR and related processes

CSO group in agriculture research and development (CSO-GARD) is an e group initiated by participants in GCARD 1 with ongoing inclusion of NGOs in AR4D collaborative processes. However there is

• Little connection between interested NGOs and CRP partnerships.
• Nomination to NGO seats in ARD fora at regional and national level tends to be arbitrary.
• NGOs work with limited funds and do not have core resources for additional tasks expected.
• Interest of NGOs in the multi stakeholder AR4D process of GFAR needs to be re strengthened.
Requirements for inclusion of NGOs

• More effective NGO representation mechanism at national, regional and global level.
• Space and resources for NGOs to engage in research, innovation and development processes as well as delivery support to farmers.
• Mechanism for information collection, collation, feedback, support and accountability.
• Resources for networking and consultations among NGOs through planning, implementation and evaluation.
Requirements for inclusion of NGOs

• Resources for technical support and capacity building to NGOs to enable them play their role more effectively

• Resources for meetings of all stakeholders for shared learning, documentation and to feed into decision-making at policy and operational levels

• Resources for monitoring and providing feedback on progress, impact, and challenges to research, through documentation, studies, and systematic M&E
THANK YOU