

# A FLAGSHIP PROJECT OF THE RICE CRP: SUSTAINABLE FARMING SYSTEMS

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# Content

- Description of RICE CRP & Flagship project
- Their objectives & activities in this flagship project
- Key products and research progress



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## GLOBAL CHALLENGE AND GLOBAL THREATS

- Global demand for rice will increase by >10% until 2030
- Less and more expensive resources (land, water, labor)
- More hostile environment (climate change, abiotic and biotic stresses)
- Environmental sustainability



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The CGIAR Research Program (CRP) on rice agri-food systems



AfricaRice



CIAT  
International Center for Tropical Agriculture



Institut de Recherche  
pour le Développement  
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## RICE CRP

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- A global partnership led by IRRI
- $\approx$  900 partners (public, private, academics, development, NGOs)
- For a value of  $\approx$  80-100 M \$/year (through CGIAR. In 2018: 15.75 M\$ core, 63 M\$ bilateral)
- 2017-2022 (GRiSP: 2010-2016)



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## Reduced poverty

Farm households with  
improved practices



**17 million**

People out of poverty



**14 million**

## Improved food and nutrition security for health

People out of hunger



**17 million**

People out malnutrition



**8 million**

# RICE CRP targets

## Improved natural resources systems and ecosystem services

Water and nutrient use efficiency



**5%**

Less emission per year



**12 Mt CO<sub>2</sub>-eq**



# FIVE FLAGSHIP PROJECTS

## ACCELERATING IMPACT & EQUILTY



## SUSTAINABLE FARMING SYSTEMS



## UPGRADING VALUE CHAINS



## GLOBAL RICE ARRAY



## NEW RICE VARIETIES







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# FP3 Objectives

Develop & deliver

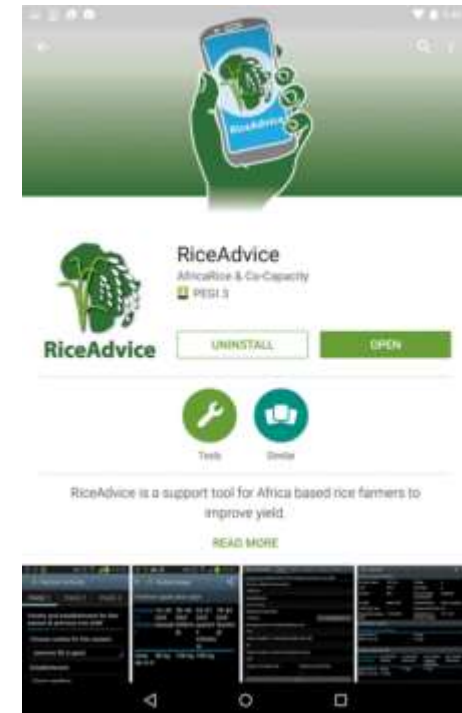
- improved crop management options
- improved harvest practices
- intensified & diversified farming systems



## PRODUCTS



Sustainable Rice Platform  
Standard on Sustainable  
Rice Cultivation  
Performance Indicators  
for Sustainable  
Rice Cultivation







## 3.1. Farming systems analysis

- Identifies opportunities for diversification & intensification
  - Diagnostic surveys with focus on gender and youth
  - Participatory needs assessment
  - Simulation analysis tools
    - Yield gap assessment
    - Assessing current & new cropping patterns
    - Resilience and capacity to adapt to shocks in current and future climate



ORYZA2000 / ORYZA V3  
(<https://sites.google.com/a/irri.org/oryza2000/about-oryza-version-3>)

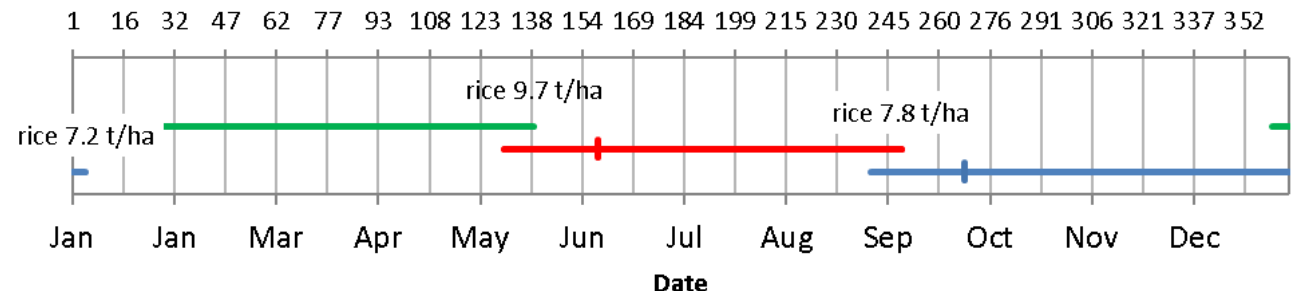


Intensification of an irrigated rice system in Senegal: Crop rotations, climate risks, sowing dates and varietal adaptation options

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### Maximise potential Rice Yield per duration Optimised sowing dates



# Yield gap assessment - irrigated rice -

	Actual yield (t/ha)	Yield gap (t/ha)
Asia (4*)	5.7	4.3
SSA (9)	3.9	5.3
Others (3)	8.6	4.2

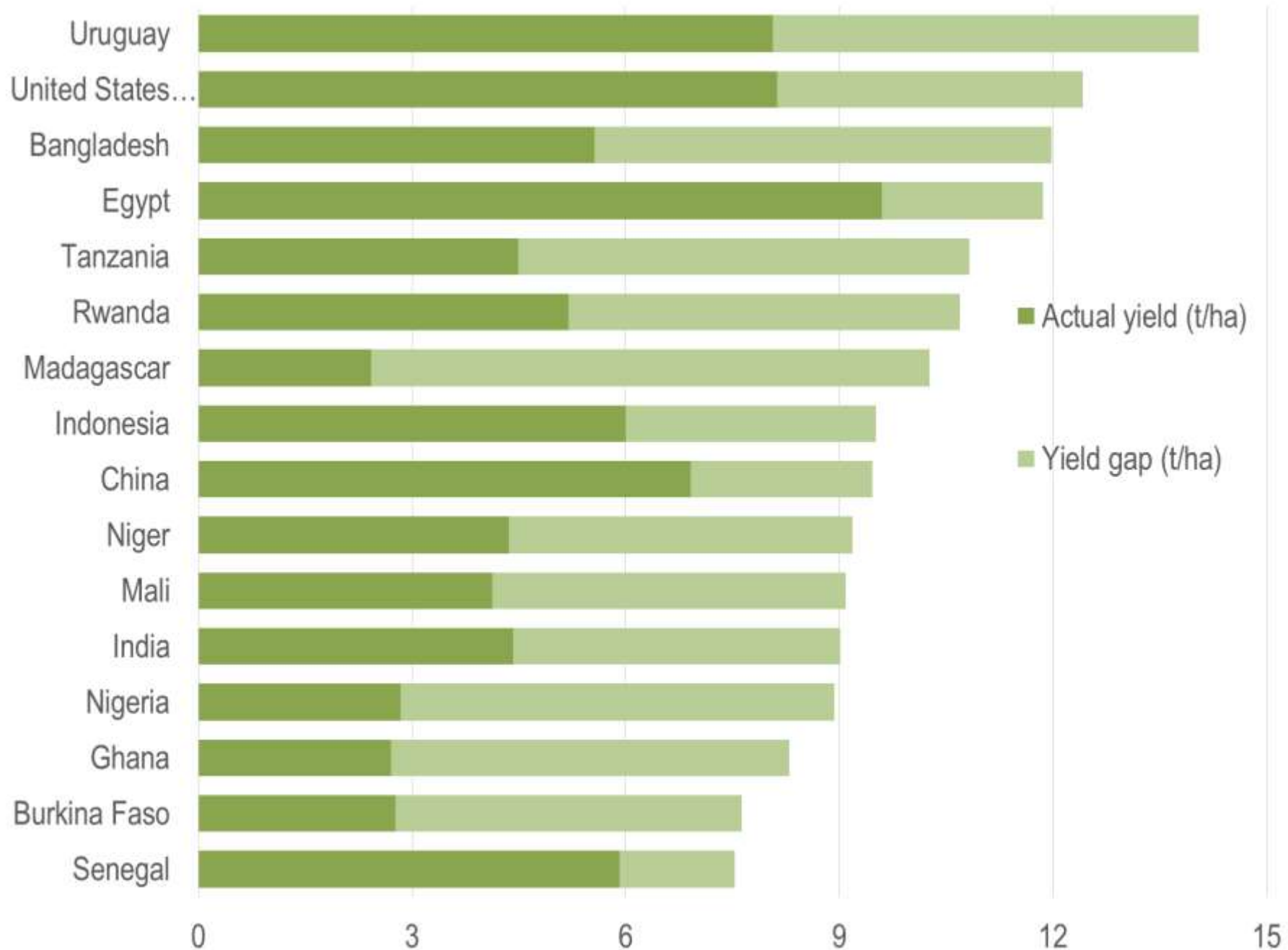
\* Number of countries.

In total, 66% of global area covered.



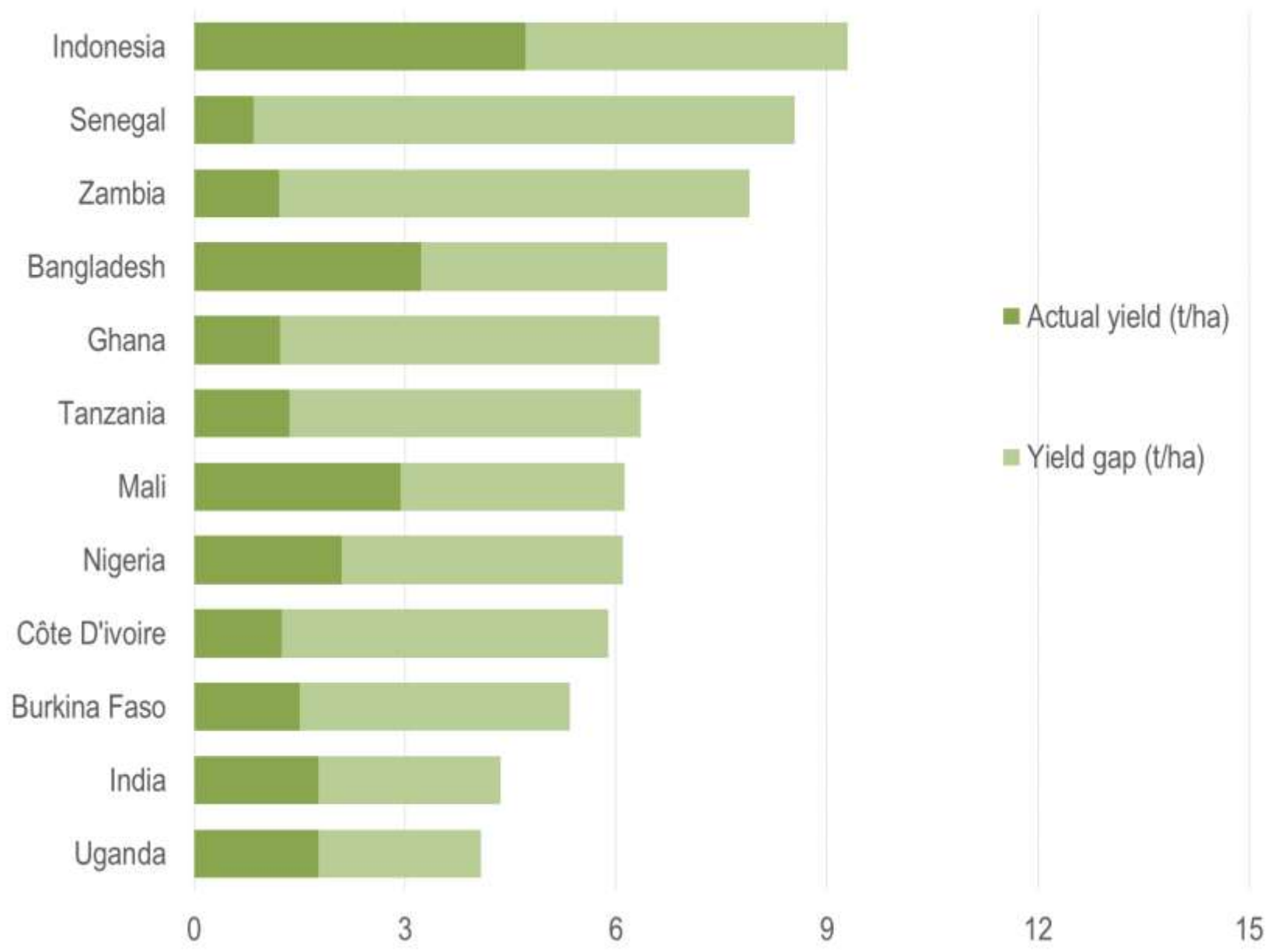
Global Yield Gap Atlas

<http://www.yieldgap.org/>



# Yield gap assessment - rainfed rice-

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Asia (3)	3.2	3.6
SSA (9)	1.6	4.7





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- Develops, validates, and scales up multi-dimensional sustainability indicators for analyzing environmental, socioeconomic, and biophysical aspects of rice-based farming systems





# Sustainable Rice Platform (SRP)

- <http://www.sustainablerice.org/>
- A multi-stakeholder partnership to promote resource efficiency and sustainability, led by IRRI and UN Environment
- World's first science-based rice sustainability standard and performance indicators
- 2016: pilot tested in 7 countries: Pakistan, India, Vietnam, Cambodia, USA, Brazil (NatCap), and Thailand.
- 2017: Nigeria
- 2017-18: Under revision







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## SRP Standard



Water use



Nutrient  
management



Pre-planting



Health & safety



Harvest &  
post-harvest



Farm management



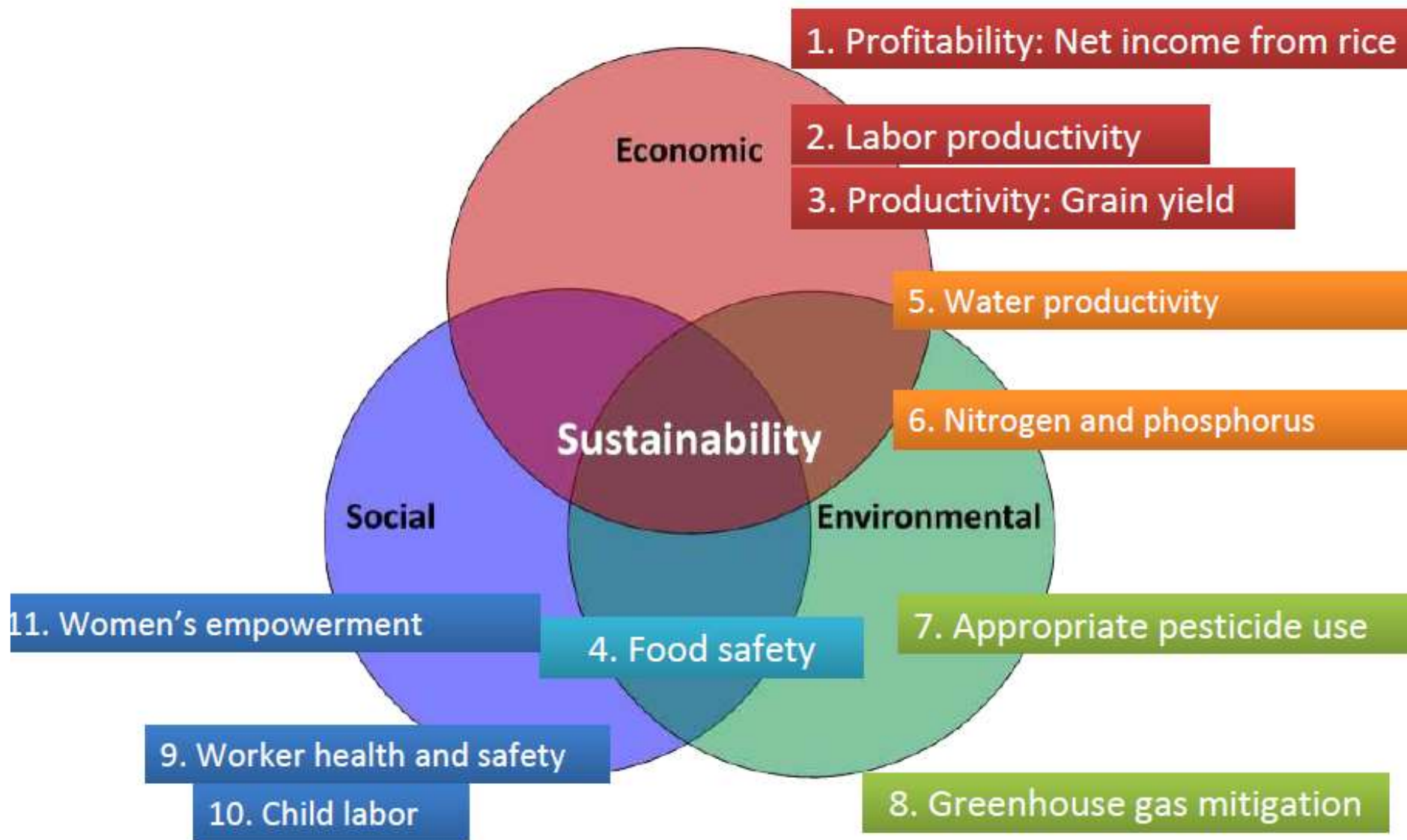
Labour rights



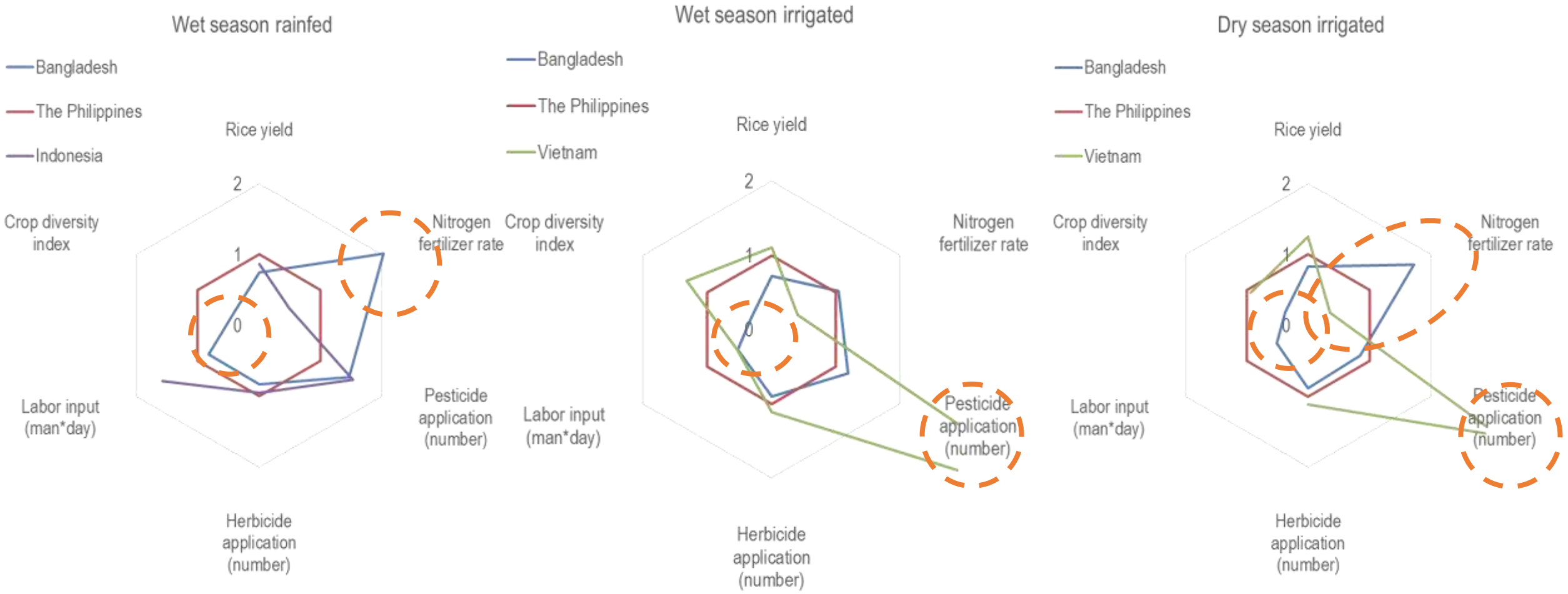
Pest management



# SRP performance indicators



# Multi-dimensional sustainability indicators (Philippines = 1)



(RICE Asia outcome indicators, <http://www.grisp.net/main/summary>)



## 3.2. Intensification and mechanization

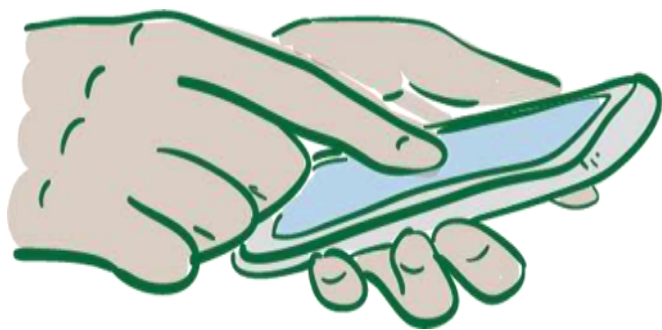
Develop & deliver improved crop management options, such as

- Rice Crop Manager
- RiceAdvice
- Alternate wetting and drying (AWD)
- Combinations of stress tolerant rice varieties & management practices
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# Rice Crop Manager & RiceAdvice - ICT tools for increasing yield and income of farmers



Fill in farmers' personal condition



Get a personalized, pre-season advice



	Rice Crop Manager (RCM)	RiceAdvice
Developer & Target regions	IRRI, Asia	AfricaRice, Sub-Saharan Africa
Spec	Web-base; internet needed for getting advice	Android (download through google play); off-line
Recommendation	Fertilizer management Seed rate for direct seeded rice Weed management Water management Pest management	Choice of fertilizer types Fertilizer management Weed management (available in another tool named “RiceAdvice- WeedManager”)
Major countries promoted	The Philippines, India	Nigeria, Mali
Benefit	Yield increase: 0.4 (the Philippines) to 1 t/ha (India) Income gain: 100 to 200 USD/ha	Yield increase: 0.6 to 1.8 t/ha Income gain: 100 to 250 USD/ha
Scale of reach	The Philippines: Over 1.3 million RCM recommendations India: 55,000 recommendations	Over 40,000 advices
Key users	Public extension services	Public, scaling partners & value chain actors (youth)
Challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Micro-nutrient application (e.g. B, Zn, S, Mg; Si)</li> <li>• Precision agriculture (e.g. drone use; digital soil map)</li> <li>• In-season recommendation</li> <li>• Link with weather forecast (e.g. WeRise developed by JIRCAS/IRRI)</li> </ul>	





## Reducing vulnerability of rainfed agriculture through seasonal climate predictions: A case study on the rainfed rice production in Southeast Asia

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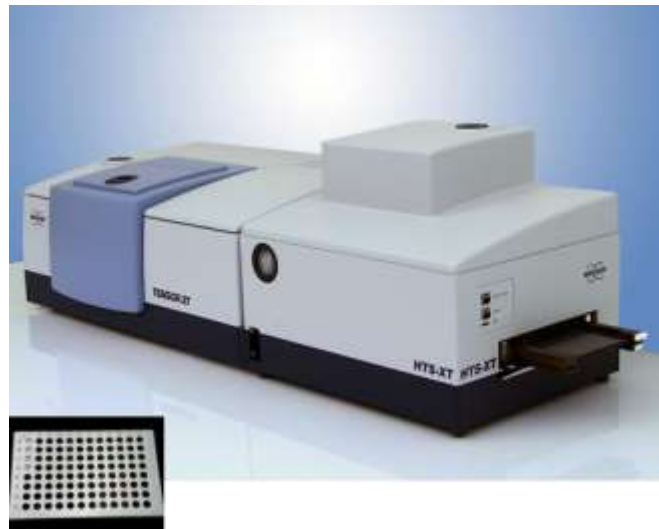
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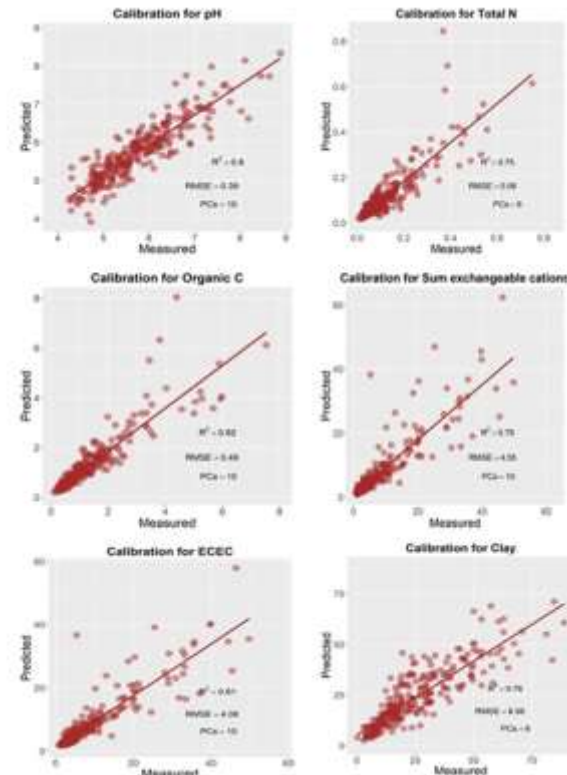
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High-throughput screening  
through MIR



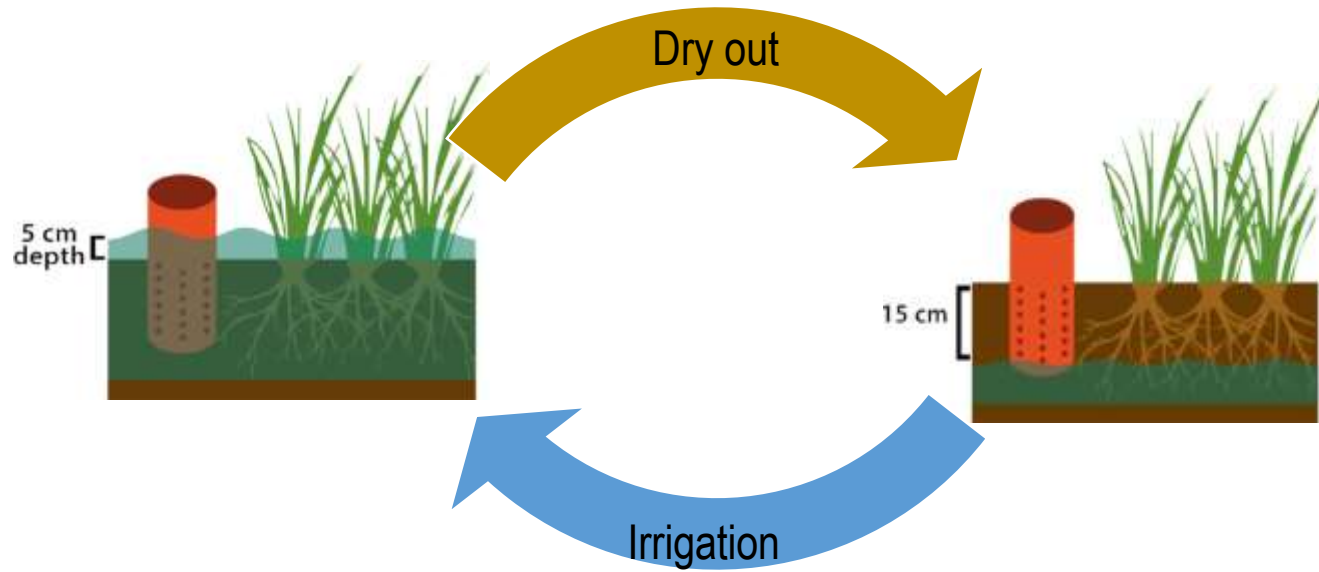
Testing of wide range of fertilizer application methods

- Application in nursery bed for transplanted rice
- Micro-dosing for direct seeded rice
- Foliar fertilizer application





# Safe alternative wetting & drying (Safe AWD)



Reduce water use by  
up to 30%



Reduce CH<sub>4</sub>  
emissions by 50%



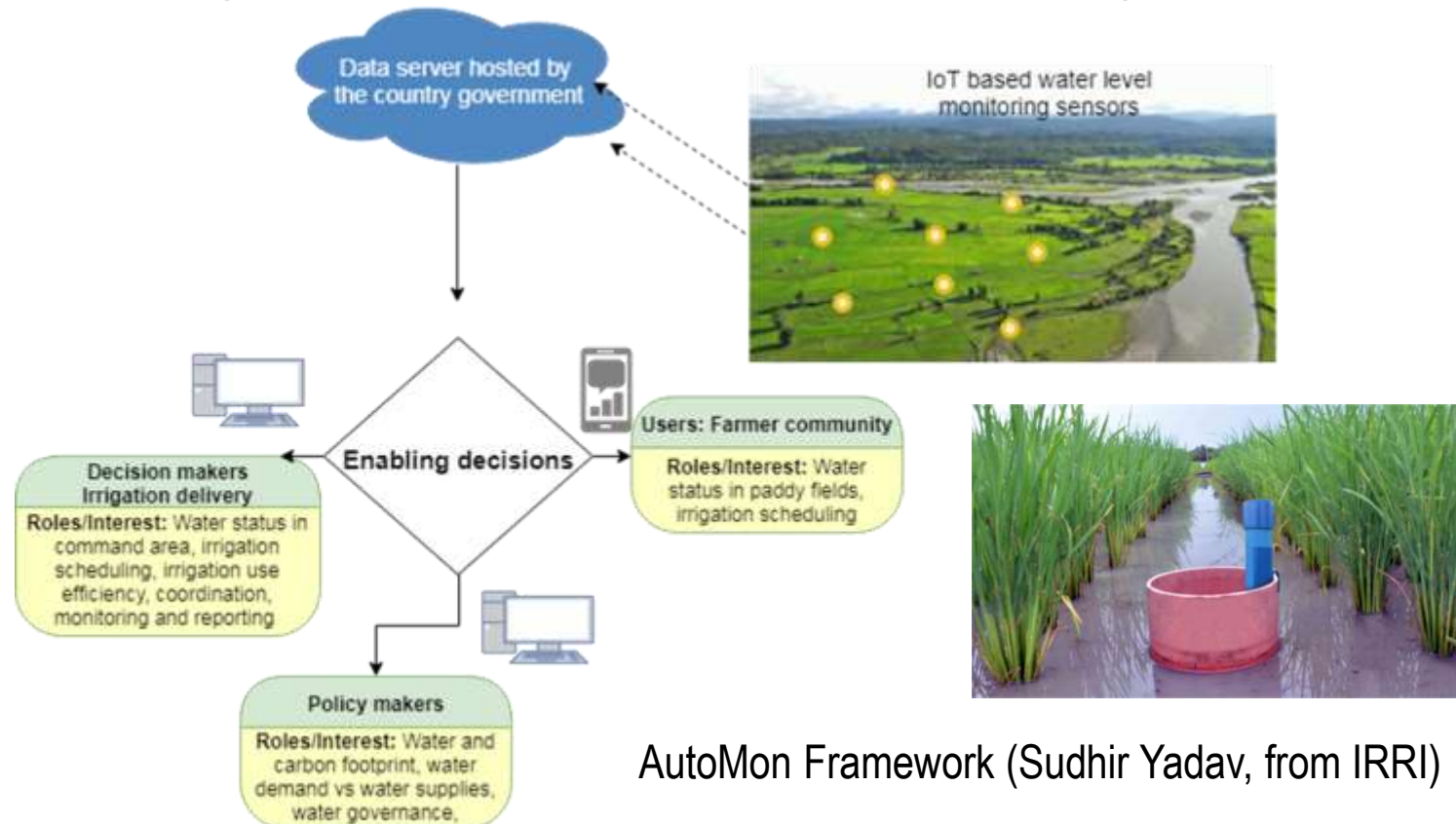
Save money on  
irrigation costs





# On-going research related to AWD in Asia and Africa

- Testing in Africa (Burkina Faso, Madagascar, Senegal)
- Development of AWD suitability maps in Philippines & Vietnam
- Research on use of digital tools for automated monitoring water levels & decision making



AutoMon Framework (Sudhir Yadav, from IRRI)



# Stress tolerant varieties & management practices - R&D framework -

- Stress mapping (e.g. salinity, cold/heat, drought, Fe toxicity)
- Assessment of climate change on rice production
- Identify target domains for specific stresses
- Identify sowing time x cropping pattern x crop duration x N management through crop models
- Test other management options for alleviating specific stresses

## PRIMARY RESEARCH ARTICLE

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### Impacts of climate change on rice production in Africa and causes of simulated yield changes

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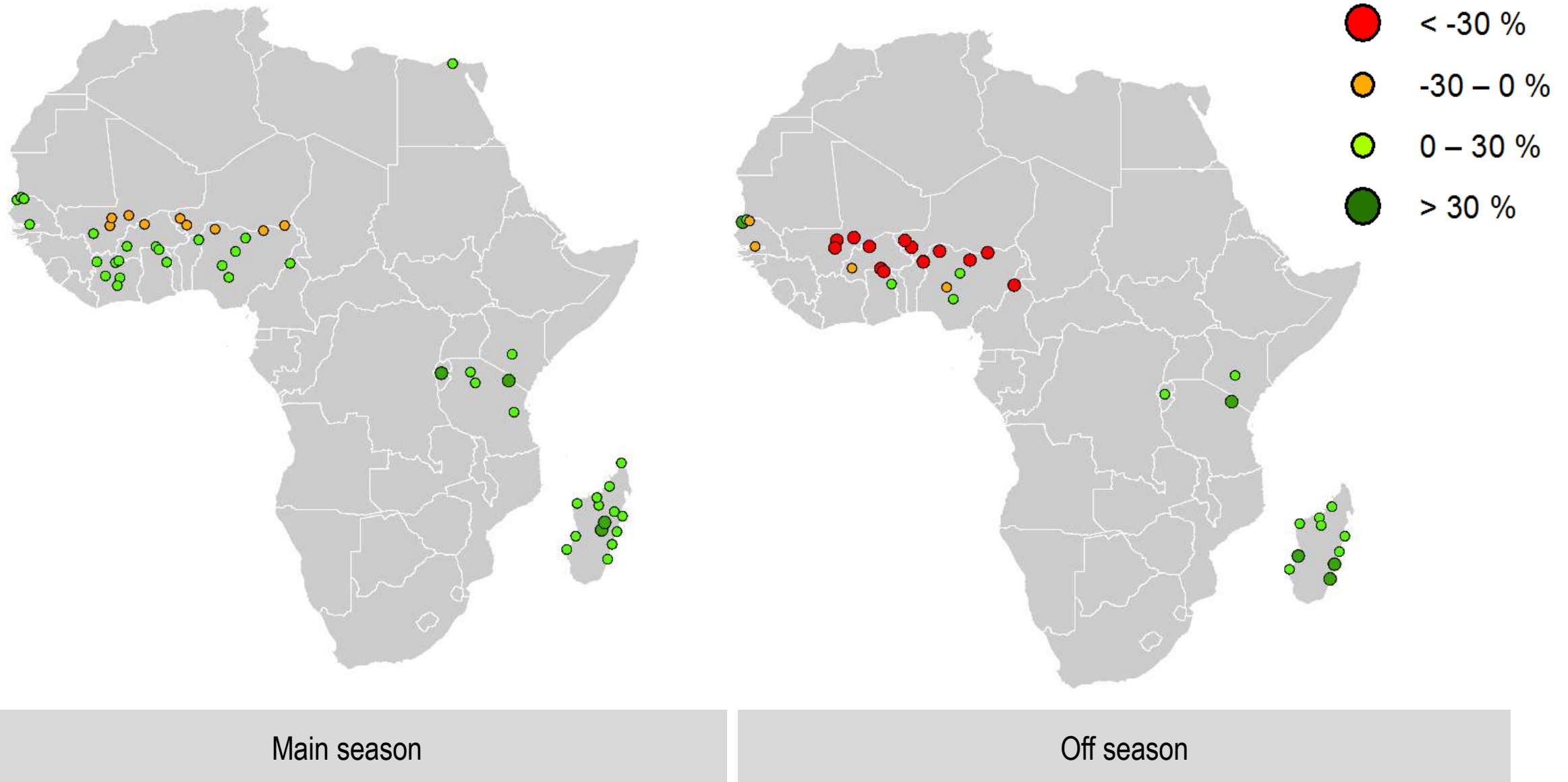
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# Climate change on rice production in irrigated conditions

Results for most extreme scenario: RCP8.5, changes 2000-2070 (van Oort & Zwart, 2018)





### 3.3 Farm diversification

- Farm diversification as a major avenue to improving farmers' livelihoods
- **Whole-farm productivity, income, gender equity, labor productivity, diet diversity, and environmental sustainability**









# Upland crop rotation study in Madagascar (CIRAD)

Rice / Rice (RR)

Sorghum + Cowpea / Rice (RSC)

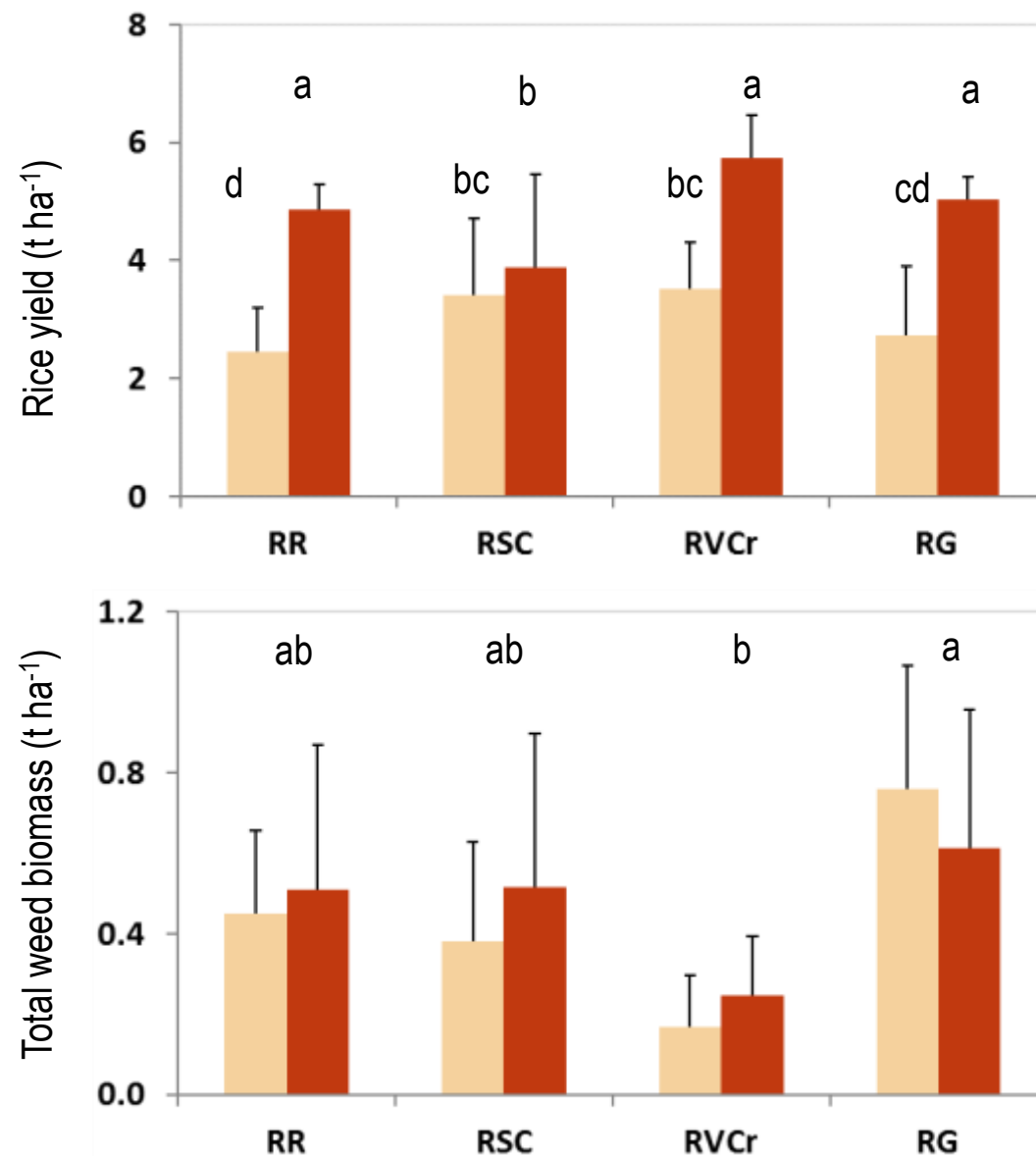
Velvet bean + Crotalaria / Rice (RVCr)

Groundnut / Rice (RG)

**X**

F1 : organic matter (light red)

F2 : manure + inorganic fertilizer (dark red)





# Summary

- Farming systems analysis & multi-dimensional performance indicators can play a vital role
- A wide range of innovations are under development in FP3
- Up-/out-scaling innovations developed in FP3 is key for accelerating impact.
- New collaboration with research institutes in Latin America



Muchas gracias!!

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