



BUILDING CAPACITIES FOR REVITALISING RAINFED AGRICULTURE

LOCATION OF THE PROJECT

Tentatively, in Jharkhand, Bundelkhand region(Madhya Pradesh), Maharashtra, Karnataka, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, West Bengal, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh/ any one state of North East.

NAME OF THE AUTHORITY

An initiative led by Revitalising Rainfed Agriculture Network (RRA) Network

ELIGIBLE ORGANISATIONS FOR NOMINATING PROFESSIONALS

- Member organizations that are a part of the identified, existing network in selected states and working on any thematic that RRA N is interested in and in taking the agenda beyond the existing network and willing to collaborate with other organisations who would aid in taking forward the specified rainfed interests at various levels viz District, State and National, so as to cause increased public investment.
- Organizations with strong field experience as regards rainfed interests in identified themes and are interested and willing to anchor a process of network formation in the state around these interests.
- Individual candidates who can muster the support of either a network or an organization aligned with rainfed interests and are interested in hosting young professional.

ELIGIBILITY OF THE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS / CANDIDATES PROGRAMME

Postgraduate in agriculture or allied sectors with a minimum experience of 3-5 years. The Candidates should be nominated by member organization(s). An independent candidate is eligible for nomination if he/she is supported by any organization, eligible to nominate them.

TO APPLY

- **Date of Submission of EOI** : January 15, 2018
- **RRAN - PMU's Email** : rranpmu@gmail.com
- **Selection Process (Stage 1)** : Expression of Interest (EOI)
- **Selection Process (Stage 2)** : Assessment of the Professionals





EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

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ABOUT THE RRA NETWORK (RRAN)

Rainfed agriculture accounts for over 50% of food grain production and roughly 60% of the value of agricultural GDP in the country (when rainfed crops, horticulture, livestock, and fisheries are included) (CRIDA, 2011). About 60% of the total cropped area, 48% of the area under food crops and 68% of that under non-food crops remains rainfed today. In spite of the larger production contribution, (especially in pulses, millets, and oilseeds), rainfed areas do not receive much policy attention. The very design of agriculture policies and programs excludes much of the rainfed areas. In this context, RRAN was established in 2010, currently has a membership base of over 500 members that includes practitioners, academicians, researchers, and policymakers, and is aimed to reconfigure the nature, amount and delivery of public investment for productive and resilience in Rainfed Agriculture.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE THEMATIC

SOIL

To impress on various stakeholders the urgency of improving soil health, particularly increasing the quantity of organic matter, enhancing microbial activity in soil, to increase soil nutrients and water retention capacity, in turn, increasing crop productivity.

WATER

(critical irrigation)

A crucial aspect that determines the failure of a crop or its survival is the presence of adequate moisture in the soil to meet the crop-water requirement and expanding the area (protection of at least 2 acres of rainfed crops for every family in rainfed areas) under critical irrigation for the rainfed crops. Conjunctive use of groundwater and surface water would increase irrigation efficiency and crop productivity

MILLET

To revive the local cropping systems, along with laying down focus on crop diversification, majorly the millets in the rainfed areas and advocate for including millets in national and state policies, such as those that would include developing tools for mechanisation and to create support systems for production and consumption of millets as has been done for more commercial crops like paddy and wheat. This would also contribute greatly to the nutritional security at the household level.

SEED

To promote community-managed seed systems so as to promote timely availability of affordable, quality, seeds for farmers. Ensuring seed availability of contingency crops at the time of need. This would also ensure locally adapted varieties of crops

RISK MITIGATION

Advocating for the cultivation of more diverse, less water intensive and more resilient crops which are better suited for the rainfed regions as a measure for risk mitigation. Also, providing advisory services to farmers for crop planning, considering various aspects such as crop insurance, minimum support price, crop water budgeting to cater the needs of the farmers in the rainfed regions. This would, in the long run, aid in resilience building among farmers in rainfed regions. If meaningfully addressed, these would encourage enhanced private investment

AGRONOMIC INNOVATIONS

Advocate for the providing of increased access to location specific, scientific advice with regard to soil and water conservation, crop protection and management using contextually relevant agricultural practices like SRI, NPM, SSNM, etc to enhance farmer's knowledge and skills. This, in turn, would increase efficiency of agriculture production systems

LIVESTOCK

Advocating for a paradigm shift in approach of health care (curative to preventive), breeding of indigenous livestock, protecting and expansion of commons for fodder, drinking water and, promoting Back Yard Poultry in rainfed regions to improve nutrition in the region

FISHERIES

Bringing greater acceptance for smaller, (including) seasonal water bodies in the rainfed regions which would be a supplemental source of income, spread risks and improves the condition of nutrition in these areas/regions

INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITIES

Increased efforts towards capacity building for government officials and agencies, non - governmental groups and communities to encourage decentralized planning and manage the rainfed agriculture systems efficiently. Climate Resilience, Gender issues, Equity, and Ecosystem Services are cross-cutting themes of interest that the Network advocates for.

OBJECTIVE OF THE CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME

This capacity building programme aims to help develop professionals who can carry forward interests relevant to rainfed regions/ states with the help of the organizations that are anchoring their programme and is also interlacing with and the different government agencies.

WHY THIS INITIATIVE?

These professionals are agents of change with the help of whom we are trying to identify the gaps and lacunae in the existing policies in the context of rainfed agriculture and with their support, knowledge and, the expertise we are making a coherent effort or taking a step ahead to bridge these gaps. They will help us support our argument to draw attention towards India's future agriculture revival.

EXPECTED OUTCOME

- An addition of 10 young professionals who can take forward interests of rainfed agriculture and become potential torchbearers for greater awareness and visibility for the same.
- Increased policy deliberations, contextual to the regions of work of member organizations.
- Engaging with various government departments to develop a minimum of 20 mainstream governmental programs to reflect and include rainfed interests.
- A majority of the professionals would be engaged in, at all stages, and deliver on the goal of pushing for appropriate changes in such programmes to benefit rainfed farmers

LETTER OF INVITATION



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Date: _____

Dear Sir / Madam,

Revitalizing Rainfed Agriculture Network (RRA N) invites sealed Expression of Interest (EOI) from organizations for undertaking Capacity Building of Professionals for Policy Deliberation in the rainfed regions of our country. The EOI Document containing the details of qualification criteria, submission requirement, brief objective & scope of work etc. is enclosed. The EOI Document is also available on the RRAN website www.rainfedindia.org.

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Further details/queries, if any, may be referred in writing to the Consultant PMU- RRA N at the above-mentioned address or at Email: rranpmu@gmail.com (RRA N-PMU).

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1.	Publishing Date	2nd January 2018	10:10 AM
2.	Document Download Start Date	2nd January 2018	16:00 PM
3.	Document Download End Date	15th January 2018	10:00 PM

Yours faithfully,

PMU, RRA N

Email: rranpmu@gmail.com



Encl.: EOI Document

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PART - I: TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR)

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(A) ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

The host organization while nominating the professional for capacity building will submit EOI clearly mentioning policy priorities of rainfed agriculture in the district/state. Host organization can nominate more than one professional but will be eligible to host only one professional. They will also work out a plan to engage with other network members in the state for policy deliberation. Capacity building partner (Centre for Social Justice-IDEAL-CSJ) along with Network Hub of RRAN will facilitate the process of developing a work plan for Professionals with host organization and other member organizations. Host organization will provide work to RRA Professionals and provide a local supervisor from their organization who will guide /supervise work of Professionals. Based on mutually agreed plan of action of the professional, policy processes required may be supported to host organizations separately from the RRA N, if required.

(B) ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

- The young professionals would be accountable to the supervisor (host organization), Capacity Building Partner and RRAN for the deliverables.
- The young professionals are expected:
 - To develop an understanding of rainfed agriculture and related thematiclike rainfed fisheries, crop diversity, and millets, soil, protective irrigation, seed, agronomic innovations, extensive livestock systems, reducing risks and institutional capacities.
 - Identify policy gaps and suggest pragmatic solutions

- Process field experience and articulate it as an issue for advocacy
 - Build evidence for policy demands
 - Work with the governments and their functionaries
 - The professional should be able to carry out, with 3 – 4 organizations, jointly, action in the public space after the completion of 3 months in this programme.
- Planning of the activities to be carried out by the professionals, every month, with the help of the host organization (supervisor) and the capacity building partner.
 - Reports have to be submitted on the monthly basis to the person concerned from the Capacity Building Programme and the host organization (supervisor).



PART - II: APPLICANT'S EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



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Note: To be on the Applicant's / Organisation's Letterhead)

To,
PMU Consultant (RRA N)
No. 105/106, Jan Vikas, Royal Chinmay Towers,
Bodakdev, Ahmedabad

Subject: Submission of Expression of Interest for the proposed "Capacities for Revitalizing Rainfed Agriculture".

Madam,

In response to the Invitation for Expressions of Interest published on 19.12.2017 and (revised on 2nd January 2018) for initiating "**Building Capacities for Revitalizing Rainfed Agriculture**", <name of the respective state> we _____ (hereby referred as Applicant) would like to express our interest to undertake this Capacity building of professionals for policy deliberation on Rainfed interests through activities as mentioned in the notification. As instructed, we have enclosed all the necessary documents, as per the guidelines/format provided, for your information and records.

[1].Details of the Candidates

[2].Organizational details

Thank You
Sincerely,

(Signature)
Name & Designation:
Seal:
Date:

PART - III: DETAILS OF THE NOMINATED PROFESSIONAL / APPLICANT

1. Name of the Applicant
2. Name of the Nominating Organisation
3. Date of Birth [DD/MM/YY]
4. Duration of Work Experience with the nominating organization (in years)
5. Nationality of the Professional
6. Current designation of the professional, with details of responsibilities assigned at the organization (if any)
7. Are you current linked to any advocacy effort?
8. Briefly, describe your individual / organizational experience on any of the identified thematic areas of the RRAN
9. What strength(s) of yours / your organization, do you think you can contribute to the learning of the young professional team and RRAN as a whole?
10. Why do you want to be a part of this programme?

Undertaking,

I, _____, certify that the above provided information is correct, to the best of my knowledge, and confirm my availability to the organization for the proposed work should it be awarded to this applicant

[Signature of employee]	[Signature of authorized person]
Full Name of the employee:	Full Name of the authorized person:
Date:	Date:

PART - IV: DETAILS OF THE MEMBER ORGANISATION

*Note: Please enter the information requested in the spaces provided.
Also, add relevant documents as well*

SECTION - 1: PROFILE OF NGO

1. Name (society / trust / company)
2. Address for Communication
3. Contact Person Name
4. Contact Telephone Number
5. Email Address
6. Website
7. Registration Number (Society / Trust)
8. FCRA Number

SECTION - 2: NGO'S ENGAGEMENT WITH RAINFED INTERESTS

1. For how long have you been engaging with any of the specific rainfed interests?
2. Briefly, describe the work your organization has done as regards rainfed area agriculture either in field-based operations / and advocacy?
3. How do you think this association will help you in work?
4. Briefly, describe your experience in rainfed farming (200 words)
5. What thematic would you, as an organization, like to take up for policy advocacy and in which state(s) / geography and why? (in 200 words)

SECTION - 3: COLLABORATION WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

1. What expertise would you, as an organization, bring to the network through your experts?
2. Would you be interested in hosting exposure programme for the professionals?
3. Would you give a few days for specific inputs to the programme? If YES, please also mention the area of expertise you would like to give the same in.
4. Which other organization would your partner with to pursue the specified rainfed interests? Please list the names of these organizations. Whether those organizations are on board for this intervention?