

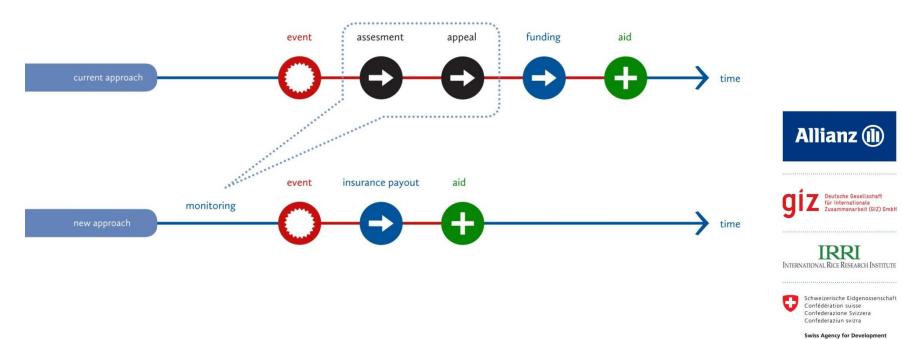
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Risk financing approaches: traditional ex-post event vs. new ex-ante event



Less reliance on donors More stabilized national budget



and Cooperation SDC

Growing Asian crop insurance market



Both area-yield based and weather indexbased crop insurance schemes; subsidies from state and national governments.

Mostly compulsory and loan-linked

Open to public and private Indian insurance companies and partly reinsured

India (25 m farmers)

Thailand (pilot)

Voluntary top-up scheme to governmental disaster relief scheme. Distrbuted tthrough Cooperative bank BAAC

Partly reinsured

Largest crop insurance scheme in Asia; mostly internationally reinsured

China (200m farmers)

Vietnam (Pilot/100000)

Voluntary rice insurance, distributed through two insurers; majoritativly reinsured

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RIICE project targets: Improving rice crop information and insurance in 7 countries in 5 years.



Help Governments and NGOs to better plan for food crises through better crop growth monitoring.

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Increase efficiency and effectiveness of crop insurance solutions and turn it into a viable business also in emerging markets.





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Approach: Using remote sensing technology for day-and-night observation through the clouds

optical remote sensing



synthetic aperture radar (SAR)

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Detecting different stages in crop growth

Remote sensing technology can observe different stages in crop growth (here based on a high resolution satellite, taking data of fields in Vietnam).

By 2014 such images of Indonesian rice fields will be available on a weekly basis. man-made

senescence

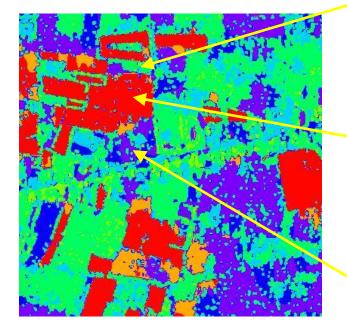
full maturity/ strong vegetation

stem extension/ weak vegetation

tillering

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Close-up look: Validating remote sensing data on the ground



- = Full developed rice
- = Flooded rice
- = Soil covered partially with water before rice flooding

Soc Trang Province, 7 September 2012









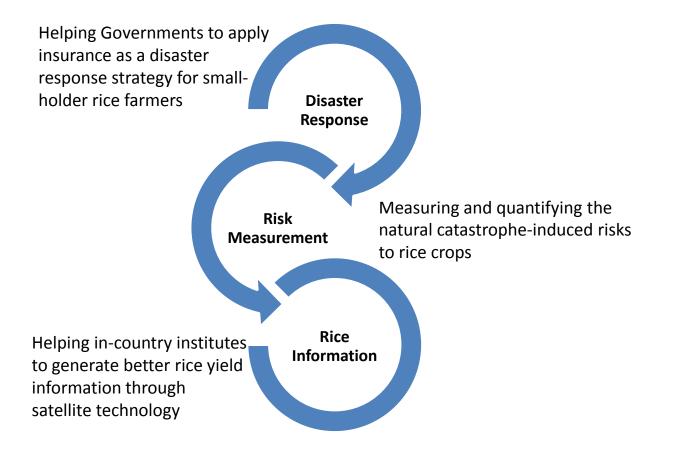




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Key results so far: Know-how transfer on technology and insurance





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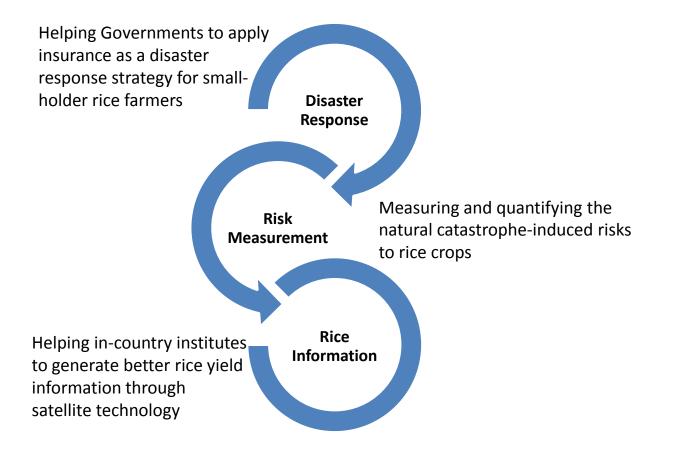


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Prospects & Challenges on the way to a sustainable crop insurance scheme for small holder farmers

Will the Government provide insurance subsidies to bolster a crop insurance scheme for their farmers or will it buy the protection by themselves? Will income protection through insurance keep farmers in their iobs?

International reinsurance market provides risk capacity



Local insurance company issues policies and administers the insurance claims Agreggator (rural bank or commune) manages distribution of insurance policies



Do the in-country research partners have the width to apply technology for rice yield monitoring?

Can sustainable insurance products be developped?

Can aggregators be sufficiently strengthened to deliver crop Insurance?







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