



# From End-Users to Innovators: Empowering Farmers in Research

## *Why we need to break the research barrier: farmers as leaders, not just beneficiaries*



**Doing research differently**

Is traditional research and development too rigid for real-world agricultural challenges? How can action-research projects reshape the way farmers adopt and adapt new technologies?



**Technical support**

If farmers' organizations had stronger technical backing, could they become major players in shaping agricultural policies? What would it take for them to gain the credibility needed to influence decision-making at higher levels?



**Knowledge co-creation**

How can we break the barriers that prevent farmer-led research from receiving adequate funding and recognition? Are donors and research institutions underestimating farmers' ability to conduct meaningful research?



**Technology adoption**

Beyond just providing technical assistance, how can researchers and Agri-Agencies help farmers' organizations evolve into professional institutions that lead their own research initiatives?



**Policy support**

Does the time-intensive nature of collaborative research pay off in the long run? How can bringing together researchers, farmers' organizations, and Agri-Agencies create lasting and impactful agricultural solutions?

**Resource allocation for capacity building within NARS often neglects farmers' organizations as key actors capable of leading action research initiatives.**