

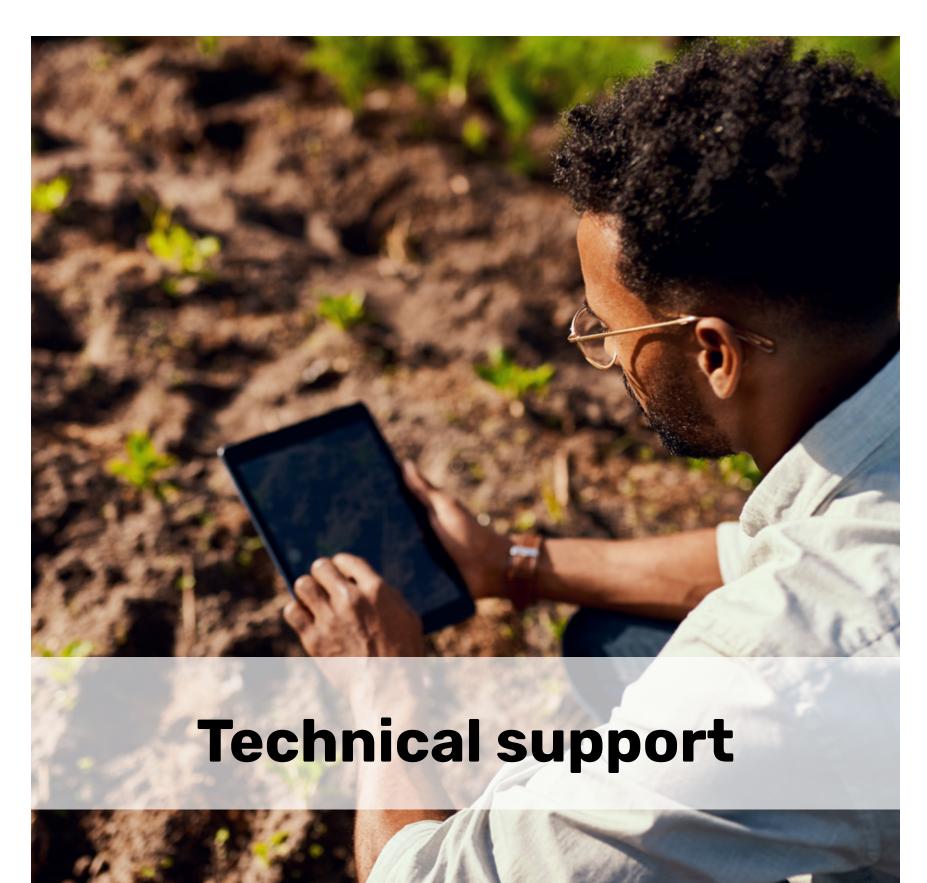
## From End-Users to Innovators: Empowering Farmers in Research Why we need to break the research barrier: farmers as leaders, not just beneficiaries



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?



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?



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

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

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 decisionmaking at higher levels?





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?

