Appendix B - Timelines and Milestones

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Project Name: Tracking Change in Rural Poverty in Household and Village Economies in South Asia					
Project Objective 1: Enhance the availability of reliable household-, individual-, and field-specific high-frequency, time-series data in purposively selected villages in the semi-arid and humid tropics of South					
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	Activity 4 (Bangladesh)	23 19 21,24 20 2	22 23 22 23	22 23	22 23	22 23	
	Activity 1.6						
	Activity 5 (SAT India)	25	26	26	26		
	Activity 5 (East India)	25	26	26	26		
	Activity 5 (Bangladesh)	25		26			

Objective 1: Enhance the availability and use of reliable household-, individual- and field-specific, high-frequency, time series data in purposively selected villages in the semi arid & humid tropics of South Asia

Activity 1.1 Inception workshop and VLS stakeholders planning meeting

1 Inception workshop preparation and implementation, VLS stakeholders meeting and preparation of country workplans in quarter 1 of project start

Activity 1.2 Gathering longitudinal data on households, individuals and fields in 42 selected villages in years 1-5 of the project

- 2 Base data analysis for the selection of districts in India and Bangladesh and evaluation of existing baselines
- ${\bf 3}\ {\bf Determining}\ size\ and\ stratification\ for\ household\ samples\ and\ criteria\ and\ procedures\ for\ village\ selections$
- 4 Developing census module, collection of census, stratification and selection of household sample (two months)
- ${\bf 5} \ Recruiting \ and \ assembling \ resident \ field \ enumerators, \ supervisors \ and \ data \ entry \ teams$
- 6 Training of research teams
- 7 Selection of villages, focus group meetings (one month) and setting up of VLS office
- 8 Pre-testing (twice) and finalization of survey instruments (2 weeks)
- 9 Start of high-frequency surveys at household level (every 3 weeks), supervision and follow-up
- 10 Completing geo-referencing data
- 11 Start of implementation of punctual special- purpose surveys

Activity 1.3 Database development and management

- 12 Developing data entry program and start of field-level data entry
- 13 Complete data entry and cleaning
- 14 Complete summary file for the previous years

Activity 1.4 Periodical and synthesis reports

- 15 Quarterly reports and situation analysis by resident investigators
- 16 Half yearly progress reports by the supervisors
- 17 Annual and regional (India, Nepal & Bangladesh) synthesis reports by coordinating scientists
- 18 Monograph Insights on village dynamics emerging economic, social, political and institutional issues

Activity 1.5 Website development and management

- 19 Start of the database and website development
- 20 Data documentation for website
- 21 Designing information portal for project website and hosting data
- 22 Data release including final data documentation on the website; first year data is from 2007-08 baselines and years 2-5 data from subsequent primary data collection
- 23 Draft manual and data release to website
- 24 Full development of data portal

Activity 1.6 Devising and securing co-funding to include quantitative targets for years 3-5

- 25 Development of a co-funding plan for the project
- **26** Securing cofunding for implementation in years 3-5

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Project Objective 2: Increase the availability of updated and expanded district-level agricultural data in India and Bangladesh

Vision of Success: Provide a comprehensive one-stop shop for meso-level data that identifies relevant regions/counties for targeted poverty alleviation development initiatives.

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	Activity 2 (Bangladesh)		12	13 14 15	16 17	14

Objective 2 Increase the availability of updated and expanded district level agricultural data in India and Bangladesh

Activity 2.1 Assembly of secondary agricultural meso-level data into an integrated database updated, expanded in coverage, extended in geographic area and decentralized in level of aggregation

- 1 Identification of additional variables for India, variables to be included for Bangladesh and their sources.
- 2 Identification of recently formed districts and other geo-political boundaries
- 3 Status Reports on collection, compilation and data cleaning (first round)
- 4 National and state level data collection for key variables
- 5 Taluka level data collection for districts with VLS villages
- 6 First round time series compatible district level data collection
- 7 Validation of two sets of district level data for each country
- 8 Second round of data collection from 2008 onwards
- 9 Status Reports on collection, compilation and data cleaning (second round)
- 10 National and state level data for key variables (second round)
- 11 Validation of two sets of district level data for each country 2008 onwards

Activity 2.2 Meso-level database development

- 12 Interfacing with GIS, digitized maps
- 13 Documentation and manuals for the two databases
- 14 Uploading the database on the project website
- 15 Reports on trends in socio-economic and agricultural variables
- 16 Typology of agricultural systems and their charecterisation
- 17 Taluka level database uploaded on the website

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Project Objective 3: Nurture policy analysis and strengthen capacity building to fully exploit the data collected and information assembled in Objectives 1 and 2

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Vision of S	on of Success: Capacity building and well-documented cases of research based on the VLS, large-scale panel surveys, and meso data translate into change decision making that favorably impacts the poor					
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	Activity 1 (Bangladesh)	1 2	3 2	3 2	2	3
	Activity 3.2					
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	Activity 2 (Bangladesh)		4	4 5	4 5	5
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	Activity 4 (Bangladesh)	10 11 12	2 13 13			
	Activity 3.5					
	Activity 5 (India)	14 15	16 17	14 15	16 17	16
	Activity 5 (Bangladesh)	14 15	16 17	14 15	16 17	
	Activity 3.6			10.10		10.10
	Activity 5 (India)	18	10	18,19	18,19	18,19 18 18,19
	Activity 5 (Bangladesh)		18,19	18,19	18,19 18	18,19 18 18,19

Project Objective 3: Nurture policy analysis and strengthen capacity building to fully exploit the data collected and information assembled in Objectives 1 and 2

Activity 3.1 Implementation of in-house research projects for researchers directly involved in data collection

- 1 Research proporsals submitted by researchers and field investigators
- 2 Identification of research proposals for implementation
- 3 Analysis and technical reports published (15 research progress reports)

Activity 3.2 Implementation of small competitive grants program to support special purpose studies by regional researchers in south Asia

- 4 Call for small competitive grants funding and selection (2 month)
- 5 Preliminary/final report on selected high priority research topics on emerging issues on village dynamics under small grants competitive program

Activity 3.3 Capacity building for NARS scientists and regional scientists in the design and execution of household panel surveys

- 6 Reports on problems encountered un data collection and corresponding approaches identified and documented
- 7 Harmonisation of data gathering methods and data quality
- 8 Training materials preparation and publication of manuals for data collection
- 9 Centralized and harmonized training on survey methods, PRAs, social analysis and measurements/instrumentation such as GPS use, crop cuts, and soil samples (2 weeks, 3 times)

Activity 3.4 Capacity building for NARS scientists and regional scientists in data processing technologies and in time-series panel data analysis

- 10 Preparation of training materials and manuals for data analysis
- 11 Purchase of data analysis software `
- 12 Training on use of statistical softwares for data entry and analysis, eg. CSPRO, STATA, SAS, LIMDEP, etc.
- 13 Training of regional social scientists on analysis of time series panel data and other relevant methodologies

Activity 3.5 Dissemination of research results and publications

- 14 In-house meetings and workshops to discuss research results and methods and prepare publications
- 15 Preparation and dissemination of policy briefs togethr with selective investment in advocacy activities
- 16 Annual Conference on Tracking Poverty in Household and Village Economies in South Asia
- 17 Documentation of village insights through videos and print media to inform the general public and influence national, state, local government and civil society priorities and policies

Activity 3.6 Coordination and reporting

- 18 Management Committee, Coordination and Advisory Panel Meetings
- 19 Annual report (including half-yearly financial report) to BMGF