

Appendix B - Timelines and Milestones

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- 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
3 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)
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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- Research proposals submitted by researchers and field investigators
- Identification of research proposals for implementation
- 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

- Call for small competitive grants funding and selection (2 month)
- 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

- Reports on problems encountered un data collection and corresponding approaches identified and documented
- Harmonisation of data gathering methods and data quality
- Training materials preparation and publication of manuals for data collection
- 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

- Preparation of training materials and manuals for data analysis
- Purchase of data analysis software
- Training on use of statistical softwares for data entry and analysis, eg. CSMO, STATA, SAS, LIMDEP, etc.
- 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

- In-house meetings and workshops to discuss research results and methods and prepare publications
- Preparation and dissemination of policy briefs together with selective investment in advocacy activities
- Annual Conference on Tracking Poverty in Household and Village Economies in South Asia
- 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

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