

Process Documentation Research and Impact of ICRISAT Village Grant

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1. Introduction

- ICRISAT village grant was provided to six villages: two in Telangana and four in Maharashtra state.
- One time grant of US\$ 7,000 was provided to each community adopting Community - Driven Development approach.

2. Objectives

- To monitor and evaluate the grant experiment
- To observe and document the village grant implementation process.
- To analyze impact of the grant on agricultural performance, local institutions.

3. Methodology and Data

- CDD approach was used for providing the village grant.
- Process Documentation Research (PDR) was used to document the steps and procedures of implementing of the village grant.

4. Results

ICRISAT village grant was given by adopting CDD approach as shown in Fig. 1

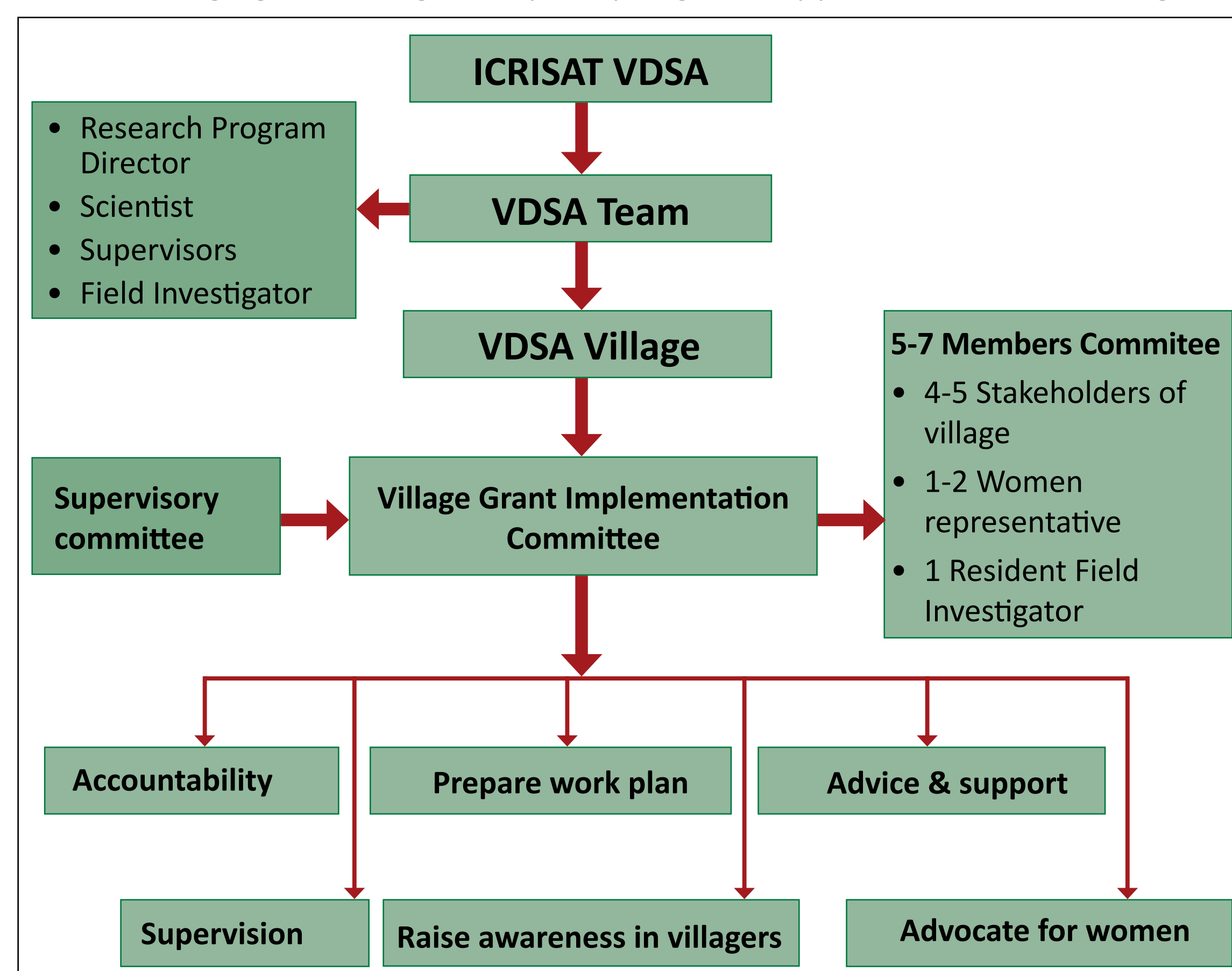


Fig. 1. ICRISAT village Grant implementation model.



Fig. 2. Water Tap (Dokur).



Fig.3. Computer knowledge centre (Kalman).



Fig.4. Computer knowledge centre (Kinkhed).



Fig.5. Computer knowledge centre (Shirapur).

The number of beneficiaries and the annual economic benefits of the village grant by communities are given in Table 1.

Table 1. Village grant schemes and beneficiaries in six Villages.

Village	Grants schemes	No. of beneficiaries	Benefits (USD/year)
Telangana			
Aurepalle	Mini water tanks (seven tanks)	324 households + 325 students	5,526
Dokur	New pipeline for drinking water	420 households	6,890
Maharashtra			
Shirapur	Computer knowledge centre	335 students	2,422
Kalman	Computer knowledge centre	450 students	3,488
Kanzara	Mini dal (Split Pulse) mill	20 households	82
Kinkhed	Computer knowledge centre	34 students/month	650 (3 month)

Note: Only tangible economic benefits have been quantified that was obtained in 2013.

5. Conclusion and Implications

- Support from local institutions, village officials and informal leaders is important for implementation of village grant.
- Grant should not be given to a single person (village head or any other local official).
- Village grant should be planned for new work, and not to previously started incomplete work.
- If it is implemented well, the CDD scheme also helps in improving local governance and village institution.
- Minimize transaction cost and administration cost in implementation of the project.
- The experience in implementation of village grants in six villages will be helpful in scaling of grants in other VDSA villages.



Fig.6. CD rom based lecture (Shirapur).



Fig.7. Mini water tanks (Aurepalle).

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