

Microplanning

Any forestry programme with people's participation as an integral component is to be based on the needs and resources at the local level. To meet these needs, a micro plan should be in operation. This micro plan should:

- a) village would be the unit for microplanning.
- b) be prepared with active participation of people.
- c) target existing stake holders/common interest group.
- d) aim to link local resources to local needs and programme objectives.
- e) be a simple document which the villagers can understand.
- f) require not more than 20-25 man-days to prepare.
- g) not be a miniature version of the project proposal.

Plan preparation through Participatory/ Rapid Rural Appraisal

Microplans are to be prepared based on PRA/RRA. This would include:

1. Feedback from the people: Meetings with common interest groups or the whole village collectively must be done right at the beginning. The objectives of the Scheme must be made clear to the people before eliciting their opinion as to their needs and expectations.
1. Collection of relevant Baseline data for the micro plan, i.e., both for the Entry point activities and rehabilitation plan. This data will cover:-
 - a) Physical and financial resources of the area.
 - b) Extent and type of existing land degradation
 - c) Human and cattle populations with relevant details.
 - d) Socio-economic profile.
 - e) Specific information relating to the forest area/extraction there from etc.
3. Based on this information technical plans are to be prepared so that they
 - are area-specific.
 - specify the activities with timeframes.
 - specify duties and obligations of participants.
 - specify rights and benefits to participants.
 - specify type and manner of record management.

Suitable Treatment sketch maps for each area should be mandatory.

3. Discussion and finalisation of Microplans: The plans prepared should be presented to the concerned villagers/interest groups. These plans should be discussed openly and advice of all interested parties heard and debated. The plans should incorporate changes, if any, and finalised with approval of the village community.