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Looking for things to try in PID

Sources of new ideas & knowledge

PID implies openness for **multiple sources:**

- *Research organizations*: are we, our organizations, linked well enough to benefit from this resource?
- *Other development organizations*: do we exchange and share enough?
- *Farmers,* those we work with as well as others elsewhere: are we alert for innovations from farmers?

The heart of PID is **combining views,** ideas, from different sources;

Central issue is making **the choice** of what to work on, what to try, **transparent.**

Start with looking at farmer innovations?

- Recognizing farmers own efforts in innovation; development **changes the way** farmer, extension and research **understand** and **respect each other**;
- Creates **a positive momentum** as it focuses on peoples capacities and initiatives rather than their problems;
- It thus builds **a dynamic of self-confidence** rather than dependency on outsiders for bringing useful new ideas;
- Innovations developed may **fit more easily with local realities;**
- At least give space to innovative ideas and suggestions in activities proposed by us.