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Good Governance & access to productive resources

1. Access to productive resource is the most appropriate proxy to address poverty and poverty (economic and Human) eradication

- It's a political resource that defines power relations and Human dignity
- Must be seen as rights-highly political and sensitive
- Empower marginal and disadvantaged people in particular to claim and assert land rights

2. Marginal and disadvantaged access to productive natural resources Who are they?

- Indigenous People & their vulnerability to dispossession from ancestral land & forest as their customary rights not been recognised properly
- Women's access to Land-discriminatory, guided by religious law
- Religious Minorities' Rights to Land
- Fisher folk's inaccessibility to Water Bodies – policy is not poor friendly & issue of financial and technical capacity
- Urban Poor's Inaccessibility to Land

Instruments: CEDAW, UN declaration on IPs rights, ILO Convention

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Sustainable land management

1. Tenural security related issues:

- The Sharecropping System
- The Rights of the Agriculture Labours
- Absentee Land Ownership
- Land Litigation

2. Land Use Regulation, Market force driven land use - Commercialization of agriculture, aquaculture and forest

Commercialization of Shrimp Cultivation:

- The concept of high-value, high-quality produce
- shifted shrimp production process from natural livelihood and traditional production systems to a commercial venture
- and rapidly got promoted in Bangladesh
- From 20,000 hec -410,000 hec within 15 years time

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Commercialization of Shrimp Cultivation:

It resulted in

- Degradation of the Sundarbans (world largest mangrove forest), coastal and inland eco-systems
- Grabbing and displacement of local communities, women health hazard, conflict and violence
- loss of agricultural land, livestock, livelihood opportunities and decreasing of food security and water pollution

Shrimp Seal of Quality (SSOQ)project:

The principal contractor of this project is the giant agro-based multinational company The Louis Berger Group, Inc along with Cargill and Land O' Lakes (Biscuit company) acting as its two sub-contractors.

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Holistic approach to the planning , implementation and follow-up

- NOT to deal with the symptom with welfare approach but with the root cause
- ICCARD, WCARRD, JOPI are instruments. CIRDAP is to follow-up WCARRD
- International agreement and integrated approach with full responsibility
- Regional organisations in Asia–ASEAN, SAARC, etc. and
- agreements like SAFTA (South Asian Free Trade Area), SAPTA (South Asian
- NGO, CSO's well defined role with full authority at all level in promoting CSD agenda
- Three Nobel Laureates: Rabindranath Tagore, Prof. Amartya Sen, Dr. Md. Yunus
- The Champion of the Earth Award-2008 in the Asia and the Pacific region.
- Grainger Challenge Prize award by US National Academy of Engineering

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