



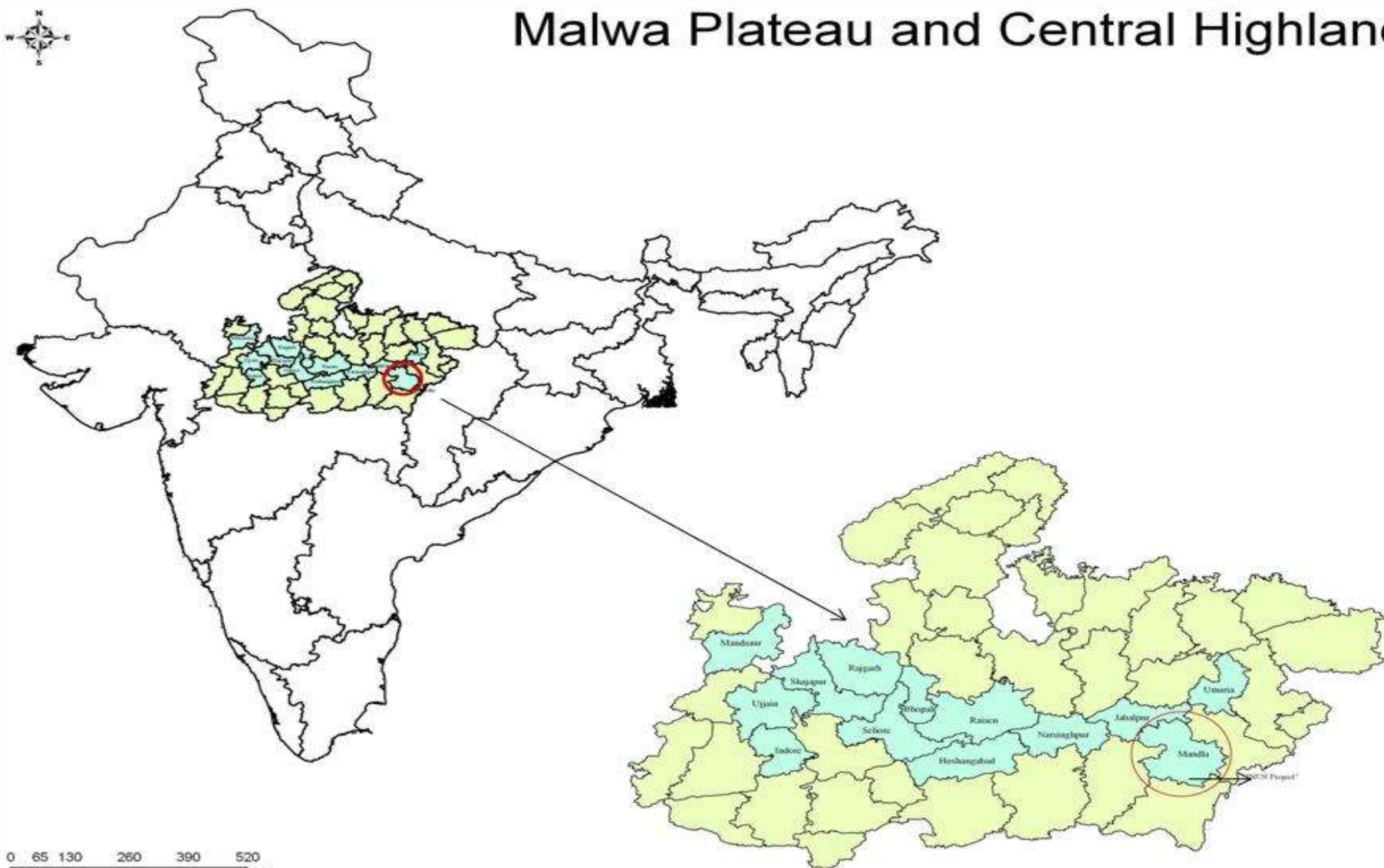
# Status Report

Updated up to January 2016

Project Steering Committee Meeting  
17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> May 2016  
New Delhi, INDIA

# NUS project area

## Malwa Plateau and Central Highland



# Project Details

- Mandla & Dindori districts of Madhya Pradesh
- Predominantly Tribal area
- Rice is the main crop. Kodo & Little Millets are grown in the upland. Pulses, maize, vegetables are other crops
- Average rainfall is about 1100 mm
- Project is working 30 villages, approx. 2700 families, all smallholders

# Activity : National Workshop

## STATUS

- Stakeholders' conference held in Bhopal in June 2015, over 50 participants, project objectives & approach got endorsed

# Activity : Survey & testing

## STATUS

- 300 households surveyed, FGDs & market survey were done
- Report finalized

# Activity : Onfarm Networking

## STATUS

- Before project farmers were cultivating Millet crops in traditional ways with their seeds.
- 2796 Households given proper training through 120 training sessions with support of RARS (Millet, Dindori Station)
- The training & exposure increased farmers' capacity to adopt improved PoP, new varieties
- Higher productivity recorded

# Activity : Ex situ & in situ linkages

## STATUS

- Participatory Trials conducted for 6 varieties of Kodo millets
- Couple of varieties clearly identified as farmers' preferred
- Seed Multiplication plan for next season

# Activity: Ex situ & in situ linkages (continued)

Production Comparison (KODO Millet)

S.No	Farmer		Project Intervention (High Quality Seed, PoP)	
	Variety	Production /ha	Variety	Production/ha
1	Non Descriptive	10-12 quintal	JK-439	16.7 Quintal
2			JK-41	15.0 Quintal
3			DPS-9-1	14.7 Quintal
4			Indra-1	13.4 Quintal
5			JK-48	12.8 Quintal
6			JK-13	11.9 Quintal



# Activity : Onfarm Networking

## STATUS

- 150 custodian farmers identified & trained
- Selection done through FGDs, knowledge sharing, Millet conservation, holding stock of Millets
- Custodian farmers got exposure to scientific process of Millet conservation with technical support of Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK)
- Exposure visit to Kolli Hills, ITM also provided better learning to the custodian farmers

# Activity: Document monitoring

## Establishing the practice of maintaining village biodiversity register

### STATUS

- Training by MPSBB to SHG members & staff, 17 Master Trainers from community developed, refresher course done.
- 95 SHGs covering 1235 farmer families have been trained by the Master Trainer
- 6 Biodiversity Management Committee at village level have been formed, started functioning; 5 more are under formation

# Activity : Document monitoring

## STATUS

- Biodiversity register is under revision by the State Govt., hence could not be started.
- Will be initiated from 2<sup>nd</sup> Year of Project

# Activity : Document monitoring

## STATUS

- 5 case studies prepared on diverse issues
- Project status have been shared in various platforms
- Few policy notes have been shared with key decision makers
- A national conference and Millet food festival is scheduled in Bhopal on 21 May'16

# Activity: Red List

*Preparation of Red List through participatory method*

## STATUS

- Identification of Red List has been completed & included in the baseline report
- Farmers have been trained on the crops and varieties of the Red list
- Herbarium Album of all Millet crops for the project area has been developed and being used as training material

# Activity : Value Chain

*Activity : Development & nurturing of Farmers' company for value chain*

## STATUS

- 3 FPCs having 2642 shareholders, majority women
- Produced about 800 quintals of Millet seeds (Foundation, Certified & TL); being marketed currently
- Bigger plan of seed production for 2016-17

# Activity : Value Chain

## STATUS

- On a pilot scale 2000 quintals of Kodo & Little millets have been procured by the FPCs; to be sold in bigger market for better price realization
- Due to this marketing strategy the local price of millets has gone up benefitting farmers
- Detailed marketing strategy is being worked out for larger scale from next year
- Grading & processing facilities being developed at the FPCs level
- Electronic marketing platform is being explored for all India market

# Activity : Value Chain

## STATUS

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- Price information of different markets to farmers thru SMS is being worked out
- Organic cultivation of millets to capture premium market segment
- Possibilities of entering market with processed Kodo & kutki millets is being worked out



# Activity : Policy options

## STATUS

- Few policy notes have been prepared to share with the critical policy makers
- National conference in Bhopal in May'16 is fully focused on sensitizing policy makers on issues related to NUS, particularly Kodo & kutki millets
- Expecting few policy measures by the Government,
  - declaring Kodo & kutki as notified crops in the regulated market yard
  - Provisioning of Breeder seeds to the FPCs for high quality seed production
  - Initiating Agronomy related research by the State Agriculture University

# Photo-scope Tour



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