Umbrella Programme for Natural Resource Management

NABARD has been implementing Natural Resource Management projects (Watershed Development and Wadi Development Programmes) for the past 20 years under Indo-German collaboration with support from KfW and GIZ. The long standing development cooperation between NABARD and German Development Corporation (GDC) has been a key contributor in NABARD emerging as an innovator in natural resource management, influencing policy at national level and improving lives at the grass root level. NABARD and GDC launched the Umbrella Programme on Natural Resources Management (UPNRM) in order to further upscale and integrate NABARD’s existing and future Indo-German NRM efforts into one streamlined approach of participatory NRM related interventions.

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UPNRM is following a programme-based approach wherein different channel partners (agencies) are being supported for implementing various types of sustainable NRM projects conforming to the flexible programming mechanism on agreed policies and guiding principles of strategic partners. The projects proposed under UPNRM will have to pass through a scrutiny at Guiding Principles level of the programme. These principles entail that the projects have to be pro-poor, designed on integrated & need-based approach, should ensure sustainability, involve community participation and be based on sound and transparent Governance.

The programme envisages a gradual shift from grant based to loan-based NRM projects and funding will be through a corpus comprising Financial Cooperation from KfW as well as funds mobilized by NABARD from various sources. Interest rate applicable for projects under UPNRM will depend on the nature of project, channel partners and the target groups.