

Achievements to date

- 17 National Innovation Facilitators trained; 12 have facilitated niche capacity needs assessments
- 5 niche assessments completed and results validated; 3 niche selected for MEL
- 3 niche coaching plans nearing completion
- Taskforce (small group of the Technical Advisory Group members, including private sector) constituted and advising on project activities and linkages
- Successful Marketplace event with ~100 government, NGO, project and private sector participants; opportunities for linkages with all 5 niche
- CDAIS concepts and understanding of role of functional capacities gaining ground; NIF concept applauded by chair of the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council
- Stakeholders express appreciation of opportunities to discuss issues in multi-stakeholder forum
- CNA workshops resulted in solution of some marketing issues and encouragement to group formation

Next steps

October 2017

December 2018

After finalisation of the coaching plans and budgets, intensive NIF coaching and selection of service providers, the first of three Learning Cycles will start at niche level

Two organisational capacity needs assessments will be undertaken by NIF after specific training. The two organisations, one a public sector and one private sector, are important for supporting the niches and attainment of their objectives

Following discussions with CDAIS Taskforce, Steering Committee and other key stakeholders, the national agricultural innovation platform will be formed

The national policy dialogue and action plan will begin with 5 regional multi-stakeholder consultations, identification of 1-2 key policy issues, review of innovation related agricultural policies

Final project workshop. Comparison of the results achieved, benefitting from the lessons learnt in the most populous of the eight countries involved in the CDAIS project