

Fighting Climate Change

Project on Climate Resilient Agriculture (PoCRA)

Department of Agriculture, Govt. of Maharashtra is implementing a World Bank funded Project on Climate Resilient Agriculture in Maharashtra (PoCRA) in about 5,000 villages highly vulnerable to climate variability and affected by high levels of soil salinity in 15 project districts covering a geographic area of over 12.5 million ha and home to 25.5 million people within the Marathwada and the Vidarbha Divisions in Maharashtra. The project contribute towards the costs of "drought proofing" 5,142 villages in Maharashtra. The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to enhance climate-resilience and profitability of smallholder farming systems. The project is built around a comprehensive, multi sector approach that focuses specifically on building climate resilience in agriculture while generating enhanced water security at farm level, improved soil health and increased farm productivity and crop diversification.

NABCONS is engaged as Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) agency in a few districts of the state. The project area also includes a few districts having a belt of salinity-affected area. We are designing a results-based M&E system aimed at measuring progress towards the objectives for evidence-based decision making and timely course corrections.

The project will benefit a total 1024 villages covering around 15000 beneficiaries in the promotion of agricultural diversification and the transfer of agricultural technologies to smallholder farmers to improve farm productivity. It will also build integrated smallholder farmers in agricultural value chains through the promotion of FPOs.