

CLIMATE INNOVATION CHALLENGE

June Progress Update

Reporting Period (Month)	(Note: Kindly share the monthly update every 26th day of the Month)
Grantee Name	Cropin Technologies Limited
Project Title	SmartFarm - Complete advisory dissemination system
<p>1. List the key activities in your workplan undertaken/completed during this month. (PLEASE REFER YOUR WORKPLAN https://www.adpc.net/cic/index.php/03-innovations/)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -> All advisory messages for Sri Lanka and Bangladesh have been sent in respective local language to the farmers ->The Bangladesh farmers had been in their harvesting and post harvesting season and were facing difficulty in planning for the harvesting activities because of uncertainty of heavy rains- hence cropin was able to send Rain prediction weather advisories so that they could better plan their harvesting ->Cropin also shared post harvest and storage advisories to the paddy farmers in Bangladesh ->Field officers (in Sri Lanka) also collected the data on challenges faced by farmers in the current economic scenario (with more restrictions being imposed by the government with regards to use of chemicals). The field team also visited the Sangam office (or the farmer union office) and met with the sangam thalaivar (or the Union head) to understand the current situation and scenarios. 	
<p>2. List additional activities (outside the work plan) undertaken during this month.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ->Disseminated advisory messages for farmers in Bangladesh as well as Sri Lanka -> Enabled AcreSquare application for the farmer- for those farmers who had Smartphones-which they could login and access by themselves -> Found a local partner for sending bulk SMS in local language in Sri Lanka - Dialog ->Got the partner team in Sri Lanka to meet the local farmers' union heads (Sangam thalaivars) to understand the current crisis and how Cropin can better help the farmers in mitigating the uncertainty and risk 	
<p>3. List the key beneficiaries /stakeholders consulted during this month</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ->OXFAM, Bangladesh ->GUK, Bangladesh ->Agrithmics, Sri Lanka ->Cropin Internal Agronomist -> Dialog telecom, Srilanka (for local bulk SMS that were sent) -> Alpha net, Bangladesh (for local bulk SMS that were sent) 	

4. Summarize key achievements and milestones of this month

->Touched base with all farmers multiple times over many modes in Sri Lanka and Bangladesh

-> Enabled access for AcreSquare- A farmer specific application where the farmers could open and check the advisory messages in their respective telephone

-> All climate related as well as GAP related advisories were sent to farmers in their local language (Bangla in Bangladesh and Tamil in Sri Lanka)

5. List key challenges to be resolved

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6. Any additional challenges (observations/learning in terms of the applicability, scalability and sustainability

None with regard to scalability- the cropin System has supported and has been supporting 1000s of farmers across the globe- so both in terms of applicability, scalability and sustainability, we are looking forward to scaling up this project