

Annexe V: List of assumptions

Assumption 1:

Without better strategies to translate commitment into impact, poverty remains persistent and might increase, as it does today in certain situations.

Assumption 2:

Reduction of rural poverty does not gain momentum because the rural and agriculture sectors are largely neglected.

Assumption 3:

The rural poor are the main losers of globalisation.

Assumption 4:

Where there is no flourishing farm-sector there are also little non-farm dynamics.

Assumption 5:

Strategic alliances are a precondition for impact at grass-root level.

Assumption 6:

The trend in current economic policies is geared towards favouring urban, industrial sectors at the expense of decentralised rural economy.

Assumption 7:

Where cooperation can not offer significant livelihood benefits to members, institutional interventions will not work, no matter how well designed.

Assumption 8:

Is sustainability of institutions essential for development?

Assumption 9:

Institutional interventions in the development world are suspicious of market institutions because their nature and dynamic are too much self-willed and un-manageable.

Assumption 10:

Increase of rural poverty is not due to lack of funds.

Assumption 11:

Organisations of producers and entrepreneurs are a pre-requisite for rural economic development.

Assumption 12:

A closer collaboration between donors/development agencies and private sector is required to kick-off rural development