

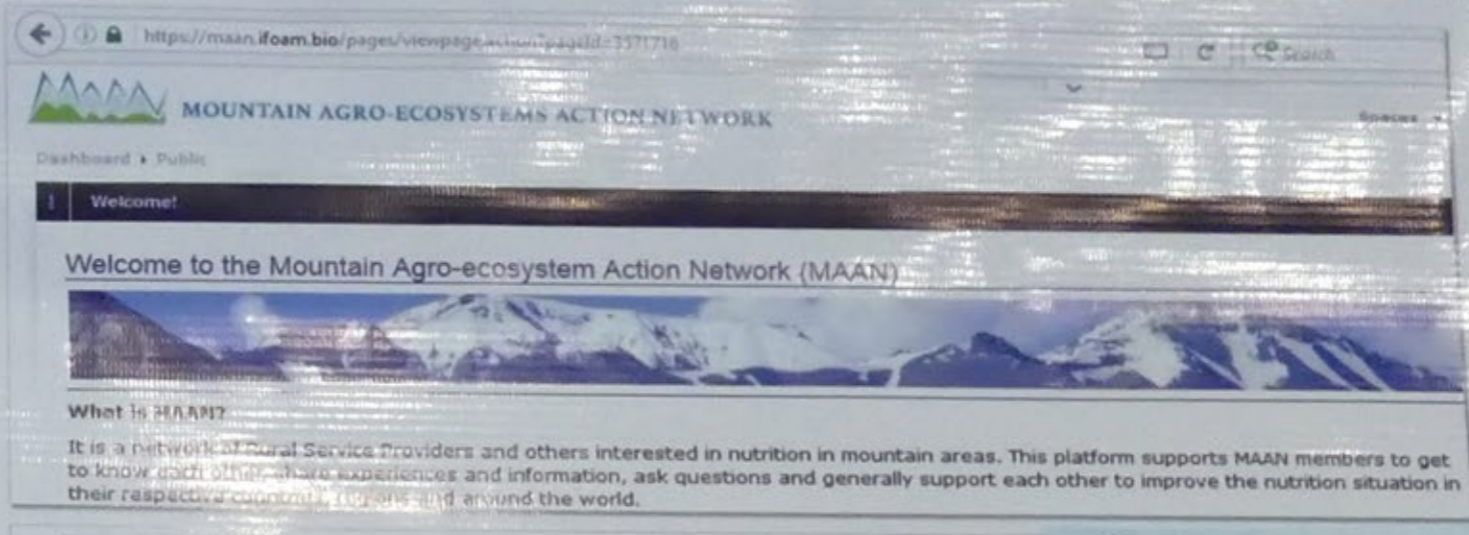
Promoting nutrition sensitive agriculture through empowerment and networking of service providers in rural areas

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INTRODUCTION

Extension workers are main agents to promote nutrition sensitive agricultural knowledge and practices to rural communities. Their advisory services strongly influence farm households' practice and decision in different aspects (GFRAS, 2013). Connecting them by a certain mechanism will enhance mutual learning and sharing. It ultimately broadens the impact and scaling up of nutrition sensitive agriculture interventions.

This mechanism has been initiated in Nepal. It brings rural service providers (RSPs) working in nutrition sensitive agriculture into a common platform through an action-driven social and internet-based platform, i.e., Mountain Agro-ecosystems Action Network (MAAN). It capacitates them with face-to-face interactions and field-based interventions to facilitate replication and upscaling of sustainable agriculture practices in mountain ecosystems to promote improved nutrition and resilience. The online platform also embeds the knowledge bank.



Link for internet-based platform
<https://maan.ifoam.bio>



Session is very useful to promote collaboration & cooperation among like-minded institution

An opportunity to promote learning platform & attract audience/participants in platform.

Develop user friendly internet platform of service providers (suggestion from participants)

HOW DOES IT WORK

1. Developing a platform for Rural Service Providers (RSPs), i.e., Mountain Agro-ecosystems Action Network (MAAN).
2. Capacity development of RSPs: Online/face-to-face facilitating, training, motivating, inspiring and coaching of RSPs.
3. National knowledge sharing to sensitize decision makers.
4. Global advocacy and knowledge sharing.



Mugu: PUNY AADIKAS - MAAN - other topics, health education, FM, DOTS, JUM

Global Level

National Level

Local Level

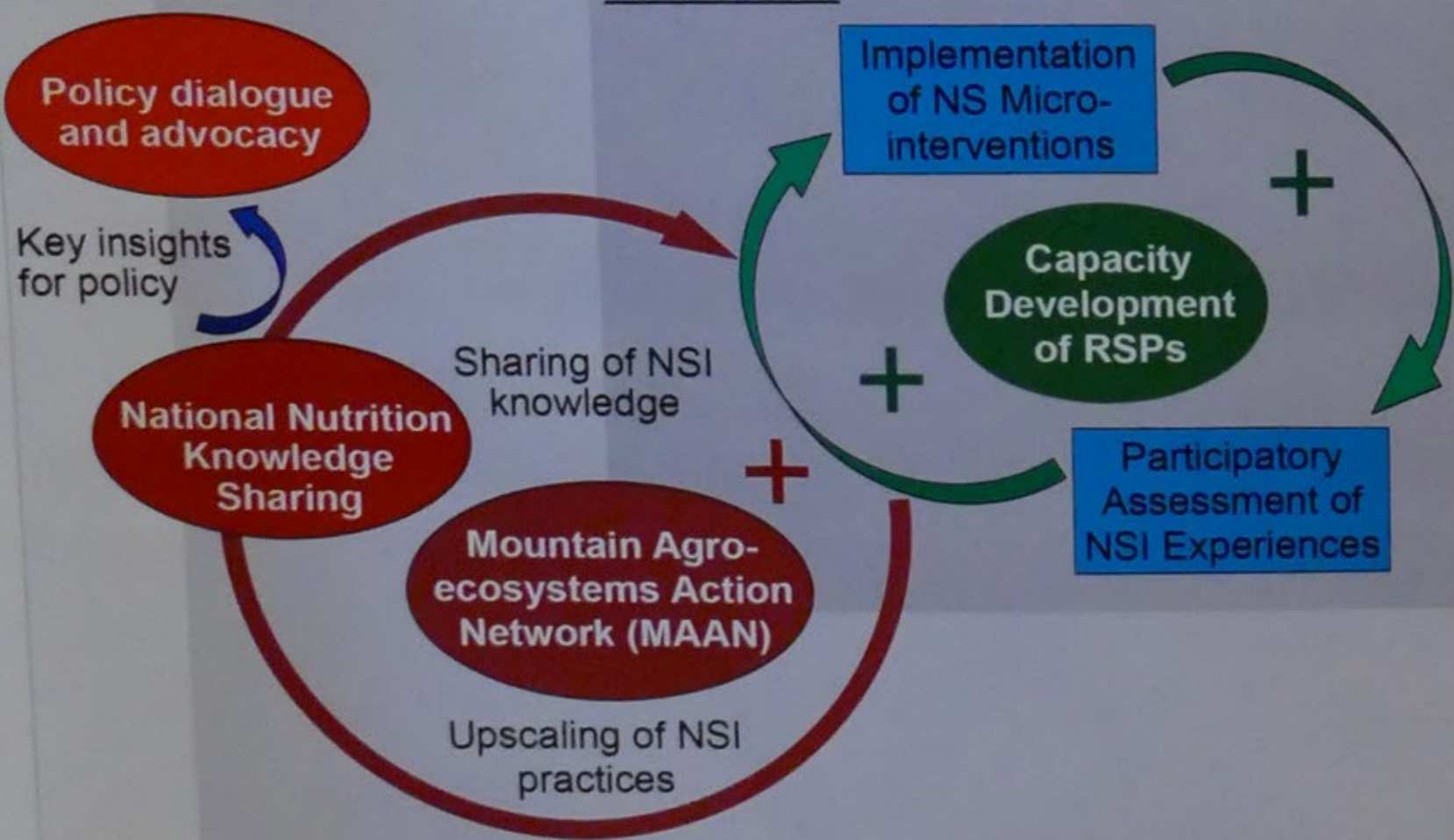


Figure 1. Working approach, intervention areas and their linkages to impact the local, national, and global level

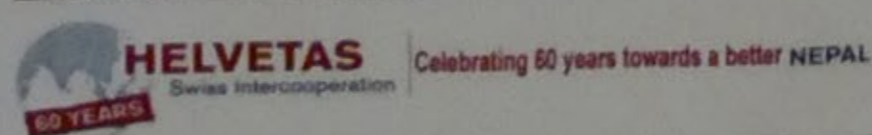
KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- 31 micro-projects are developed on 8 different themes by RSPs after going through an intensive face-to-face and virtual coaching via MAAN.
- 129 RSPs joined MAAN internet platform and have been sharing, discussing on related knowledge, information.
- Nutrition message is being disseminated at local, regional and national by RSPs, e.g.,

- display of local agri-products and promote its nutritional message via regional fair (Mugu),
- airing of talk programme (Chiya Chautari) about nutrition and agriculture in local FM (Kalikot),
- Student's Nutrition Group formed in 2 schools in Mugu - being oriented about nutrition and agriculture, and different school-level awareness events being carried out.

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