

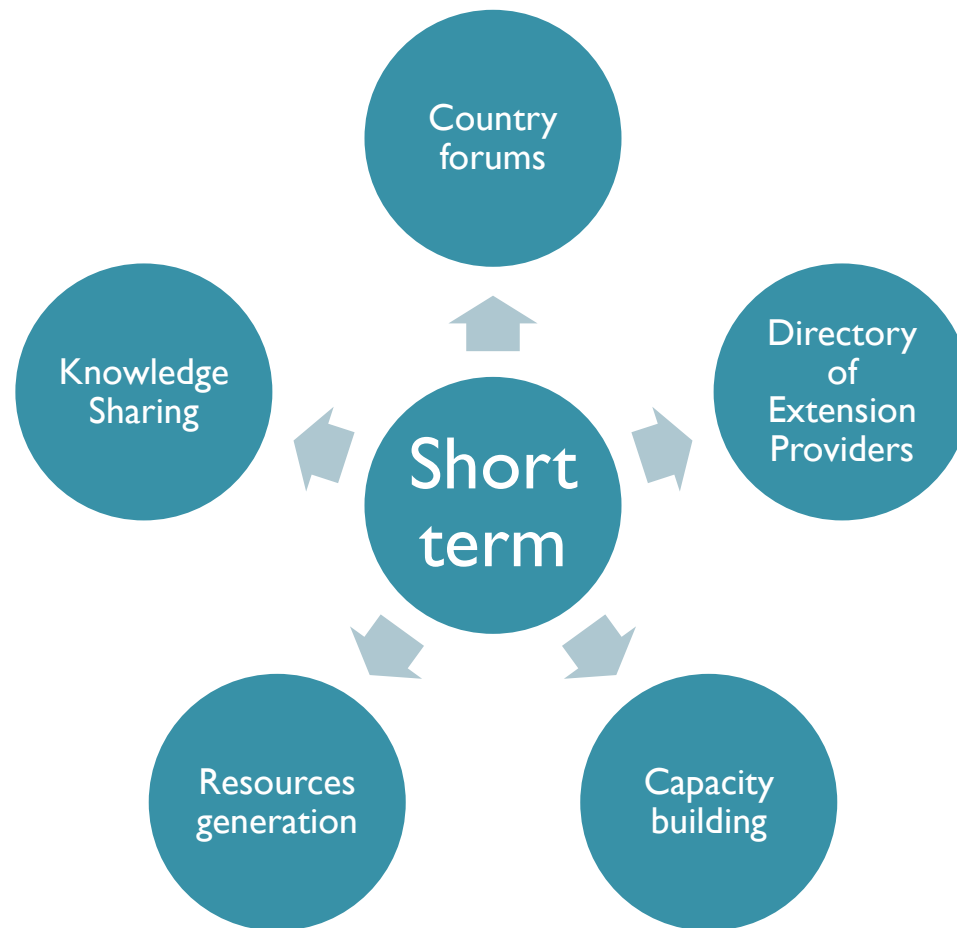


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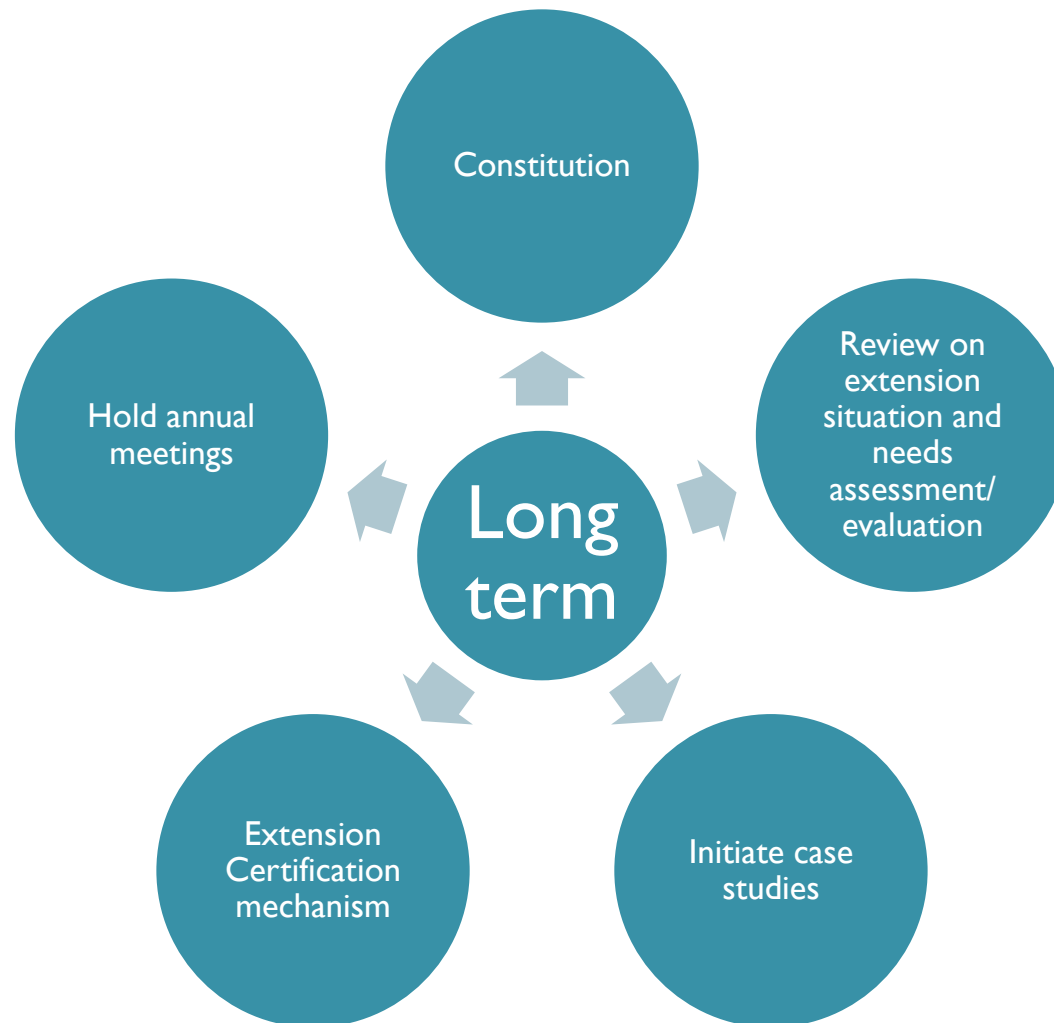
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Country/ Organizational level progress

- The decisions taken at the January 2014 Kathmandu AESA Meeting were acceptable at organizational level. However its was not discussed widely at policy level.
- A proper needs assessment with stakeholders/ farmers needs to be organized in a formal manner at organizational level but lacks funding.
(Discussed)
- Previous focal point left office :

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Views to strengthen AESA and move forward

- Improve communication
 - Focus on involvement grass root level staff to some extent so they have better involvement. (country forum) Better experience
- Funding
 - Opportunity in Advertising for input providers; better understanding of farmers needs and practical technologies that are available.

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- Capacity Building
 - Exchanging extension officers with in countries/ similar regions etc.
 - Role of private extension and their involvement

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Future Activities

1. Review on extension situation and needs assessment/ evaluation
 - Region based survey on AE and thus select most important areas that could benefit from AESA
2. Setup Constitution/ Guidelines ; Level of priority for AESA at policy level?



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Thank You