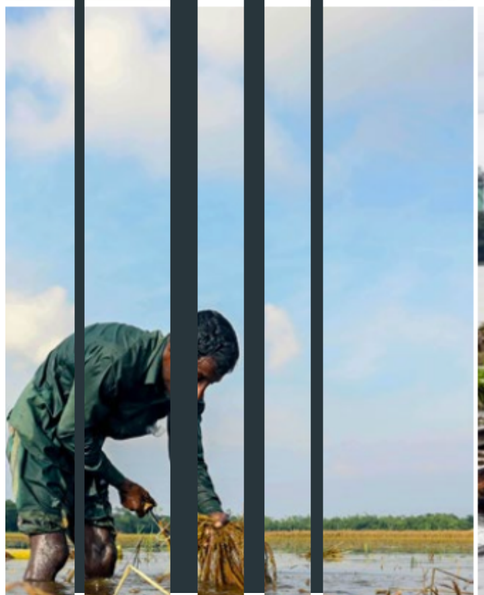
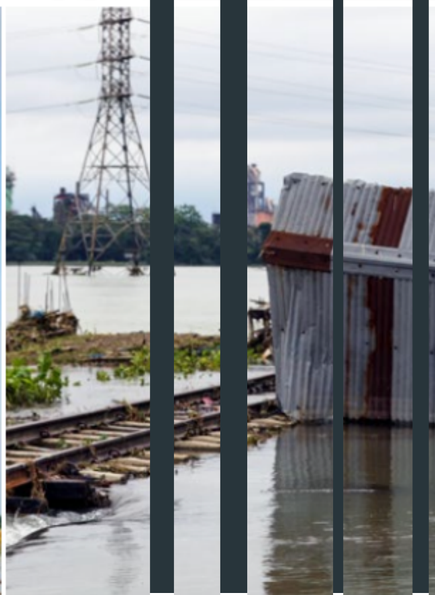
In the context of climate change,

How might we design and implement **rural poverty reduction differently?**

An exploration of policies and programs





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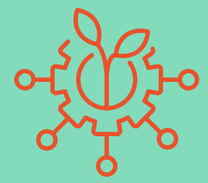
Exploratory analysis

- 4 countries
  - Bangladesh
  - Cambodia
  - Indonesia
  - Nepal

- 35 projects explored

SOURCES

- National dev't plans
- Gov't programs with scaling roadmap
- Database of IFI-financed projects



PROGRAMS

- Agriculture, forestry, and fisheries
- Rural development
- Livelihoods
- Service delivery

INQUIRY

- Focus on local actors
- Gender responsiveness
- Program coordination
- Climate adaptation
- Strategy, Partnership

Key Findings

People

- Agents of change
- Rethinking partnerships

Process

- Participatory local planning processes to integrate CCA with data
- Program coordination

Pathway

- Shifting emphasis towards resilience
- Increasingly using innovative tools and new areas for engagement

Adopting new leverage points

Enable meaningful participation

Prioritize rural sector, ensure gender and sectoral participation from design to evaluation

Accelerate with new approaches

Digitization, analytics, data science, machine learning

Engage with Evidence

Expand and exchange knowledge libraries in national and subnational level

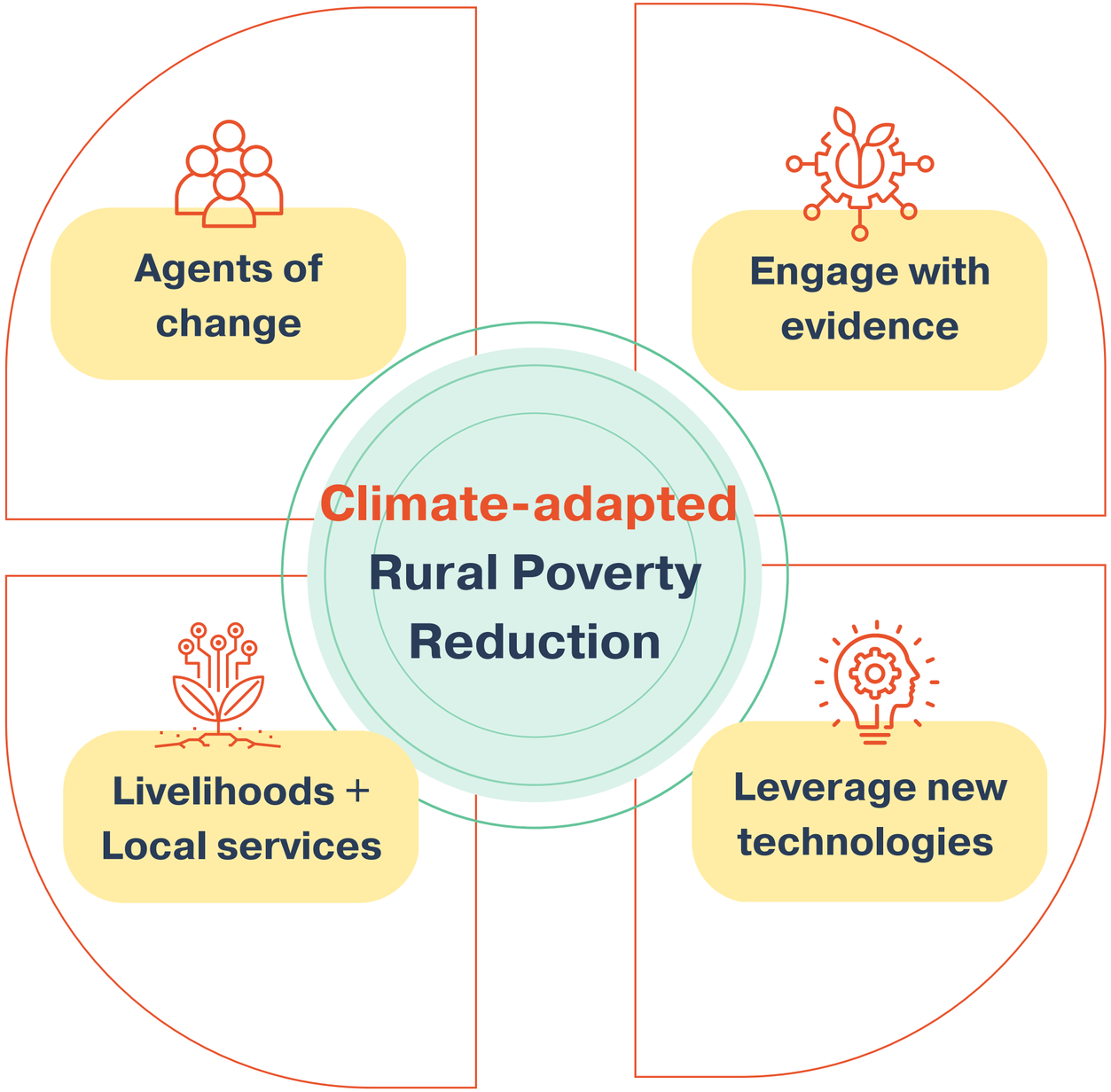
Empowered agents of change

Inclusive governance

- Participatory governance
- Diversity oriented
- Gender responsive
- Multi-sectoral and grassroots
- Invest in human capital

Enabling programs

- Community-driven development
- Microfinance and CCA
- Climate-smart agri
- Greenjobs
- Decentralized funding
- Local gov't capacity development



Shared knowledge + advancing capabilities

- Climate vulnerability and risk assessments
- Satellite imagery
- Indigenous knowledge
- Integrated information systems for data management
- Data governance frameworks
- Machine Learning
- and data science

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Empowered agents of change