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Vision and Mandate

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What is our mandate?

"To move beyond doing good research to making a difference to the lives of small farmers and the rural poor"

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What is our approach?

We redraw the boundaries of our research to go beyond rural producers to include urban consumers, to go beyond the farm gate to include far off markets, to scale up beyond a handful of 'experimenting farmer groups' to experiment in larger agro-ecological and political units.

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