Why do we need a Theory of Change?

Semi-arid regions in Africa and Asia have been characterised by harsh climatic events such as droughts, low rainfall, floods and wind storms. These extreme events coupled with other socioeconomic factors such as poverty, population growth, ineffective governance systems and gender inequality continues to challenge the livelihoods of people in these regions.

If nothing transformative and proactive is done, these complex factors will exacerbate the impacts of climate change, present limited opportunities for effective adaptation and overwhelm the survival of vulnerable groups in the region.

How does our Theory of Change work?

Regional Diagnostic study (RDS)
- Extensive literature review
- Stakeholder engagement

Regional Research Programmes (RRP)
- Research into barriers of adaptation
- Research into enablers of adaptation

Research into Use (RIU)
- Multi-scaled stakeholder engagements
- Effective communication tools
- Advocacy campaigns
- Capacity building

ASSAR’s THEORY OF CHANGE

Expected outputs
- A significant change in the attitudes and behaviours of key stakeholders.
- Easy and better ways to access resources by vulnerable groups.
- Enhance the power and agency of vulnerable groups across scales.
- Remove or lessen barriers to climate change adaptation in semi-arid regions.
- Exploit diverse opportunities to enhance climate change adaptation in semi-arid regions

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