Knowledge is power. Information is liberating. Education is the premise of progress, in every society, in every family.
Meeting information needs

Building Capacity and improving information access

Vocational Training and e-Pak Ag
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1. The problem
2. The solution
3. What we have done
1. The problem?
Do you agree? Farmers have good access to the information they need?
1. The problem - information gap

Supply

Demand
(What farmers need)
1. The problem - why the gap?

1. Information doesn't exist?

and/or

2. Information not reaching farmers.
2. The solution

1) If information doesn't exist?
Then....

- **A. Research**  
  C/- IRRI, CIMMYT, ILRI, AVRDC, UC Davis with PARC and others

- **B. Strengthen capacity to generate**
  1. Training by centers
  2. HRD - Build the next generation C/- UC Davis
  3. Vocational training the associated skills for research C/- UC Davis
2. The solution

2. If information not reaching farmers, Then.....

1) Improve skills to better share information (Vocational training) C/- UC Davis

2) Improve information access using new tools (e-Pak Ag) C/- UC Davis
3. What have we done?
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Vocational training

1. Established workgroup and priorities (demand-driven)

2. Implemented workshops
   - Proposal writing skills
   - Presentation skills
   - ICT in Ag
   - Planning
   - Meeting management (Part 1 and Part 2)

COMMISSIONED PROJECTS
AIP-Vocational Training
3. What we have done?

Vocational training

3. Planned workshops

- Scientific writing (tomorrow)
- Statistics (App + classes)
- Seed health,
- Extension and the use of ICT
- Other topics as they emerge
3. What we have done?

Vocational training

Statistics App "R"
10 ridiculously simple reasons why Training is so valuable
3. What we have done?

e-Pak Ag

Using new tools to improve information access
3. What we have done?

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- Understand needs, current ICT uses
- Share best practices and project materials
3. What we have done?

e-Pak

• Ag #1 lesson – lots of information exists, but needs to be **compelling**
Looking ahead
The solution - bridging the information gap

Supply

Vocational training
ICT

Demand
(What farmers need)
Empowered Researchers, Delivery agents and Farmers

Together building the foundation