

# Opportunities for Sustainable Land Management (SLM) Implementation at Grassroot level

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# Introduction

- Implementation of SLM practices up to 1980's used to be a household set of activities especially in highland areas.
- SLM was part of the extension package for the farmers
- From the 90's, enterprise based extension took a Centre stage, deficient of SLM menu.
- This contributed to soil erosion, decreased soil fertility, and yields, exacerbated by climate change.
- Under the new extension policy (2016), among other government guidelines , SLM has been repositioned to be promoted.

# Opportunities for Scaling SLM at grassroots level

- Government deployment of committed extension workers countrywide at both district and sub county levels
- Close linkage with private extension workers who seek collaboration with public extension officers at all levels
- Agric. Extension grant to districts enable the extension workers reach out to farmers
- Recruitment and retention of Agricultural Engineers at district level to advise on farm infrastructure

# Cont'd

- Presence of Farmers' organizations at different levels seeking knowledge in groups
- Community based facilitators/Lead/Host/ Nucleus farmers in place at least at parish level
- Widespread social/Media coverage for information sharing and dissemination between extensionists and/ among farmers
- Revamped Research-Extension-Farmer Linkage
- Available SLM technologies that have been documented both in hard copy and online

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