

Spouse Introduction Sheet for On-farm trials

Dear [Spouse's Name] _____],

We are happy to inform you that your spouse, [Participant's Name] _____], has been selected¹ to take part in an on-farm research project that works directly with farmers to test and evaluate agricultural technologies.

The project works closely with farmers to co-develop and test new technologies in their own fields and across different environments. By trying these options under local management practices, farmers help identify what works best for their conditions, and their selections help guide future breeding and development decisions. The results contribute to practical solutions that support productivity, resilience, and household food security. The project also seeks to better understand farmers' experiences, preferences, and socio-economic contexts, with particular attention to supporting women's and low-income farmers' participation.

Selected farmers manage small on-farm trials² and participate in brief interviews during the production and harvesting cycles. These interviews involve short questions (usually less than 30 minutes) about farm management practices, preferences, and related information. If farm management and decision-making are shared within the on-farm trial, you may also be invited to contribute your perspectives. If the trial is managed by your spouse alone, only their responses will be recorded. All information shared during the project is treated confidentially.

We recognize that spousal awareness and support play an important role in successful participation. Your understanding and encouragement can help ensure smooth implementation of the activities and support your partner's engagement in the project. Ultimately, the knowledge gained through this work is intended to benefit participating households and communities.

Key Features of the project:

- Farmers are actively involved in testing and comparing technologies on their own farms
- Farmers play a central role in generating knowledge by observing, recording, and sharing results
- Trials are fully managed by farmers under real farming conditions
- Farmers participate in selecting and evaluating options that matter to them
- The project promotes inclusivity and fair participation within households and communities

How You Can Support:

- Encourage your spouse's participation in trial activities and data collection
- Participate in surveys or discussions if farm management decisions are shared
- Share ideas, experience, and learn together

By working together and supporting one another, households can strengthen livelihoods, improve resilience, enhance food security, and build a better future.

If you would like more information, please contact the local project facilitator.

Thank you for your support.

¹ Briefly explain to the spouse how the selection was done

² Technologies tested may be in early or late stages of development and not yet available commercially