

District .....**MATIARI**  
 Province..... Sindh  
 Population ..... 0.849 Million  
 Climate..... Subtropical Desert Climate  
 Altitude ..... 25 m above sea level  
 Average annual rainfall .... 232 mm  
 Temperature range..... 23.5° C to 35° C

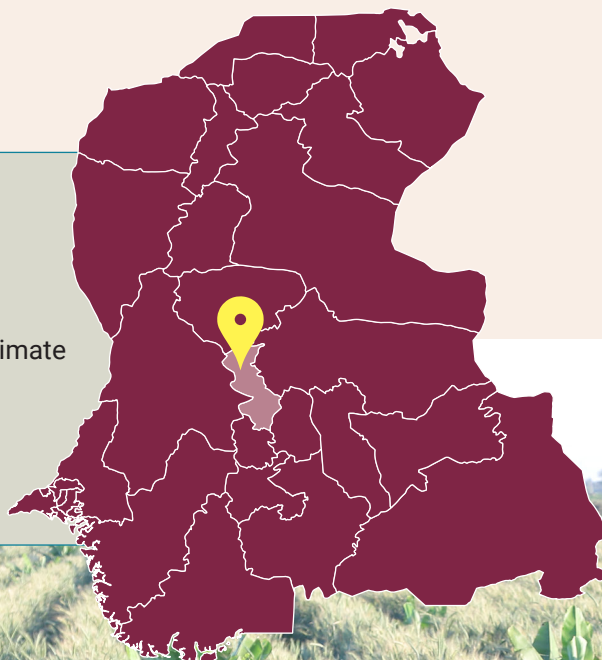


Figure: Intercropping of wheat with Banana

## Farmer's Experience

**(Village: Haji Fazal Khan Khoso, Tehsil: Matari)**

Farmers do not leave land fallow. When planning to cultivate sugarcane, they prepare the land 2-3 months in advance. Onions are grown on ridges immediately after land preparation in early July. Sugarcane cuttings are planted in furrows 1.5 to 2 months after onion sowing, sharing the same water and nutrients. After harvesting onions, they plant wheat or mustard on the flattened ridges, which grow with sugarcane using the same resources.

Some farmers transplant banana plants in furrows and manually sow wheat on beds, achieving high wheat yields using the same water and inputs applied to bananas.