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It is evident from the paper that the IRD approach of the 1970s was well-intended, given the alarming situation of the absolute poor in the developing world as described by the World Bank president in 1973. In 1983, a seminal book by Robert Chambers entitled Rural Development: Putting the Last First made the case that billions of dollars had been wasted in rural development programs without meeting community needs or reducing poverty. Central government officials continued to make decisions on project design and implementation.

## Integrated Rural Development: Making It Work.

Today, the international experience with such programs is better synthesized and policy makers in countries and donor agencies have learned from years of experience of the power of community empowerment. These programs grew out of this original excitement of development practitioners, which hoped to transform undeveloped rural settings into cohesive communities, with profitable productive opportunities, and where members could enjoy basic public and social services.

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Hänsel, The Rural Development Strategy of Ujamaa Villages in Tanzania, in: Zeitschrift für ausländische Landwirtschaft, Vol. National governments have gained understanding of what it means to listen to their local communities in order to help them .

#### Integrated rural development

Necessary community mobilization requires extensive work for which the international donor community does not have the appetite, expertise, nor patience in pursuing given their institutional priorities, and legal and financial frameworks.

# The concept of integrated rural development

By the early 1990s, the formal IRD approach was discredited and abandoned by the World Bank and most donors. It is a very sensitive topic to try to change political dynamics of a recipient country to shift power from the center to the citizens at the grassroots level. Practitioners had learned that target communities—not their national, nor regional governments, nor even their village headmen—must have true ownership over this process or it does not work.

# The concept of integrated rural development

In the 1960s there were high expectations of the promise of technology with a focus on technology transfer targeting large scale, input intensive agriculture based on packages of higher yielding hybrid seeds, fertilizers, pesticides, mechanization and post-harvest technologies, which came to be known as the Green Revolution in Asia. The paper then looks at the difficulties that the approach encountered and what lessons came out of the extensive evaluation of projects using the IRD approach. The paper further discusses the different approaches that have evolved since around 1990 to support African agriculture and rural development including how the lessons learned from the implementation of the IRDs have been incorporated in the design and implementation of these new rural development programs.

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Even in projects with the objective of high levels of participation, local knowledge was often a construct of the planning context. Some projects failed due to serious Institutional weaknesses, and progress was slowest where most needed—in Sub-Saharan Africa.

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