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### **Comprehensive District Agriculture Plan**

MANAGE was given the responsibility of preparing Comprehensive District Agriculture Plans (C-DAP) for the twenty two districts of Andhra Pradesh based on guidelines from the Planning Commission, Government of India.

The objective of district planning is to design an integrated and participatory action plan for the development of agriculture and allied sectors.

The objectives of C-DAP are to:

- Prepare C-DAP through participatory process involving various organisations and stakeholders.
- Enable optimum utilisation of scarce natural, physical and financial resources
- Assess and plan for the infrastructure required, to support agriculture development
- Establish linkages with required institutional support services, like credit, technology transfer, ICT, research etc
- Evolve an action plan, for achieving sustainable agricultural growth and improving farmers' income.

The content includes the location, features, SWOT analysis of the district, areas which need to be addressed, on going programmes, public-private partnerships envisaged, and expected outcomes as a result of implementation of the Plan.

As per the guidelines the CDAP for each district was developed through the bottom up approach. The SWOT analysis of each district was carried out and the aspirations of the people of the district were reflected in the vision and the strategies. Primary and secondary data was collected and consultations were made with the concerned stakeholders. Careful analysis was carried out on the yield gaps and the factors responsible for the yield gap were identified through discussions with the farmers and the scientists from the State Agricultural University.

Diagnostic surveys in different farming situations conducted by the Block Technology Teams of the Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) were integrated into the CDAPs. The members of the gram panchayat and community were involved with the processes of assessing situations and preparation of plans and budget. Using this base data and yield gap analysis, integrated comprehensive plans were developed incorporating the strategies and sectoral interventions of agriculture, horticulture, sericulture, animal husbandry, fisheries.

Efforts were made to converge the initiatives taken by the central and state government through various developmental programmes/schemes into the district plan. Various growth drivers and the innovative schemes suitable for each district were elaborately discussed. Cost benefit analysis and detailed project reports were also prepared for major proposed interventions in all the sectors. The sector wise investment required for the district along with the expected growth rates were presented in support of the plan.

The CDAPs of twenty two districts have been prepared and submitted to the Commissioner of Agriculture, Government of Andhra Pradesh.