



Regional IYRP Support Group (RISG) South Asia

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Minutes of Meeting of RISG_SA Core Group held on 25th August, 2022 [MoM-7]

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The meeting started with a round of introductions by the participants after which Tatsama briefly shared the agenda of the meeting. Dr. Sadana welcomed two new members who have joined and strengthened our Communications team. He then updated the group about the journey of IYRP from its inception, through the pandemic, through to approval of IYRP-2026 by UNGA on the 15<sup>th</sup> March and the GCG Meetings and developments up to August 2022. Mr. Vivekanandan updated the group about the latest status project submitted for funding, some new projects and award initiatives. Mr. Kishore Ahamed shared about his work with sheep pastoralists and NABARD on marketing milk products, advocating for FRA and livestock health for small ruminants in Tamil Nadu and also highlighted his interests in contributing to the communications team through GIS-based mapping and/or by addressing tech or web requirements. Mr. Kabilan shared about his organisation, Tholuvam, and its work with cattle herders and pastoral producer groups in Tamil Nadu. Tatsama expressed the need for a revised campaign strategy for IYRP in our region and volunteered to undertake some actions. Dr. Ludin reiterated his complete support for the group activities and his resolve to contact existing and invite new members in our 8 SA countries. As Dr Aneet Kour could not join, the status of uploading 'Policy Issues' on the SA Page was not discussed. 'Activities on grasslands/rangelands' also was not presented as Sajal Kulkarni did not attend this Meet. They are requested to provide brief details.

The broad pointers of the meeting are:

1. Pastoral and Rangeland Map is being reworked on - Kishore to collaborate with mapping activities on the group.
2. Campaign strategy for IYRP in South Asia will be formulated. For this design, animator, content writing volunteers are to be added for communications and outreach. Tatsama narrated some draft plans.
3. Under GCG, a Sub-Group on Afforestation has been formed; dialogues on afforestation are to be followed up on.
4. Some projects have already been submitted and the status of fundraising will be clear in due course. Mr. Vivekanandan will undertake the due diligence once approved. We invite new ideas / projects on R & P from our esteemed members from all the SA countries.
5. All members are requested to reactivate Membership Drive for IYRP in our countries.
6. There is a need for initiating and coordinating engagement with the Ministry of Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and Dairying for implementing IYRP activities with exclusive consultation with RISG-SA members.

### Participants

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| Kishore Sheik Ahamed | P Vivekanandan              |
| Kabilan SP           | D. K. Sadana                |
| Tatsama Motilal      | Homayoun Ludin, Afghanistan |