



ROOTS & TUBERS & BANANAS

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Welcome – An exciting journey begins!



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PROBLEM

- Poverty
- Malnutrition
- Hunger
- Environmental degradation

TEAM



**SCIENCE ALONE WILL NOT SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS!
WE WIN TOGETHER OR LOSE TOGETHER IN THIS ADVENTURE!!**

Collaboration is the key!

NARES

CGIAR

DEV
SECTOR

DONOR

PVT
SECTOR

GOVT

CIVIL
SOCIETY



DEPENDENCE → **INDEPENDENCE** → **INTERDEPENDENCE**

It is closer to us than we think!



My personal experience.



Who am I? What brings me here?

- I am small village guy
- My life goal is to touch 25 million lives
- Helping people achieve their potential is my passion
- Entrepreneurship development is my expertise
- The world community only has about 15 years to address the demographic issues
- I see this project identifying and enabling 1000 'fireflies'

Secret to project success

If each of us do only these four things.

1. Do more of some things
2. Do less of some things
3. Stop some things
4. Start some things

Each component needs to identify and do these four things relevant to them!

Simple!!

I look forward to working with you on this.

What support do I seek from you?



- As the Project Coordinator, I am your **servant leader**. I am at your service to help you succeed in your mission.
- It is not important **who** is right. But it is important **what** is right.
- Let us be even open to new ideas, mutually supportive and remember, we are team fighting an enemy outside.
- Take risks, innovate, delegate, learn, think big and share.
- Timely execution, timely reports, open communication
- Remember the dependencies – internal and external
- Snake vision and Eagle vision
- Let us have fun, let us leave something transformative, come 2020, that we all can be proud of!

Final word

One deciding factor!

WHAT IS IN IT FOR ME?

Thank you!

