## **Comment Form [FR5]**

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Title of the Project	Desertification and Livelihood in Semi-Arid Afro-Eurasia		
Research Term	FR5	Project Leader	TANAKA Ueru

## General advice and comments of the EREC:

The Committee found this an excellent project that is highly compatible with the founding mission and approach of RIHN. The project clearly identified desertification as a global environmental problem and developed a practical approach to contribute to solving it at the local level. It engaged in applied, highly participatory technology development with local people, taking local knowledge and experience into account and creatively facilitated the exchange of dryland agricultural techniques between India and Africa. This has been a strong action-oriented project with considerable societal impact. The Committee emphasized the importance of bringing the experimental results to scale and ensuring their continued application. In terms of follow-up, it will be important to draw lessons, synthesize the experiences and share them in the academic community as well.