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What will PRISM deliver?		
	Capacity Building	Technologies
Activities	Training on data collection protocols, management & analysis Capacity to maintain PRISM web services	Remote sensing, crop models and statistical analysis Web based reporting & information sharing
Output	An information system providing the DA with the necessary information to support decision making for food security	
Outcome	A strengthened DA	
Impact	Improved food security and rural livelihoods	

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