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This book, which contains 15 separately authored chapters, discusses both the principles and applications of an integrated approach to natural resource management. Such an approach must embrace the complexity of

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systems and redirect research towards the greater inclusion of issues such as participatory approaches, multi-scale analysis and an array of tools for system analysis, information management and impact assessment. Case

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studies, particularly from developing countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America, are included. This book is of interest to a wide range of readers in many disciplines, including forestry, soil and management sciences,

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agriculture, and development studies.

Doctoral Thesis / Dissertation from the year 1999 in the subject Sociology - Habitation, Urban Sociology, grade: PASS, University of Manchester, language: English,

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abstract: This study is concerned with the relationship between rural livelihoods, local environmental knowledge, state promotion of agricultural development and the environment in Alagonia and Logga, two rural communities in

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southern Greece, Messinia. It uses the concept of sustainability within pluralist theoretical framework in order to investigate the claims that the process of state and EC policies operate on the assumption that local agricultural systems in

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rural societies are homogenous. This thesis questions such generalisation by arguing that the realities of rural people are local, complex, diverse and dynamic. The study argues that social, environmental, political and cultural

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factors significantly affect the implementation of top-down policies on rural livelihoods.

An empirical account of one of India's largest indigenous populations, this book tells the story of the Gonds—who currently face

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displacement and governmental control of the region's forests, which has crippled their economy. Rather than protesting and calling for state intervention, the Gonds have turned toward an informal economy: they not only engage

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with flexible forms of work, but also bargain for higher wages and experience agency and autonomy. Smita Yadav conceives of this withdrawal from the state in favour of precarious forms of work as an expression of anarchy by this

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marginalized population. Even as she provides rich detail of the Gonds' unusual working lives, which integrate work, labour, and debt practices with ideologies of family and society, Yadav illustrates the strength required to maintain

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dignity when a welfare state has failed.

The Routledge Handbook of Research Methods for Social-Ecological Systems provides a synthetic guide to the range of methods that can be employed in

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social-ecological systems (SES) research. The book is primarily targeted at graduate students, lecturers and researchers working on SES, and has been written in a style that is accessible to readers entering the field from a variety of

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different disciplinary backgrounds. Each chapter discusses the types of SES questions to which the particular methods are suited and the potential resources and skills required for their implementation, and provides practical examples of

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the application of the methods. In addition, the book contains a conceptual and practical introduction to SES research, a discussion of key gaps and frontiers in SES research methods, and a glossary of key terms in SES

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research. Contributions from 97 different authors, situated at SES research hubs in 16 countries around the world, including South Africa, Sweden, Germany and Australia, bring a wealth of expertise and experience to this

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book. The first book to provide a guide and introduction specifically focused on methods for studying SES, this book will be of great interest to students and scholars of sustainability science, environmental management, global

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environmental change studies and environmental governance. The book will also be of interest to upper-level undergraduates and professionals working at the science–policy interface in the environmental arena.

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The case of tissue-cultured banana
in Kenya

Agroforestry for Degraded
Landscapes

Participatory Research and
Development for Sustainable
Agriculture and Natural Resource

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Management: Understanding
participatory research and
development

Managing Resources and Change
A Source Book

The Case of Alagonia and Logga
Alternative Approaches to

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Agricultural and Rural Development
Research with Cases from Ethiopia
Using tissue-cultured
technology is a potentially
important way for
smallholder banana farmers
to improve their yields and

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income. In the situation of the impoverishing effects of high HIV/AIDS-prevalence in a rural banana-farming community, this applies even more. The research documented in this book

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examines the balance
between required inputs and
potential benefits of applying
the tissue-cultured
technology among HIV/AIDS-
affected and non-affected
households in Maragua

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district, Central Kenya, using a livelihood approach. The results show that adoption of the technology and its continued use differs according to the resources endowment of the farming

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households. Lack of financial and physical capital, notably a water tank, inhibits adoption, irrespective of HIV/AIDS-status. However, households headed by elderly females dominate

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among the poor households and the HIV/AIDS-affected households. This illustrates how HIV/AIDS interfaces with poverty and, thereby, indirectly with the feasibility of sustainable technology

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adoption. The research also shows that livelihood decisions and strategies of farming households are influenced by land tenure status (having title deeds or not) and labour constraints

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at the household level. The latter arise as a consequence of HIV/AIDS-related morbidity and mortality.

Taking a multidisciplinary approach, this book evaluates the relations

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between globalization and Africa's multifarious challenges and identities. The nineteen chapters coalesce to demonstrate that the forces and processes of globalization have increased

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Africa's marginalization, deepened its crises, escalated and intensified its conflicts, and undermined its ability to determine the content and direction of its cultural changes and

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economic future.

Both livelihoods and diversity have become popular topics in development studies. The livelihood concept offers a more complete picture of the

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complexities of making a living in rural areas of low income countries than terms formerly considered adequate, such as subsistence, incomes, or employment. Diversity

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recognizes that people manage by doing many different things rather than just one or a few things. This book sets out the rural livelihoods approach within the larger context of past

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and current themes in rural development. It adopts diversity as its principal theme and explores the implications of diverse rural livelihoods for ideas about poverty, agriculture,

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environment, gender, and macroeconomic policy. It also considers appropriate methods for gaining quick and effective knowledge about the livelihoods of the rural poor for project and

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policy purposes.

Published in 1998. This book provides a global overview of agrochemical use against the backdrop of future agricultural production requirements and

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environmental concerns.
From acknowledged experts
in their field this book
examines the relationship
between agro-chemical use
and sustainability, producer
knowledge and policy

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analysis for less developed
and industrialized
economies.

Infectious Diseases and
Rural Livelihood in
Developing Countries
Agroforestry for Climate

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Resilience and Rural
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Farming Systems and
Livelihoods Analyses
Practical Concepts for the
21st Century
Concepts and Cases

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Themes and Concepts in
Current Research
The Case of Nepal

This book discusses
migration and space-
spanning social network
relationships as normal

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realities of life in African societies. It offers an overview of the research landscape and introduces an agency-centered theoretical model that provides a

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conceptual framework for
translocality. The
authors Malte Steinbrink
and Hannah Niedenföhr
plead for a translocal
approach to social
transformation, showing

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how the translocality of livelihoods is shaping the lives of half a billion people on the continent and impacting local conditions. Using an action-oriented

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approach, the book analyzes the effects of translocal livelihoods on diverse aspects of economic, environmental and social change in rural Sub-Saharan

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Africa. The study thus makes an innovative contribution not only to migration research and development studies but also to the discussion around the policy and

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practice of development cooperation and planning. It is time to rethink development in light of translocal realities. The book appeals to scholars and

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researchers in geography, sociology, policy-making and planning, development studies, migration research and rural development.

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Livelihood systems are more than sets of material and economic conditions. They cater to a number of human needs. The contributors to this volume maintain

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that a livelihood system embraces not just economic conditions for physical subsistence but provides material continuity and cultural meaning to the life of a

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family.

This is the report of
the consultation on
Aquaculture for
Sustainable Rural
Development jointly
organised by FAO and

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NACA in Chiang Rai,
Thailand on 29-31 March
1999 to develop the
detailed structure of a
regional programme on
aquaculture for
sustainable rural

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development and propose a strategy for its implementation. The consultation took an overview of the relevant information emerging from presentations of

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country reports; lessons learned by specific projects; experiences of regional and international organizations and donor agencies; and findings

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of expert reviews. More sharply focused examination of critical issues, and discussions on specific components of the draft Programme concept were followed

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through parallel working group (WG) discussions. Research and development can no longer be the exclusive domain of scientists. To find sustainable solutions to

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development problems, a wider range of actors must be involved. It is crucial, for example, that local stakeholders provide input to the process. Participatory

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research and development (PR&D) offers such an inclusive model. This three-volume sourcebook provides easy access to field-tested PR&D concepts and practices

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for practitioners, researchers, and academic. As well, it presents a comprehensive overview of PR&D and will serve as a general reference for trainers,

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policymakers, donors, and development professionals. The sourcebook captures and examines PR&D experiences from over 30 countries, illustrating

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applications in sustainable crop and animal production, forest and watershed management, soil and water conservation, and postharvest and

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utilization.

The Routledge Handbook
of Research Methods for
Social-Ecological
Systems

Teaching and Learning
Rural Livelihoods

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Report of the FAO/NACA
Consultation on
Aquaculture for
Sustainable Rural
Development
Environmental
Information Systems:

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Concepts, Methodologies,
Tools, and Applications
Ropewalking and Safety
Nets

In Search of Sustainable
Livelihood Systems
Implications for social

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capital in a village in Tanzania

Ongoing advancements in modern technology have led to significant developments in intelligent systems. With the numerous applications available, it becomes

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imperative to conduct research and make further progress in this field. Intelligent Systems: Concepts, Methodologies, Tools, and Applications contains a compendium of the latest academic material on the latest

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breakthroughs and recent progress in intelligent systems. Including innovative studies on information retrieval, artificial intelligence, and software engineering, this multi-volume book is an ideal source for

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researchers, professionals, academics, upper-level students, and practitioners interested in emerging perspectives in the field of intelligent systems.

These papers address roles and issues related to social and

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institutional innovations and approaches in food security in Southern and Eastern Africa. They include implementation of food security policy, rural livelihood and agricultural innovation, land consolidation for food security,

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interdisciplinary school-based health for food security, harnessing indigenous and modern knowledge for food security, household food resource handling for food security, institutions for technological

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innovation, the role of land tax in food security, trade protectionism and food security, and gender-power relations in food security. This book is a collective effort by researchers affiliated with the CERES Research School in

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Development Studies in the Netherlands. These experts discuss themes and concepts crucial to the overlapping fields of globalization and development research. Individual chapters examine the notions and issues of globalization,

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livelihood, identity, governance, transnationalism, and knowledge. Environmental information and systems play a major role in environmental decision making. As such, it is vital to understand the impact that they have on

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different aspects of sustainable environmental management, as well as to understand the opportunism they might present for further improvement. Environmental Information Systems: Concepts,

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Methodologies, Tools, and Applications is an innovative reference source containing the latest research on the use of information systems to track and organize environmental data for use in an overall environmental

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management system. Highlighting a range of topics such as environmental analysis, remote sensing, and geographic information science, this multi-volume book is designed for engineers, data scientists,

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practitioners, academicians, and researchers interested in all aspects of environmental information systems.

Work, Anarchy, and Society in an Indian Village

Diversification and Sustainable

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Rural Livelihood

When AIDS meets poverty

Issues and Case Studies

An International Overview of Use

Patterns, Technical and

Institutional Determinants, Policies

and Perspectives

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Applying innovation system concept in agricultural research for development

Rural livelihood systems:

Conceptual framework.

Rural livelihood systems: Conceptual framework. International Potato

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Center Rural Livelihood Systems Research Conceptual and Methodological Issues The role of genetic resources in rural livelihood systems. International Potato Center Participatory Research and Development for Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resource

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Management: Understanding participatory research and development IDRC

This book presents various aspects of agroforestry research and development, as well as the latest trends in degraded landscape management. Over the last four

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decades, agroforestry research (particularly on degraded landscapes) has evolved into an essential problem-solving science, e.g. in terms of sustaining agricultural productivity, improving soil health and biodiversity, enhancing ecosystem services, supporting carbon sequestration and

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mitigating climate change. This book examines temperate and tropical agroforestry systems around the world, focusing on traditional and modern practices and technologies used to rehabilitate degraded lands. It covers the latest research advances, trends and challenges in the utilization

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and reclamation of degraded lands, e.g. urban and peri-urban agroforestry, reclamation of degraded landscapes, tree-based multi-enterprise agriculture, domestication of high-value halophytes, afforestation of coastal areas, preserving mangroves and much more. Given its scope, the book

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offers a valuable asset for a broad range of stakeholders including farmers, scientists, researchers, educators, students, development/extension agents, environmentalists, policy/decision makers, and government and non-government organizations.

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This book synthesizes the conceptual and applied aspects of rural livelihoods as a discipline, and collates the analytical frameworks and approaches that have been designed, applied, and discussed over the last five decades. These include the sustainable livelihoods approach with its

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vulnerability-asset construct, collective governance of common pool resources, livelihood trajectories and poverty dynamics, rights-based approach and social justice, graduation approach for the ultra-poor, and the resilience framework to address complex risks. The book is

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divided into three parts, namely: introduction to rural livelihoods; synthesis of the present state of knowledge; and strengthening the knowledge action pathway. At the end of each chapter, a set of class exercises is provided to bring about a deeper understanding of these

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approaches and their application in real-life situations. The expected outputs from penning this textbook are threefold. Firstly, it assimilates the rural livelihood works of eminent academicians under one cover. Secondly, it positions itself as a one-stop destination for educators by

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translating these concepts into a ready-to-teach applied format. Thirdly, it functions as a ready reckoner for young professionals by providing a step-by-step approach to apply these learnings in real-life situations. The purpose of this book is to provide a solid foundation to the teaching and

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learning of rural livelihoods in academia, bridge the gap between the science, policy, and practice of rural livelihoods, and finally shape a pool of better informed and equipped professionals in development. Special thanks to Himanshu Rohira for his contributions and assistance.

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The success of efforts made to improve rural welfares and enhance production and productivity of agriculture are strongly attached extent to which the problems of people and farm are understood by the development actors as well as other stakeholders. One and a recent

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alternative approach that helps to identify real problems of the rural communities is a framework for analysis of farming systems and sustainable livelihoods. Keeping this in view, the book is prepared to provide concepts and selected examples of their applications particularly for

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students affiliated towards Agricultural and Rural Development Research profession in development countries. In the first part, such major topics as an overview of agriculture in developing economy, system thinking in agricultural research, farming system research implementation and

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evaluation are detailed. The second part presents concepts of livelihoods, sustainable household livelihood framework, and livelihood strategies. While reading the material, you would come across various activities, notes, self-assessment questions, as well as checklists- all of which are meant to

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complement the efforts you exert to take the best out of the book.

Africa on the Move

The role of genetic resources in rural livelihood systems.

Evidence from rural areas and HIV/AIDS-affected women

The arena of everyday life

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*Adoption of agricultural innovations by
smallholder farmers in the context of
HIV/AIDS*

*Organic Farming for Sustainable
Livelihoods in Developing Countries?
Risk, Vulnerability and Tourism in
Developing Countries*

The land holding of the farmer is

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decreasing day by day due to urbanisation and there is no chance for horizontal increase in agricultural land. To increase the income of the farmers, few steps for vertical increase in agricultural production have

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been discussed in this book. A detailed and comprehensive information regarding the historical background of farming system, farming system and its components, integrated farming system and allied enterprises,

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integrated farming system models in different agroclimatic zones, role of integrated farming system in agriculture and livelihood security, resource cycling and flow of energy in different farming systems, role of

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crop residues in agriculture,
farming system of dryland
agriculture, role of agroforestry in
farming system, scope of organic
farming in farming system have
been given. A detailed
information regarding the latest

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concepts of agronomy like conservation agriculture strategies in cropping system, sustainable agriculture, scope of hydroponics techniques in agriculture have also been discussed. In the end tools for

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determining production and efficiencies in cropping and farming system have also been given.

This book deals with the effectiveness and the capability of microfinance institutions

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(MFIs) to enhance women's livelihoods and empowerment and to mitigate the effects of HIV and AIDS in Côte d'Ivoire. The results show that MFI credit causes positive and negative effects. MFI credit has improved

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incomes, the level of farm production and human and social capital. MFI credit has also enhanced women's decision-making power within households due to their new ability to contribute to the improvement of

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the household standard of living. Furthermore, women's empowerment regarding the demand for and the use of credit give them more opportunity to obtain MFI credit. Despite the positive effects of MFIs on

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women's income, this publication shows that loan repayment was not successful among some female borrowers due to the fact that the loan has not been used for investment purposes. For MFIs, the

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diversion of loans can endanger their functioning and sustainability and therefore their effectiveness in rural areas.

Regarding HIV, this book highlights the diversity and the specificity of the way HIV-

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affected individuals are financially supported by credit institutions. Both the direct and indirect effects of HIV and AIDS on women's livelihood and MFIs are analysed.

"IEE--Institute of Development

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Research and Development Policy, Ruhr-Universität Bochum"--Cover.

The application of e-government technologies has led to increased public participation and social inclusion, while

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allowing for greater government transparency. These technologies provide accessibility to online content and services while offering the public an active voice in governmental issues. E-

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Governance and Social Inclusion: Concepts and Cases presents current and emerging research about the implementation of technology in government and its broad social implications. This handbook aims

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to be a comprehensive reference publication for academicians, researchers, practitioners, students, and managers with an interest in e-government content and the ability for the public to access and utilize this

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technology.

Globalization and Identity in
Contemporary Africa
Recent Advances and Emerging
Challenges - Vol.1
Sustainable Livelihoods in Rural
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Chiang Rai, Thailand, 29-31
March 1999

Globalization and Development
Rural Livelihoods and Diversity
in Developing Countries
A Study in Semi-arid Villages of
Western India

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This book entitled "Agroforestry for Climate Resilience and Rural Livelihood" would help the readers to gain knowledge on importance of agroforestry for climate change and providing

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ecosystem services through many ways. This is a testimony and a ready reckoner to help to solve the challenges of climatic vagaries and resource degradation of natural resource bases. The

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compilation would certainly provide the steps that should be taken to meet the twin objective of climate resilience and livelihood security through adoption of agroforestry models. This

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book would definitely be helpful for policy makers, planners, academicians, students and scientists to suggest the technologies and strategies to the farmers for enhancing their productivity,

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economic stability, meeting nutritional security under the changing climatic scenario. The key features includes the idea of ecosystem services relevance in present day context, which otherwise was

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being neglected. The voluminous compilation will act as a boost for farmers to adopt agroforestry system in their pursuit for better environmental management and resilience against the

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climate change.

This book is the fifth in the AWLAE series. The AWLAE titles address the issue of gendered impacts of HIV/AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa. The present book is based on

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research in a village in Tanzania about the role of social capital in mitigating AIDS impacts, at the level of the household and within the local community. It contributes to the current

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knowledge base on social capital by questioning general assumptions on the role of social capital in rural livelihoods in a context of high HIV/AIDS prevalence. Using a combination of qualitative and

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quantitative methods, the research yielded empirical evidence about the limitations of social capital as a resource for the poor. Both the generation and sustenance of social capital at household

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level are severely challenged by declining access to other livelihood assets as a consequence of HIV/AIDS. In a situation where HIV/AIDS is still shrouded in secrecy and stigma at the community level,

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a decline of trust in social relations and community institutions as well as a proliferation of witchcraft accusations, could be observed. This insightful publication provides a timely

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contribution to the discourse on the significance of social capital for the poor, ensuring that social scientists will never look at social capital in quite the same way.

With reference to Mahudi,

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Mahunala, and Bodiya villages of Gujarat, India.

This book focuses on the effects of rural livelihood and the impact of infectious diseases on health and poverty. It explores cultures

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and traditions in developing countries and their role in infectious-disease management and prevention. It highlights the associated healthcare systems and how these have contributed to

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some of the challenges faced, and goes on to elaborate on the significance of community involvement in infectious-disease prevention, management and control. It also emphasizes the

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importance of surveillance and setting up strategies on infectious-disease management that are favourable for poor communities and developing countries. Infectious Diseases

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and Rural Livelihood in
Developing Countries allows
students, researchers,
healthcare workers,
stakeholders and
governments to better
understand the vicious cycle

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of health, poverty and livelihoods in developing countries and to develop strategies that can work better in these regions.

Living with AIDS in Uganda
A Guide for Educators,

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Students, and Practitioners

Precarious Labour and

Informal Economy

Livelihood diversification of

farming households in

northwest Sierra Leone.

Integrated Natural Resource

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Management

Efficacy of micro-financing
women's activities in Côte
d'Ivoire

The Economics of Agro-
Chemicals

In 'The arena of everyday life' nine

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authors look back and forward at developments in the sociology of consumers and households. Nine chapters show variety in the employed methods, from multivariate analyses of survey data to classical essays. The contributions are organised around four themes. In the first theme, two chapters

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entail a critical discussion of the concepts livelihood and household. The second part deals with health, in particular food security, hygiene and aids/HIV. The third theme focuses on female opportunities to foster income procurement of household by respectively microfinance and

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entrepreneurship. The fourth theme concentrates on two topical societal developments in a Western society, the first chapter dealing with the issue of creating opportunities for tailor-made services to older people, the second one focussing on the home-work balance of telecommuters. This publication,

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written by international researchers, once supervised by prof. Anke Niehof, while writing their PhD dissertation, or (former) colleagues of Niehof, covers the many issues and reflecting her work and interest. The arena of everyday life is what her research and teaching evolved around, as shown in this book.

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This exciting new book brings together renowned international scholars to explore the gender effects of the current transformation of agriculture and rural life. It presents a comparative perspective on key research themes of rural gender relations, with each section beginning with a comprehensive

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overview. Five themes are addressed: developments in rural gender theory and research methodology; changes in farm households; patterns of rural migration; the impact of national and international policies; and the construction of gender identities as a result of rural changes. Contributors

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include scholars from Europe, North America, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand.

The gender irresponsive nature of most textbooks for postgraduate studies in agriculture contributes immensely to the prevalence of gender inequality in the agricultural profession, production,

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policies, and budgeting, which promotes rural poverty and food insecurity in most developing countries of Africa, including Nigeria. This book is an appropriate resource for gender responsive and advanced agricultural teaching, research, and rural community development services.

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**(Series: Spektrum. Berliner Reihe zu
Gesellschaft, Wirtschaft und Politik in
Entwicklungsländern/Berlin Series
on Society, Economy and Politics in
Developing Countries - Vol. 107)**

**This book was originally written as a
doctoral dissertation. The research in
this book was carried out among**

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banana-farming households in the districts of Masaka and Kabarole in Uganda. A gendered livelihood approach was used. The research focused on the identification of critical factors that need to be taken into consideration in the development of relevant policies for HIV/AIDS-affected

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agriculture-based households or those that are at risk. The book shows that HIV/AIDS causes significant negative effects on the lives of those affected. Their resources are affected due to HIV/AIDS-related labour loss and asset-eroding effects and disinvestment in production and child education. While

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in the overwhelming majority of the affected cases the effects of AIDS are negative and lead to increased impoverishment and vulnerability, for some households HIV/AIDS-related effects are manageable. It is concluded that a household's socio-economic status and demographic characteristics

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influence the magnitude of HIV/AIDS-related impacts experienced and capacity to cope. The book also highlights some historically specific social practices, policies, and ideologies that continue to maintain or reproduce distinct forms of inequality, with certain social groups being marginalized and

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others being privileged. Unless these are redressed, they will continue to aggravate people's vulnerability regardless of the type of shock that they are exposed to or experience.

Impacts on banana-farming households in two districts

Concepts and Practices in Agricultural

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**Extension in Developing Countries
Local Ways of Managing Insecurities in
Indonesia
Farming System and Sustainable
Agriculture
Conceptual and Methodological Issues
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