An overview of Criteria & Indicators for FLR

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• It is important to organize the entire FLR process in a logical stream giving high importance to the centrality of people
• The criteria selected should clearly relate to critical ecological, socio-economic and legal benchmarks in the FLR process
• The indicators selected for each of the above criteria must demonstrably relate to them, be measurable, repeatable over time and suitable for the locality
Objective

• To make FLR economically viable
• Socially cost effective
• Bring early benefits
• Rapidly enhance its acceptance by the people
• and, thereby, its large scale integration in the rural and urban landscapes
•Criteria and indicators for Forest Landscape Restoration relate to the entire restoration process, from
•the selection of sites,
•choice of FLR activities,
•the pace and quality of implementation,
•Monitoring of work linked expenditure
•End evaluation for feedback to address shortcomings.
• Costs and its spread
• What are the direct and indirect benefits over time
• How are they spread among stakeholders,
• spread of social costs among the poor
• adequacy of public social infrastructure to bear these costs among others
• short and medium term consequences for the communities in vicinity
criteria for site selection and prioritization
land degradation status
  proneness to soil erosion,
  loss of soil fertility
flooding,
availability of land
land tenure
Begin with a few ‘Smart’ indicators

• In the beginning use 2 or 3 “SMART” indicators measuring key elements of FLR
• Use numbers per ha
• production of fire wood (volume);
• reduction in fuel - through energy saving stoves
• Quantum of water in the wells – effectiveness of soil and moisture conservation measures
• How much nitrogen in well water – are the grazing control measures succeeding
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