

# The Venn Diagram

## Objectives

To reveal important linkages and constraints according to the perceptions of different groups of participants:

- within an organisation; and/or
- within a certain institutional context, for example: village structures or an institutional environment

## Materials

Chalk on a concrete floor **or** a stick in the sand **or** pens, paper, scissors, tape/glue.

## Time

45 minutes – 1 hour

## Procedure

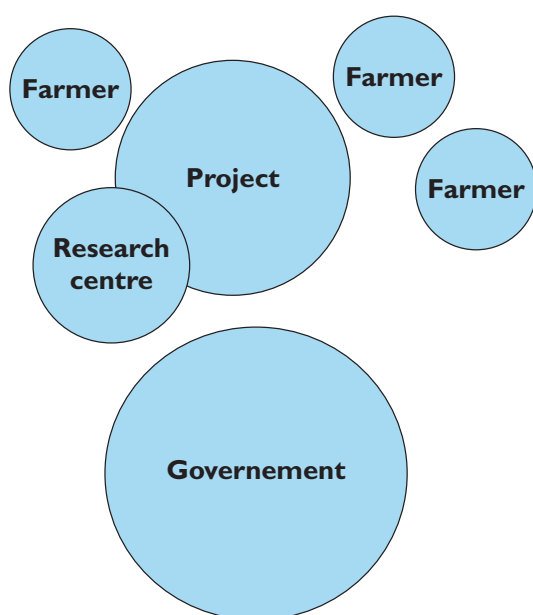
Circles of different sizes are allocated to different stakeholders, institutions, groups, departments or programmes. Their size varies according to the importance of the stakeholder or institution. The distance between the different circles (or their overlapping) indicates the intensity of contact and mutual influence.

## Group Methodology

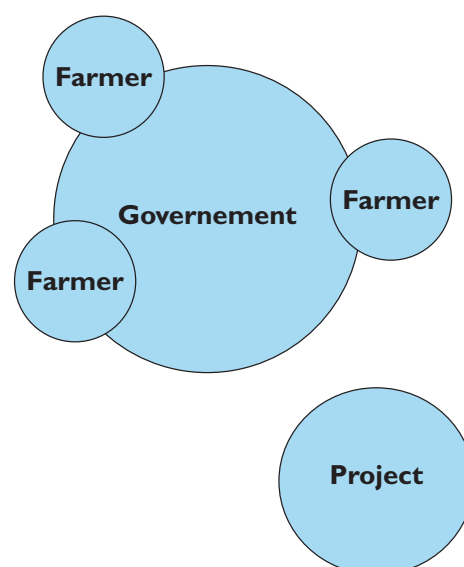
- **One group:** Constructing a Venn diagram together may facilitate the discussion between members of an organisation or a certain environment about linkages, constraints and the structure in general.
- **Several groups:** Participants should join a group either according to what they know about an organisation or according to hierarchy/department. Each group then produces a Venn diagram of their organisation. The different diagrams are then exhibited, and key differences and underlying causes are analysed and discussed.

## Example

1. Venn diagram by project staff



2. Venn diagram by farmers



A more detailed description on this topic can be found at:

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