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PREFACE

ICIMOD's approach to problem oriented research involves both knowledge reviews and field studies. The focused reviews and field studies conducted by the Mountain Farming Systems' Division cover various aspects of agricultural development. Since early 1988, a series of 'state of the art' reviews of agricultural policies and programmes were sponsored by ICIMOD in different countries of the HKH Region. The purpose of these studies and the subsequent National Workshops in different countries was to understand some of the constraints and prospects of Mountain area development. These exercises were also aimed at acquiring comparative perspectives of development approaches and strategies in different countries.

This paper was also a part of this series of studies, commissioned by ICIMOD, and was also presented at the Workshop on "Mountain Agriculture in Pakistan", held by ICIMOD in February, 1989, in Swat, Pakistan. The specific issues that are discussed in this study concern the strategies and options in the provision of agricultural support services. The responsibility of the content rests with the author.

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