

# Implementing Continuous Improvement Culture in IRRI

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**Rice Breeding** 



**Sustainable Rice-Based AgriFood System** 





**Integrative Research Support** 



### Integrated Research Support Platform

- Cross cutting operations (CCO)
- IRRI service laboratories (ISL)
- Research Infrastructure and Regulatory Compliance (RRC)
- Seed Health Unit

IRRI

- Software development, database management and statistical services (SDDMSS)
- Ziegler experimental station (ZES)/research farm









# Continuous Improvement Practitioner Training



# Identified 3 Initial Projects

- 15-18 people from IRRI will attend 11 half-day workshops online and will work on these projects during this training
- Each team will define their projects, team members, goals, deliverables, and metrics
- Weekly "touchbase" meetings are being held with the team leaders prior to the online training



# Training Guidelines

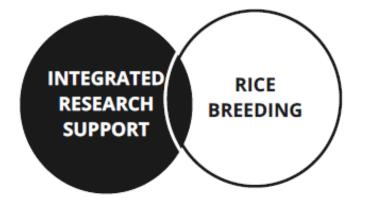
- The project is worked on during training
  - The project continues after the training
  - An action/implementation plan is created
  - The team presents their work and plans at the end of the training
- Participants must be available to attend all sessions
  - Each session builds on the next
  - Your team needs you participants are expected to be engaged in their team project
  - When training is done virtually, each team will need one of their members to be a facilitator/leader.

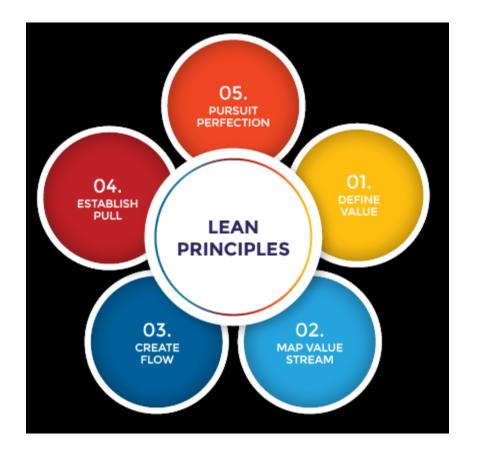


# Project Example

- Project: Crop Health
- Problem Statement: Increasing presence of soil bornepathogens in seeds produced in IRRI Los Banos campus. This affects yield, seed quality and health. Also high pressure of pathogens compromise research quality. Though this concern affects all researchers using IRRI Los Banos fields and screenhouses, consequences impact mostly all researchers intending to send seed samples out of the country as seedlots do not meet minimal seed health standards. Compliance to national and international rules for seed movement is achieved only after costly testing and seed treatments. Associated delays in shipments and under optimal seed quality are also critical to these projects.

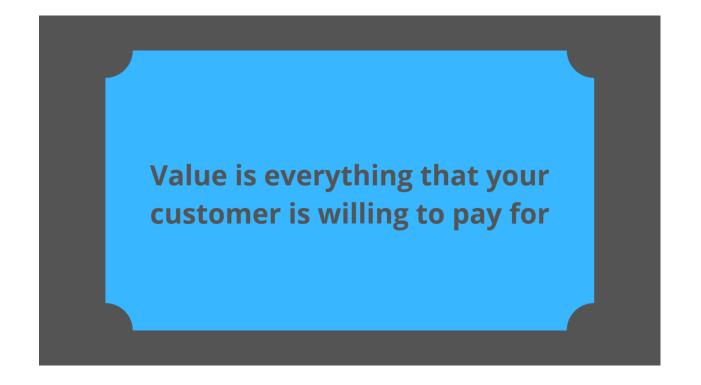


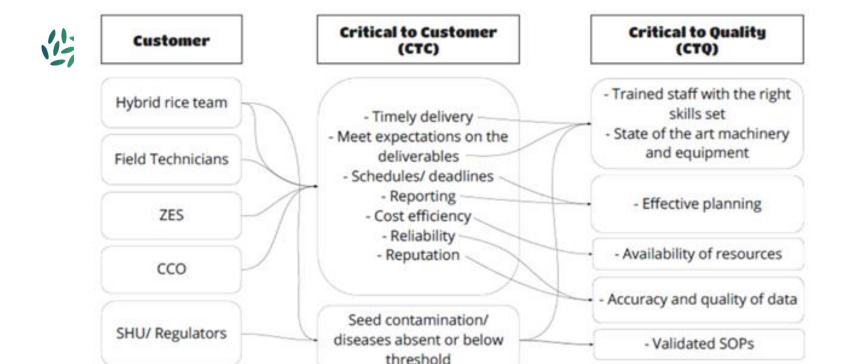






### 1. Define Value



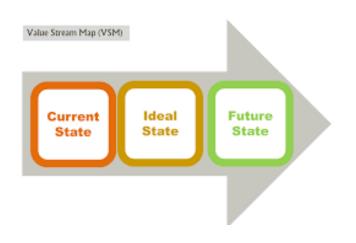


#### PURPOSE STATEMENT

To deliver a solution for the hybrid rice team, based on integrated field management best practices, that will effectively and efficiently reduce the level of pathogen contamination of rice seeds produced at IRRI Los Banos.

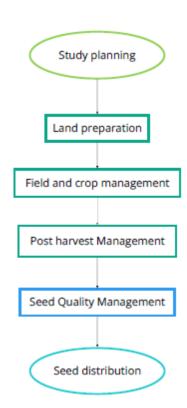


# 2. Value StreamMapping



- analyze the current state of information and material flow
- to design a future state which would be more efficient and addressing the customer needs.

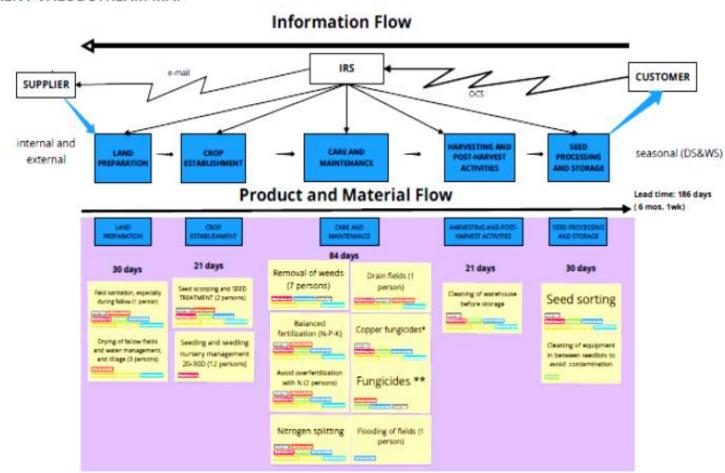




#### SIPOC Suppliers, Inputs, Process, Outputs, Customers

Suppliers	Inputs	CTQ Y/N	Process Steps	Outputs	Customer	Customer Type
HRDC	- Entry List - Package of Technology - Seeding and transplanting dates	Υ	Study planning	- Study created in B4R - Well planned Schedule of activities	- HRDC - IRS-ZES, -IRS-COO -IRS- SDDM	- Internal
IRS -CCO	- Pure Seeds - Farm machineries			- Timely seed preparation	- HRB Field Technicians	- Internal
HRDC IRS-ZES	- OCS request and approval		Land Preparation	- Completed OCS request	- HRDC - IRS Admin - IRS ZES Field Operators	-Internal
HRDC	<ul> <li>OCS request (specify needs of experiment: irrigation, fertilizer, pesticide application, etc)</li> </ul>	Υ	Nursery, Field and Crop Management	- Properly executed SOP - Updated monitoring report	- HRDC - IRS ZES TCPA -SSS	-Internal
HRDC IRS-ZES	OCS request (threshing, seed cleaning, seed fumigation)     approval of request	Υ	Post Harvest Management	- Completed OCS request	- SHU - SSS	-Internal
IRS-CCO	- seed sampling, GOT (grow out test), Germination Test storage	Υ	Seed Quality Management	- "Truthful Labeling"	- HRDC	-Internal
HRDC	- request for seed distribution		Seed Distribution	- Timely seed dstribution	- SHU - HRDC Members	- Internal - External

#### **CURRENT VALUE STREAM MAP**





### 3. Create flow



- Flow is a key concept.
- When creating flow the goal is to ensure smooth delivery from the second you receive an order to the moment when you deliver it to the customer.

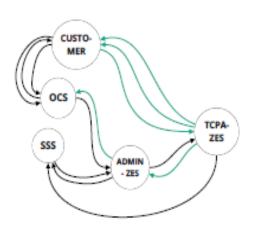
#### SPAGHETTI DIAGRAM - MATERIAL (SEED) FLOW

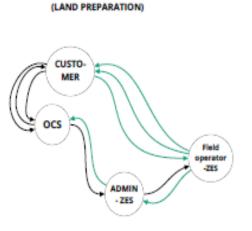




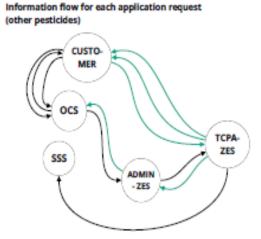
#### CURRENT INFORMATION FLOW individual request

Information flow for each application request (carbofuran)





Other activities



Field Operator

preprover and Field maintenance

Water Tenders-

Irrigation

TCPA-ZES

Petticide application treatment and fumigation

spending the

seeding planting

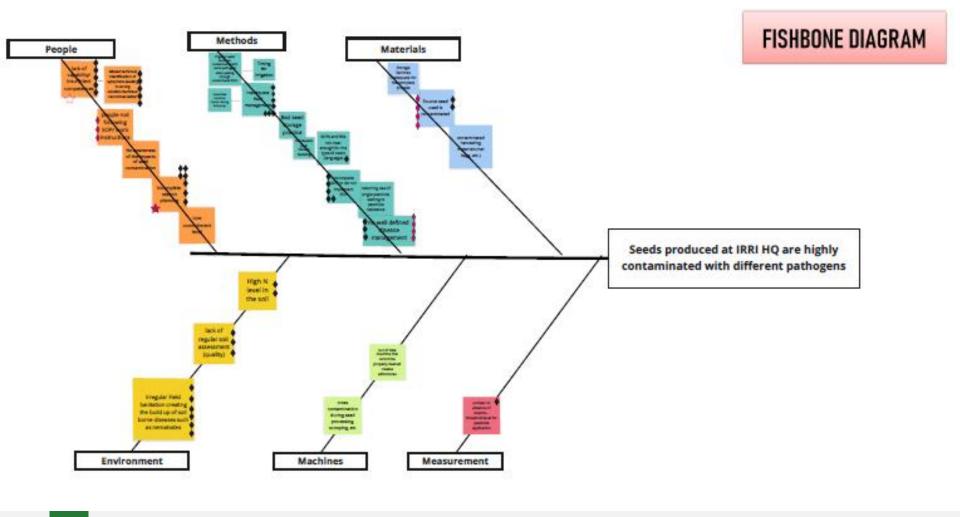
meeting roughts

harvesting

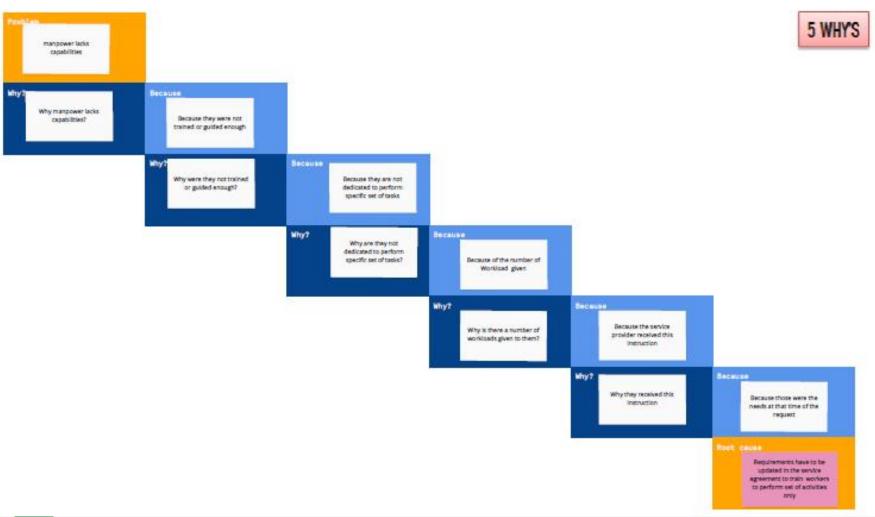
Labor service Provider-

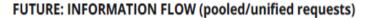
Threshing services-ZES

Drying, threshing, gathering

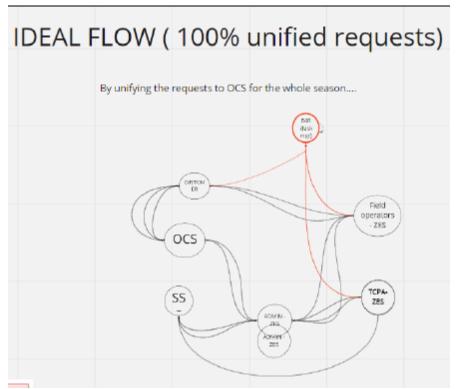


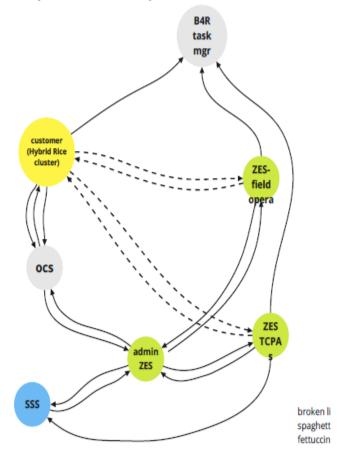






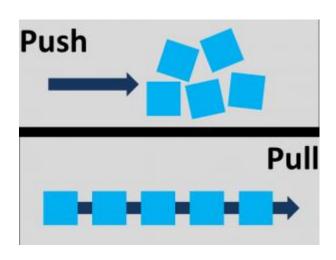








### 4. Establish pull

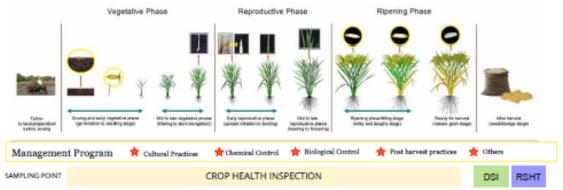


- consider the customer's perspective on the final product
- effectively looking at the operations of the service

#### **LEAN ACTION PLAN**

PRIORITY RANK	PROGRAM	TASK / ACTION	wно	٩	STATUS
<b>1</b> U	Planning and Unified OCS Requests	Dedicated committee to create a template form to capture all relevant information (Checklist) and to provide sharing instructions	Jun, Ben, Rhulyx Martina	30 d	
		Share with customer for review, approval and implementation.	Jun, Martina, Rhulyx	30 d	
	GK Service Agreement	To identify control points (CTQ and variations) (implement	Jun Shery, Vel	30 d 60 d	
		mistake proofing)  Learning and development plan by GK	Ed / Jaesel	90d	
3	RT Trainings	Prepare training material     Classroom training on Quality control points     Schedule season long training on rice seed production and seed quality mgt.	Gids, Ben, Sheryl, Roy/Anna	30 d 60 d 120 d	
4	Disease Management	Create proposal of measures to implement (ZES+CCO+HRC)     Meeting with experts to assess proposal and generate final document     create SOP/WI	Ben, Gids, Rhulyx, Roy	30 d 30 d 60 d	

#### O DISEASE MANAGEMENT SAMPLING PLAN



	CROP HEALTH INSPECTION	DRY SEED INSPECTION (DSI)	ROUTINE SEED HEALTH TEST (RSHT)
How to collect	insect pest & disease incidence or severity	Visual inspection of seedlots (presence of mixture, other contaminants)	No. of contaminated seedlots based on SHU- RSHT
Group size	per plot number of rows x no. of hills	100 seedlots	100 seedlots (randomly selected)
How often	per crop stage: seeding, vegetative (max tillering), reproductive (booting and grain filling), ripening stage	one (1) per season	one (1) per season
Method of recording	crop health monitoring record	Inventory Movement (SWIM) sampling record (QMS SOP)	RSHT reports (QMS SOP)
Who will record	Researcher or CCO-BSREC	Seed warehousing service Unit	SHU-RSHT
How will data be displayed	B4R (IRRI-SES)	present total lines inspected, number of lines passed inspection	present total no. of tested lines and positive lines and rate of infection
How to communicate results	B4R, delivery reports	delivery reports	shipment reports

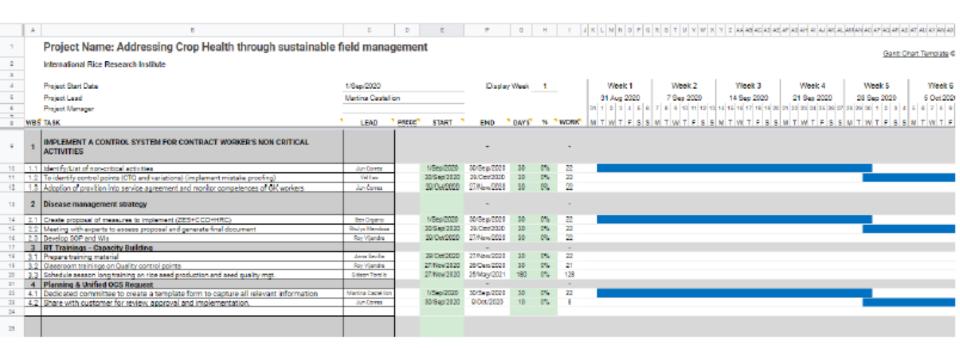
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#### O DISEASE MANAGEMENT CONTROL PLAN

MEASURE	OWNER / NAME	FREQUENCY	HOW MANY	ACCEPTABLE	RESPONSE
Crop health inspection plan	Roy	3x in 1 cropping season	1 plot	100%	Meetings, If-Then
Dry seed inspection plan	Gids	every dispatch schedule	100 seedlot	91%	Meetings, 5-Whys, If-Then
Routine seed health testing plan	Sheryl	every dispatch schedule	100 seedlot	91%	Meetings, 5-Whys, If-Then



#### **GANTT CHART**





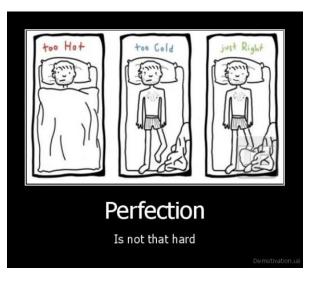


# Beyond training...

- Meeting with stakeholders/customers
- Establish 30, 60, 90 days check – in
- Establishment of Friday afternoon as CI hour
  - To review the project



# 5. Seek perfection



- constantly analyze each process for the increase in value (reduced cost, time, resources used, space, etc.).
- focus on the elements that add value and eliminate those that do not.
- tighten the flow and deliver the value as the customer needs.



# Impact from implementation of CI

- Work planner/scheduler
- Creation of work packages
- Finance tools improvement
- Improved turnaround time
- Removal of waste



From training to creating a culture



### IRRI L&D Program:

### Continuous Improvement Training











### Ongoing 5S implementation





# **Seed storage area**











# Seed Processing area







Sign boards



Floor lines





## Seed processing area



