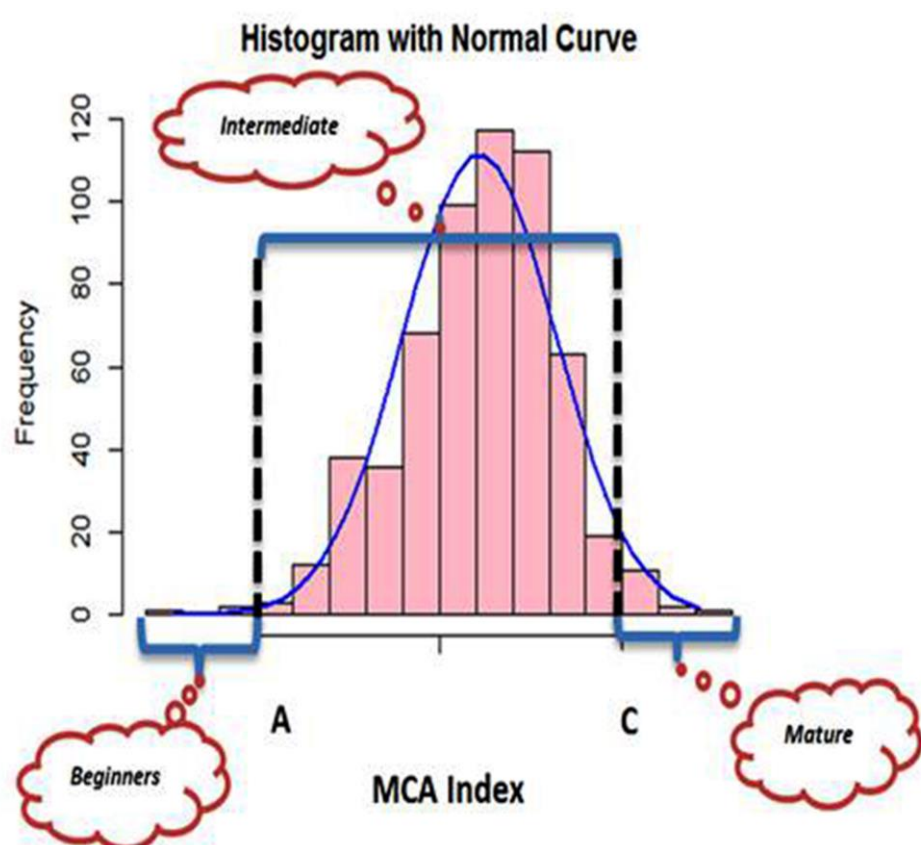
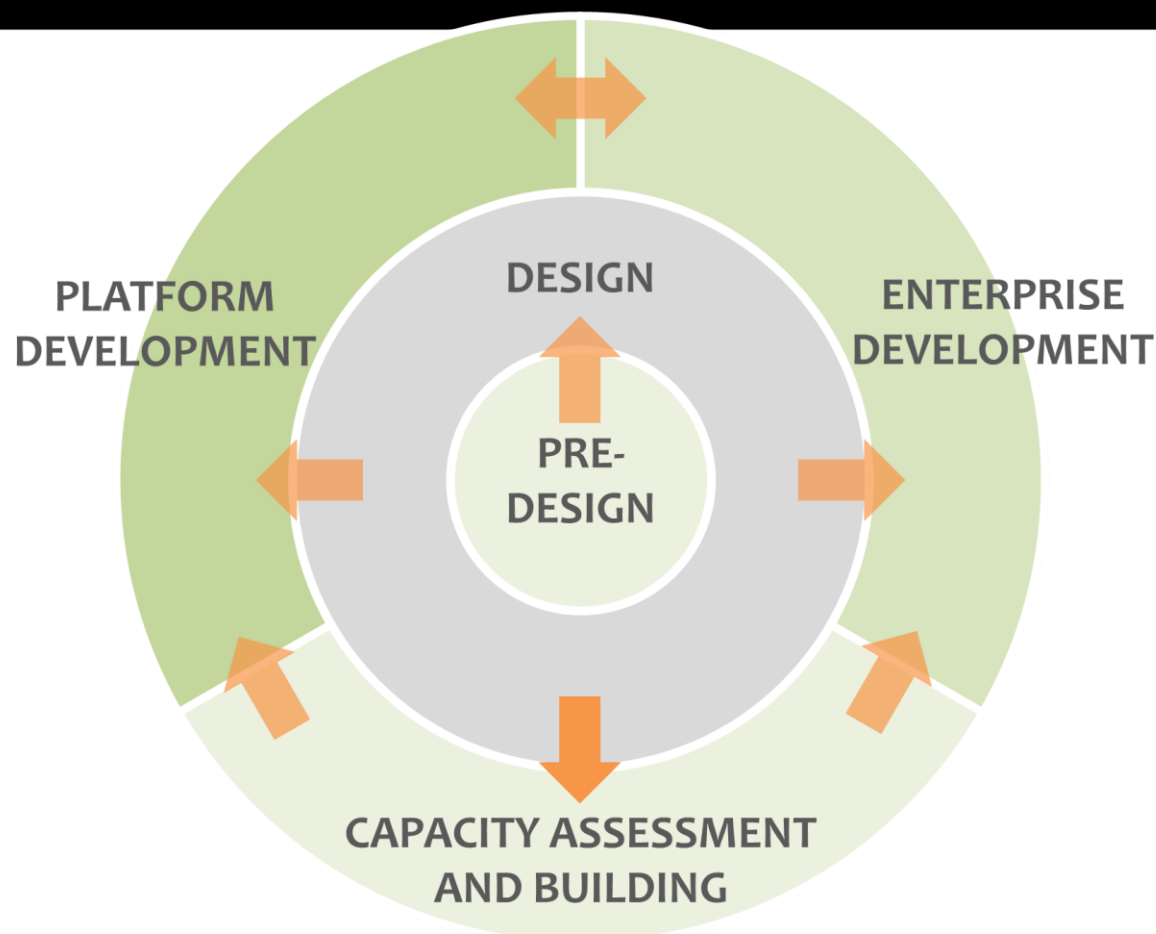
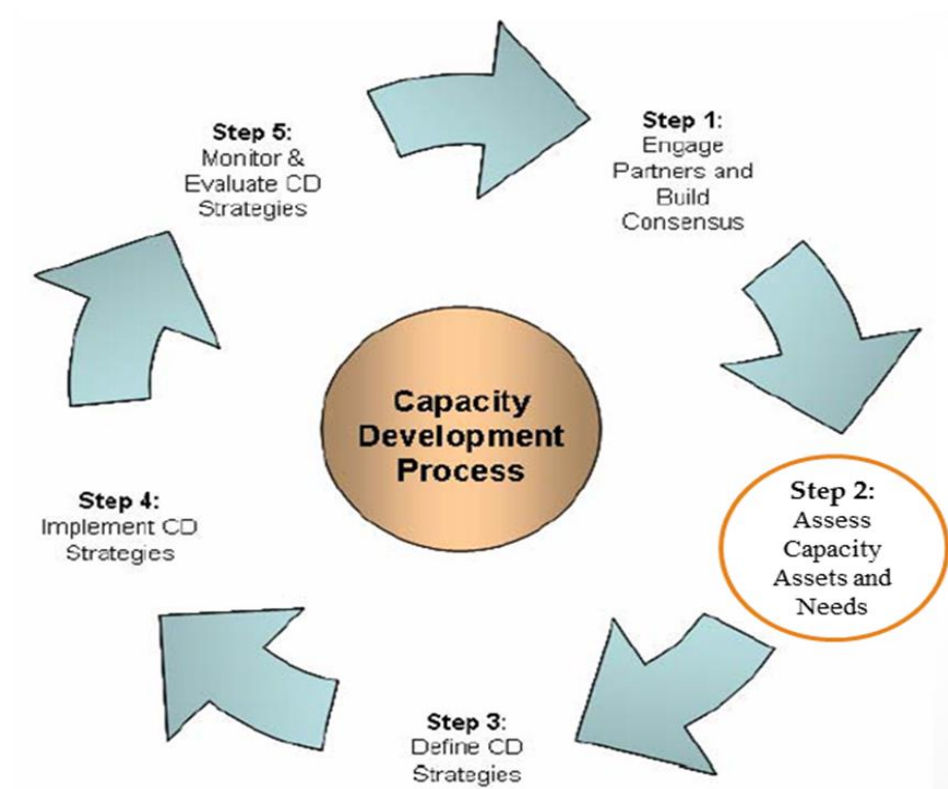


The Model



Maturity Assessment Tool evaluates smallholder groups' advancement processes around pre-defined criterion which facilitate an index of the groups maturity as a surrogate measure of their capacity. It is categorized into three advancement levels: Novice; Intermediate; and Mature.

Capacity Needs Assessment is a process of evaluating actual existing gaps within farmer groups in terms of knowledge, skills, strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats, assets and other elements required for them to achieve the pre-specified objectives.



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