

Initial assessments - main findings related to the sustainability goals of the Responsible Sourcing Program in turmeric

Resilient Livelihoods	Environmental sustainability	Safe living & working conditions	Worker rights & child labour
Spices are primary source of income for most	No land (HCV) conversion issues	No migrant labour	Not meeting minimum wage for workers
Room to reduce cost of production and post-harvest loss	Little known of pollinators and risks	Access to drinking water, but potability is unsure; poor storage in field	Workers rely on credit but no compulsion to work was found
No awareness or access to crop insurance/ other schemes	Soil health practices followed with some room for improvement	Some regions with no washing areas/ bathing/ toilet	Child labour observed in one district farms and boiling process (hazardous pesticide spraying – boys 14/15 years)
Unorganised – low purchasing power	All irrigated – mainly drip some others flood. Areas of water shortages	No/ very low PPE use / no awareness/ women wash contaminated clothing at home	
Farmers dependent on credit	IPM elements practiced but some high risk chemicals still used + low awareness	No safe disposal mechanisms for pesticide containers	
Food security challenges for workers	Waste management poor - no safe disposal of pesticide containers		