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## **DEFINING SUSTAINABILITY**

- **A broad range of interests?**
- **A way of predicting the future or commenting on the past?**
- **A way of framing important choices or a calculus for making choices?**
- **A concept whose meaning and method of use should vary according to whether community, national or global issues are involved?**
- **Inductive or deductive when applied to concrete situations?**



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## **SUSTAINABILITY AT COMMUNITY LEVEL IN REMOTE RURAL AREAS**

- **The rate of population increase**
- **The impact of innovation**
- **The calculation of priorities**



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## **WHERE ARE THE GAPS?**

- **Local Government/local revenue**
- **Planning/decentralisation**
- **Participation**
- **Development from below**



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## **COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

- **Land - tenure, fragmentation, carrying capacity;**
- **Forests - access and use, construction, charcoal etc.;**
- **Water - uses and politics;**
- **Agriculture and food supply - shifting/sedentary, tree crops, ground, livestock etc.;**
- **Education - literacy and numeracy.**



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## **RAISING AWARENESS**

- **INFORMATION**
- **SKILLING**
- **CHOICES**