**EXERCISE 2C. SELECTING TOPICS TO STUDY**

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| *OBJECTIVE*  **After this exercise the participants will be able to:**   * List various possible solutions to a problem. | |
| *EQUIPMENT NEEDED*   * Large sheet of paper, marker pens | *EXPECTED OUTPUTS*   * A table showing potential solutions to a problem. |
| *TIME*  1 hour | *PREPARATION*   * Complete Exercise 2A (Choosing Which Problem to Address) and 2B (Problem Tree). |

*SUGGESTED PROCEDURE:*

1. Invite members of the group to review the results of the problem tree.
2. On a large sheet of paper, draw six columns (see Table 3). In the leftmost column, ask the farmers to list the main problems they have identified in the previous exercises.
3. For each problem, ask the farmers what they currently do to deal with it. Write these in the second column.
4. Ask the farmers for ideas on how to solve the problem. Write these ideas in the third column.
5. Ask them to think of constraints that make it difficult to put these solutions into effect. List these ideas in column 4.
6. Ask the farmers to suggest ways of overcoming these constraints. Write these in the column 5.
7. Ask the farmers to vote on which solutions they would like to explore further. Note these in the last column.

*NOTES*

Encourage the farmers to offer their own ideas on how to solve the problems. Prompt them with questions or suggestions if necessary. Feel free to suggest additional potential solutions if they fail to do so.