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Track 6- Design for Sustainable Ecology

# The Story of Demand and Supply of Resources

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Relating Systems Thinking & Design

If the world is like a train, do we  
have enough seats to fit **all**?

Is it possible to provide a decent living conditions\* to every human being on the planet?

\* decent living conditions - access to health care, education, water, sanitation and shelter.

total land area - 149m sq km



total habitable land area - 104m sq km



total forest area - 39m sq km



total available land - 65m sq km

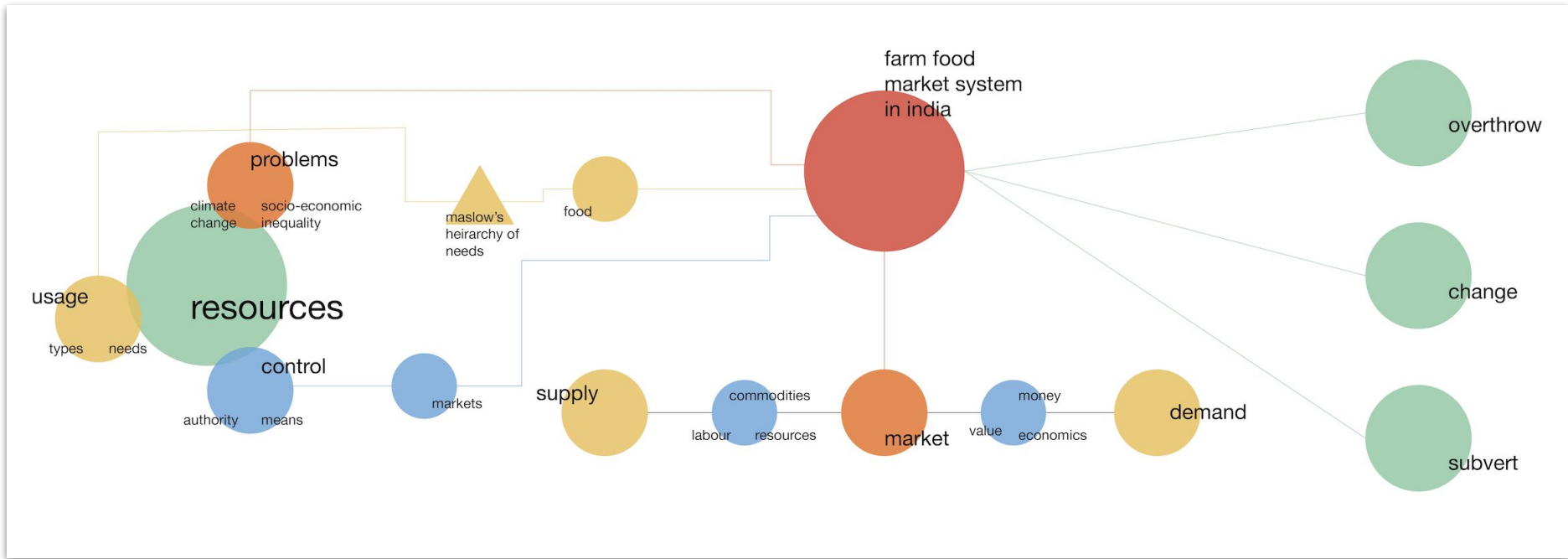


if divided equally, every adult would get about  
**11,418 sqm / 2.82 acres each!**

But statistically, every person in Dhaka has only **22.5 sqm** and Mumbai has only **31 sqm** which is barely 0.2% of the mathematically ideal number

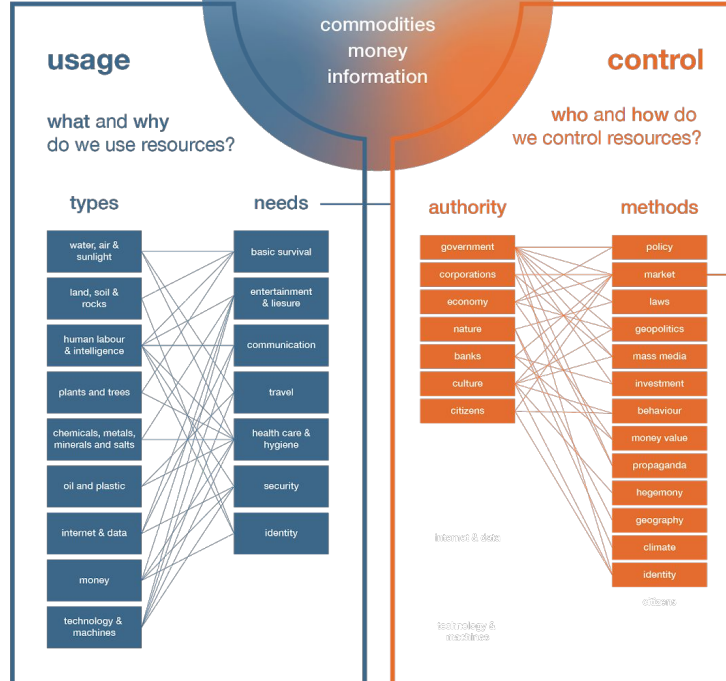
source - united nations

If the world is like a train,  
there sure seems to be a lot of  
inequality and inconsistency.

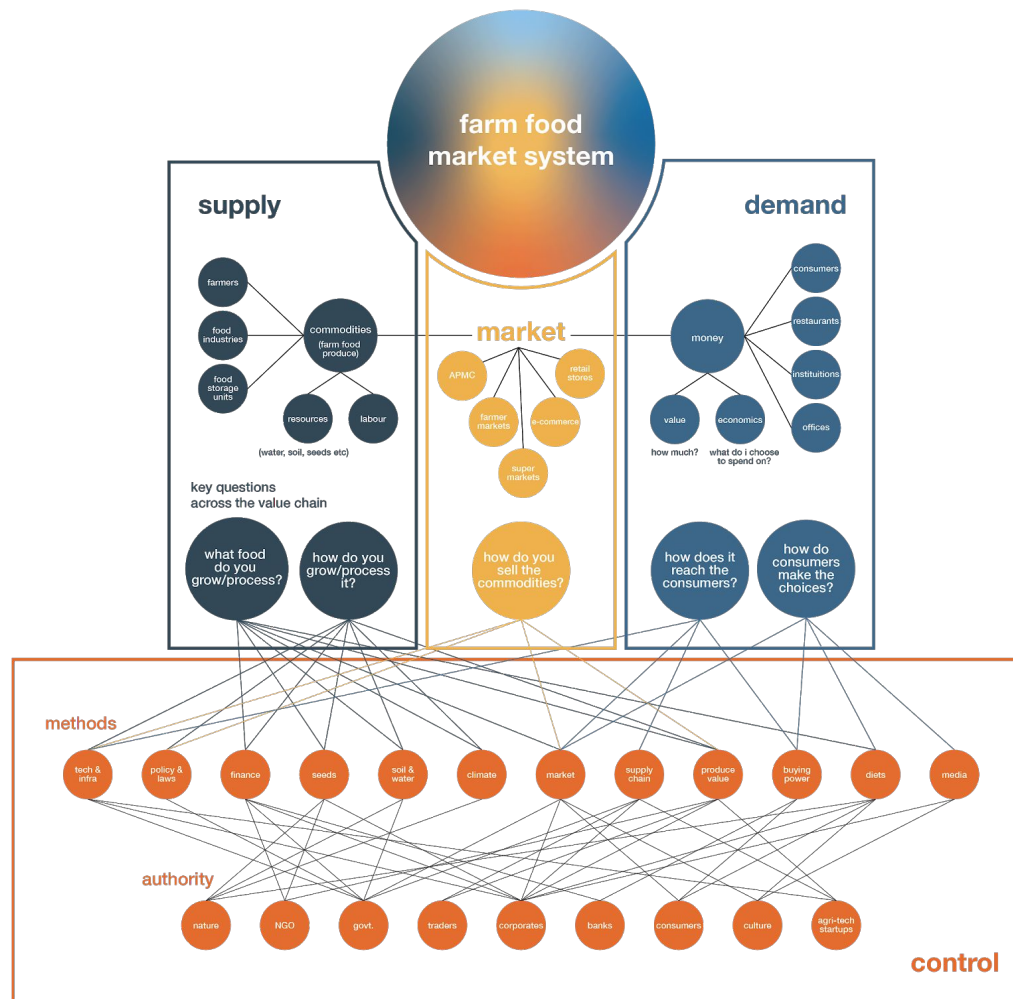


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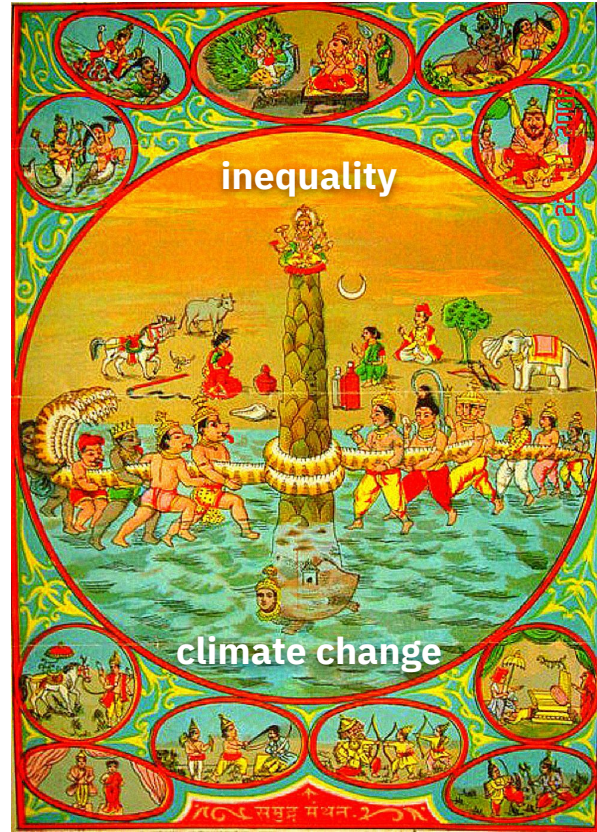


point of view



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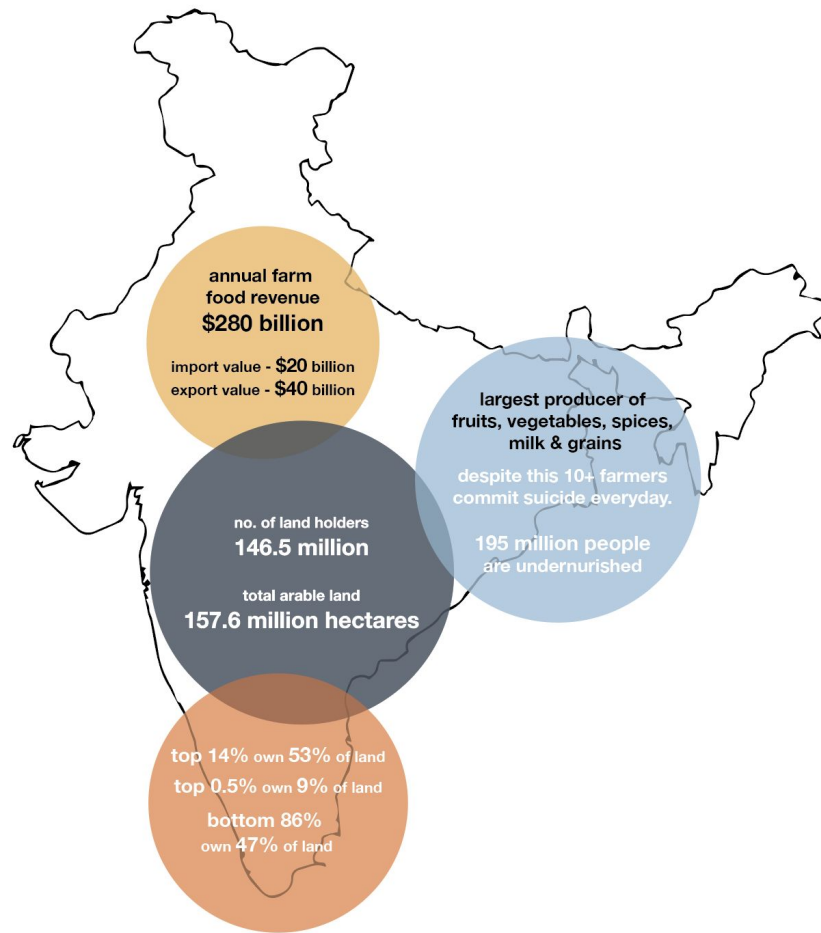
supply



demand

utopia

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# Indian farmers & farming data

source - FAOSTAT, euromonitor and  
agriculture census 2015-16  
ministry of agriculture & farmer welfare  
government of India





## WHAT ARE THE FARM REFORM BILLS?

The three Farm Bills seek to :

Break the monopoly of government-regulated mandis and allow farmers to sell directly to private buyers

Provide a legal framework for farmers to enter into written contracts with companies and produce for them

Allow agri-businesses to stock food articles and remove the government's ability to impose restrictions arbitrarily



#QUIXPLAINED

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## WHY THE FEAR?

Mandis bring in revenue for state governments and this will diminish their relevance

Middlemen will be affected

Farmers fear this will end minimum support prices regime

The lack of bargaining power with big companies is a concern



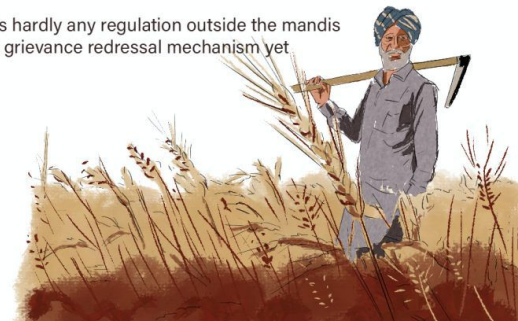
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## ARE THE FEARS VALID?

A farmer will have the freedom to choose where he wants to sell but may not have the knowledge to negotiate the best terms with a private company

There is hardly any regulation outside the mandis and no grievance redressal mechanism yet



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# interventions

overthrow

change

subvert



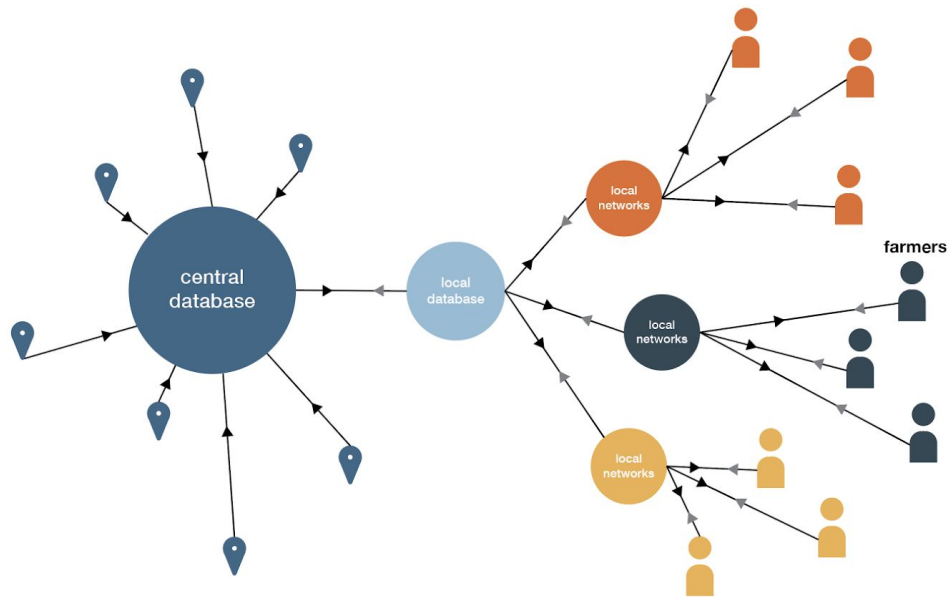
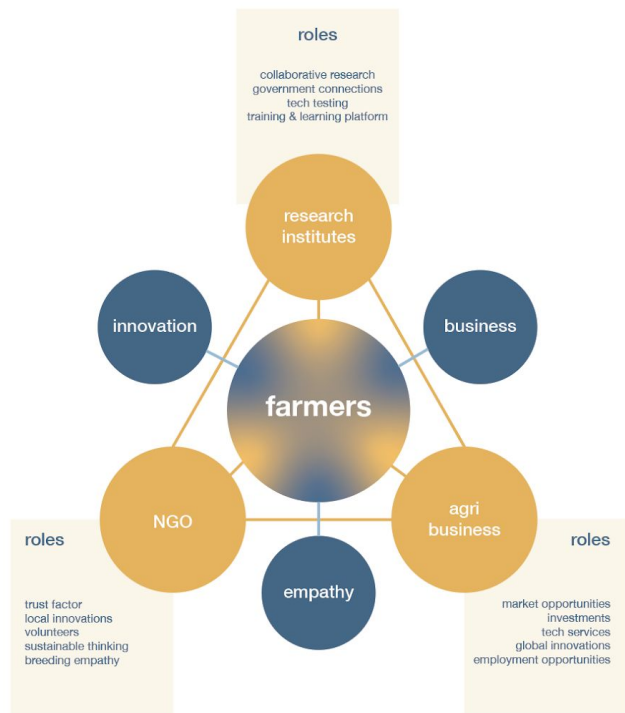
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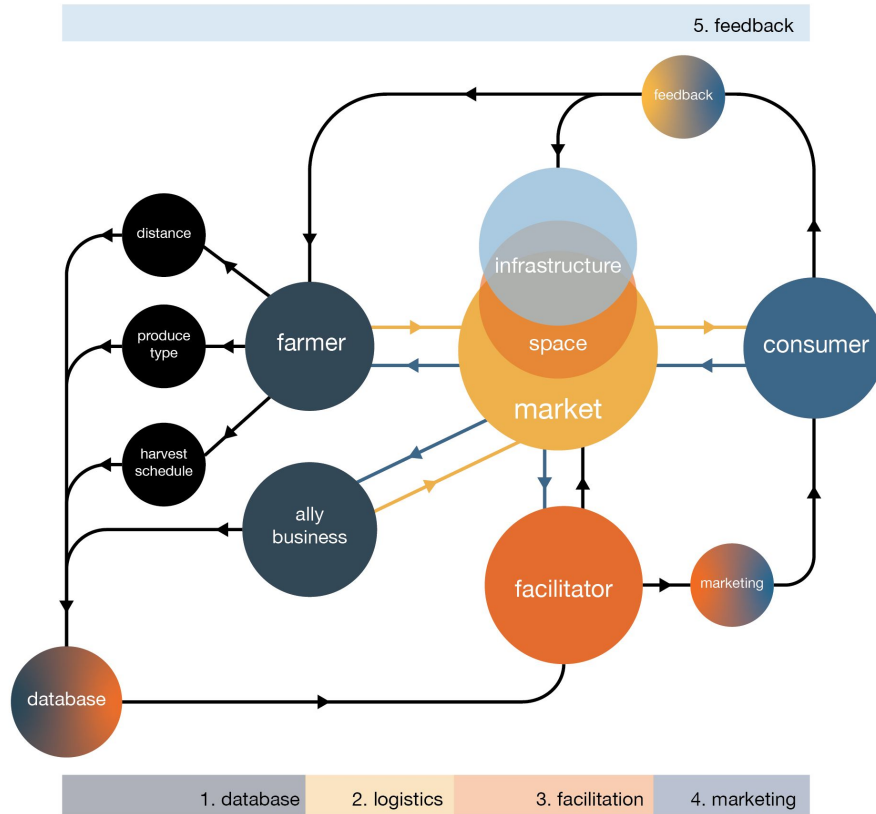
overthrow





 farming awareness portal  
for citizen action and risk mitigation

change



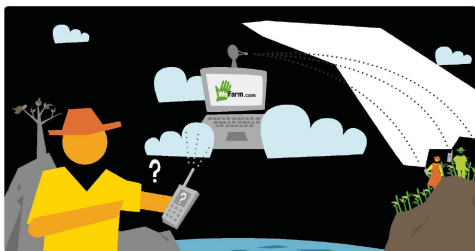
→ commodity flow  
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 → information flow

framework of  
urban farmer markets in india

subvert

### Interconnected network of Farmers

### System



**Stakeholders** Farmers, NGOs, Government, IT Companies, Agribusiness

A large proportion of Indian population is involved in agricultural sector but still the farming community is left isolated, it led to lack of trust on the outside world. The most motivating thing for a farmer is a success story of another farmer and thus we need a more interconnected network of farmers to build a strong agricultural sector.

### Impact

- Better sharing of knowledge.
- Fast response to emergencies.
- Enhanced food production chain.

### Involvement



### Implementation

Future

### Holistic rating system for food products based on their social and ecological impact on society and environment

### System



**Stakeholders** Corporates, Government, Workers, Farmers and Consumers

A new rating system to be mandatorily imposed on food packets much like the “smoking kills” warning on cigarette packets, which essentially rates the product on various social and ecological parameters. Some of the social factors could be-workers welfare, race, gender, caste and other social inclusivity, sourcing of raw material and so on. Some of the ecological factors could be- sustainable practices, energy intensity, carbon footprint and so on.

### Impact

- Increases corporate accountability and improve transparency of operations.
- Increased benefits and better working conditions for the workers.
- Promotes fairer ways of sourcing raw materials and more equitable financial distribution in value chain.

### Involvement



### Implementation

Near Future

### Urban- Rural Volunteering Programme

### Service



**Stakeholders** Lawyers, Doctors, Students, Designers, Farmers, Film makers

No one is unaware of the systemic and institutional problems that plagues the illiterate farmers of india and the urban india however has many volunteers willing to render their services like legal, financial, business, design, technology, language, arts etc and this needs a platform to take shape of a symbiotic community.

### Impact

- Improves empathy in among the urban folks about plight of rural India.
- Acts as a sense of purpose for many.
- Authorities can be held more accountable.

### Involvement



### Implementation

Near Future

idea bank

that's all folks!

open for questions

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