Part III. Farming System Constraints and Possible Solutions

Constraints to Crop Production

Natural Constraints

Wind Erosion
Pests and Diseases
Loss of Soil Fertility
Availability of Rainfall

Input Constraints

Access to Labor
Access to Seeds
Chemical Inputs
Availability of Drinking Water

Other Constraints

Credit Market
Procedure for Marketing Crops
Pricing Policy with Respect to Gum Arabic
Limited Knowledge
Transport and Storage

Appendices:

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