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ABSTRACT

Smallholder farming contributes significantly to rural livelihoods and the national economy, yet farmers face challenges, such as limited market access, inadequate farming inputs, and fragmented stakeholder coordination that hinder their operational performance. These barriers prevent smallholder farmers from achieving optimal productivity and profitability. The purpose of the study was to examine the impact of value networks on the operational performance in smallholder farming, using a systematic literature review and drawing on stakeholder and network theories. The study explored how well-structured value networks could enhance the efficiency, resource flows, and market responsiveness of smallholder farmers. Eighty-eight documents were extracted from academic databases and analysed using systematic literature review. The results of the study indicate that well-structured value networks can enhance operational performance of smallholder farmers by improving their coordination, resource exchanges, and market responsiveness.

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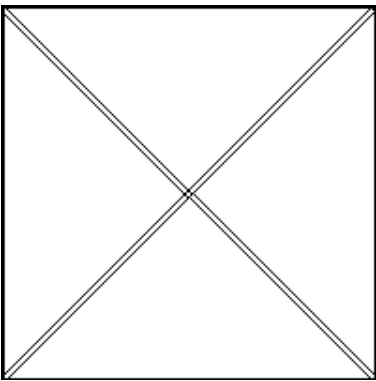


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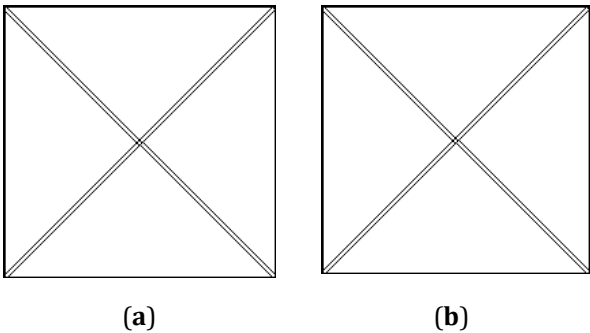


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