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We took six years to run the permEzone pilot – to fully explore the potential, and learn how to manage the challenges, of our whole-systems approach to *rural development*.

Now we are pulling together all the data from our ongoing program of Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) so that we can share this information and continue to learn from it.

So far, our two-year projects to empower farming communities to build *eco-social resilience* have generated the following outcomes:

-  60 lead farmers received a full permaculture design course training, supplemented with a curriculum of additional information that they co-designed.
-  These lead farmers received two years of support as they redesigned their farms using the permaculture principles, and started to build communities of practice.
-  Each lead farmer was tasked with recruiting 20 farmers in a community of practice, joining together in farmer-to-farmer extension work, and conducting citizen science experiments to see what works best for them in their local environment.
-  Over 1,000 farmers are now working together in their communities, improving access to locally grown nutritious food, improving their local economies, creating biodiverse and carbon-rich farm ecosystems, and reducing the harm that farming all too often causes to local environments.