Building Sustainable Food Systems for Inclusive Economic Growth in Africa

Policy, Gender, and Nutrition Considerations

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Agricultural growth rates, 2000-2016:

- Sub-Saharan Africa: +4.62 %
- Latin America: +2.49 %
- East Asia: +3.07 %
- South Asia: +2.96 %
- World: +2.75 %

Source: FAOSAT downloaded on 19th Jan., 2019.
Over the last decade, the African Continent has Seen Progress

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CAADP Has Demonstrated Real Policy Renewal and Results

Changes In Agricultural Budget Shares (%)

Changes In Agricultural Value Added (Mill. 2010 US$)

Countries that have ....

• embraced CAADP earlier and
• have reached advanced stages of implementation

... have also

• raised ag investment faster
• experienced faster growth
• achieved far better nutrition outcomes
The outlook for African agriculture was bleak for a long time

Food security, livelihoods and farm productivity were deteriorating....

...International and domestic investments into Agriculture was low

Figure 1: Agriculture, Rural Development, and Total ARD ODA: Africa 1974 -2005
(Millions of 2005 Constant $US)

“In 2016, Ethiopia and the Horn of Africa suffered the worst drought in 35 years. While worse than the droughts of the 80s, the effects were lower because we have built systems that enable us to deal with such disasters better”

H.E Hailemariam Desalegn, Ethiopia Prime Minister 2012 - 2018
Strengthen Integrated Systems Approach to Deliver

Ethiopia, for Example, Is Already Driving More Effective Delivery of Agricultural Transformation with Clusters to Bring Systems Together
Systems Need to Be Built through Vertical Integration and Geography-Base with Horizontal Integration in Consortia

- Improved Seed
  - Breeding
  - EGS
  - Production
  - Commercialization
  - Marketing
  - Supply

- Fertilizer
  - Soil Analysis
  - Formulation
  - Testing
  - Blending
  - Marketing
  - Supply

- Extension
  - VBA Selection
  - Demo’s
  - Farmer Field Days
  - Links to Agro-Dealers
  - Market Links

- Agro-Dealers
  - Recruiting
  - Training
  - Links to Suppliers
  - Product Training
  - Business Development

- Markets
  - Post-Harvest Handling
  - Training on Grain Quality
  - Links to Off-takers
  - Business Development

Consortium

Policy environment and local governments
Building Sustainable Food Systems: Key Considerations

- Africa’s agricultural growth still relies mainly on cropland expansion, not enough on productivity growth.
- We need to shift from extensification to intensification.
673 New Crop Varieties Bred and Officially Released for African Farming Conditions

- Maize, 177, 26%
- Cassava, 86, 13%
- Rice, 90, 13%
- Beans, 82, 12%
- Sweet potato, 68, 10%
- Cowpea, 46, 7%
- Sorghum, 36, 5%
- Groundnut, 26, 4%
- Soybean, 14, 2%
- Pigeon pea, 10, 1%
- Millet, 14, 2%
- Wheat, 8, 1%
- Faba bean, 4, 1%
- Banana, 6, 1%
- Chickpea, 2, 0%
Seed Supply and Adoption by Farmers has Increased Dramatically in Some African Countries Over the Past Decade

Seed Supply by AGRA-Affiliated Seed Companies in Uganda, 2008-2017

Seed Supply by AGRA-Affiliated Seed Companies in Ethiopia, 2007-2017
In Kenya, Increased Production Stems from Increased Fertilizer Consumption

Fertilizer use in Kenya has been growing steadily at about 12% per year (31 kg/ha in 2007 to 52.5 kg/ha in 2013)
Across the continent inputs are reaching the farmer through increased Agrodealer penetration reducing distance to the farm from 60kms in 2007 to 11km in 2014

A farmer travels an average of 25km to access an NCPB store to access fertilizer

**Distance to seed dealers:**

- **Average distance to the nearest hybrid maize seed dealer in the country:** 3.9 km
- **Farthest distance to the nearest hybrid maize seed dealer:** 18.7 km
- **Average nearest distance to hybrid maize seed dealer:** 1.5 km
Seed System – Policy Gaps and Solutions

1. Breeding and Variety Release
   Gaps
   - Plant Breeder Rights stuck in parliament
   - Variety release takes long time b’se release committee doesn’t meet regularly.
   - Fees for Foreign companies for NPT are high
2. Early Generation Supply
   Gaps & Solutions
   - Push for a decree/orders to remove restrictions favouring monopolies for supply of EGS
   - Inadequate quantities & uncontaminated of EGS
   - Through regulations, put in place licence agreements btwn NARs and private seed companies
   - Increase quality and quantity of EGS supply by increasing the number of professional actors involved but avoid merchants
3. Certified Seed Production
   - No enough private inspectors & logistics are absent
   - OECD & ISTA accreditation not complement
   - AGRA will support fast tracking this accreditation & that of private seed inspectors and labs.
   - Support access to seed processing facilities
   - Supporting and build capacity of seed companies
   - Link seed companies to NARS & CG centers to access appropriate varieties through contractual law
4. Increased Awareness among Farmers
   Gaps
   - Amend the law & regulations that governs extension e.g. VBAs
   - Through extension services.
   - VBAs
   - Posters, demos, field days, radios, Ag shows
   - Distribution of small packs
5. Marketing & Distribution
   Gaps
   - Huge counterfeit seed on markets
   - Distance to farmer & outlets is long
   - Inefficient subsidy delivery
   Solutions
   - Implement guidelines for registration seed merchants
   - Support distribution channels
   - Support more agro-dealer in areas where there none
   - reduce distance farmers travel to accesses seed
6. Regulatory Agency to do Inspection & Certification and Set of Policies (Govt)
   - Easy access to public varieties
   - Production of foundation seed of public varieties
   - More liberal regulatory (accreditation) & certification requirements
   - More liberal variety release procedures
   - Lower royalty charges on licensed varieties
   - Liberalized seed marketing & seed packaging
   - Strengthen penalties for dealing in fake seed
These consortia are now a platform for innovation, technology adoption and enhanced agribusiness

1. **Output Markets**
   Grain traders and processors are effectively communicating their quality and quality specifications to producers. Farmers have access to assured markets and they are using available markets to make decisions and which crops to grow (*decision agriculture*)

2. **Input market**
   The demand for inputs is now derived from the demand for output. Consortia are enhancing the predictability in the input markets. Quality and volume issues are addressed

3. **Access to Finance**
   In addition to value chain finance, banks such as NMB (Tanzania) are providing input finance to farmers who have forward contracts with off-takers.
They Are Driving Other Enhancements

Reducing the cost of doing business for processors improving their supply chains

Governments are considering adopting the consortium model for job creation in agriculture and technology adoption at scale

Accelerating the rural agro-dealership businesses and service industries
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**Enabling environment**
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**Agricultural finance**
- BMG
- IFAD
Poor State Capacity Challenges the Ability of the Ag Sector to Grow Despite Huge Investments; Absorptive Capacity Often 10-40% of Budgets

1. **Country Vision, Strategy, Prioritized Plans and flagships**
   - Uneven and fragmented leadership, sector vision, poor alignment of ministries & strategic partners on prioritized plans
   - Inadequate fact base to support policy formulation and decisions
   - Inadequate capacities to identify and frame resource gaps in priority areas; limited resource mobilization from bilateral and multilateral funds and private sector engagement

2. **Enabling/Policy Environment**
   - Lack of alignment in policy framework design to implementation
   - Weak identification/coordination of evidence and technical assistance for identified priorities and policy needs
   - Challenge environment for private sector investment

3. **Implementation Capacity & Delivery**
   - Weak Agriculture sector governance, including fragmented or competing institutional structures
   - Poor translation of strategy to implementation plan/programs
   - Low government implementation capacity for delivery,
   - Low budget execution capacity

4. **Stronger Sector Coordination**
   - Weak coordination in Ag Sector Working Group [Ag SWG]
   - Weak development partner coordination - for coordinated/aligned investments in sector
   - Weak implementing partners/private sector coordination
   - Insufficient inter-ministerial coordination [horizontal coordination]

5. **Accountability Mechanisms in place**
   - Weak performance- and results based mindset and approach
   - Weak systems and tools for data collection and analytics
   - Low inclusivity and stakeholder participation
Country commitment (vision, leadership, execution) is at the heart of accelerated transformation

Government is the most critical partner for sustainable development and often the weaker link. But those countries that demonstrate political commitment and drive the right policies and investments are able to improve food security and drive inclusive economic growth in a very short period of time. They unlock the potential of the private sector and their smallholder farmers, driving progress throughout their economy overall.

**Nigeria**
- Significant investment in Ag since 2010
- Increased Ag output by 21m tons
- Food import bill fell from $11 billion to $3.2 billion
- Jobs expanded by 3.8 million

**Ethiopia**
- Consistent investment of 15% of budget per year for >5yrs now
- Has quadrupled Ag output
- Rate of rural poverty is reducing at 4% per year

**Rwanda**
- Significantly invest in Ag since 2008
- Yields of major crops has since tripled and quadrupled
- Share of population that is hungry dropped from 55% to 21%
- Poverty has reduced from 45% to 29%
Continental Policy Advances

The Africa Agriculture Transformation Scorecard (AATS) & dashboard:

- A strong tool for evidence based policy and development outcomes.

- Engage Heads of States, the AU system and High level influencers and champions

- Used at the High level Ministerial at the 2018 AGRF
  - Agriculture Ministers committed to work with AGRA to implement strategic reforms in response to key recommendations.
Data Is A Challenge, but Also Where Data Is Available The Scorecard shows that are woefully not on track

Reporting on Malabo Commitment 6

Enhancing Resilience to climate variability

In respect of the existence of government budget-lines on resilience building: Only 01 Member State is On Track
LOOMING EMPLOYMENT CHALLENGE IN SSA

Age Structure of Farming population (AGRA farmers reached to date)

- 18-29: 25%
- 30-35: 25%
- 36-50: 35%
- 51-60: 9%
- >60: 6%

62% < 25 years old
A new opportunity towards achievement of SDGs
Thank you