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Technologies for African Agricultural Transformation (TAAT)

High Iron Beans (HIB) Compact

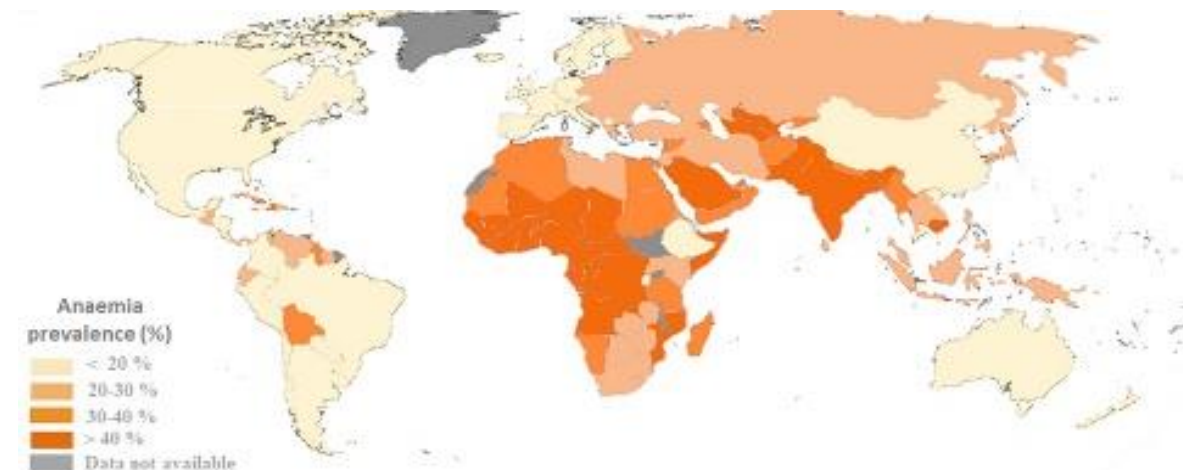
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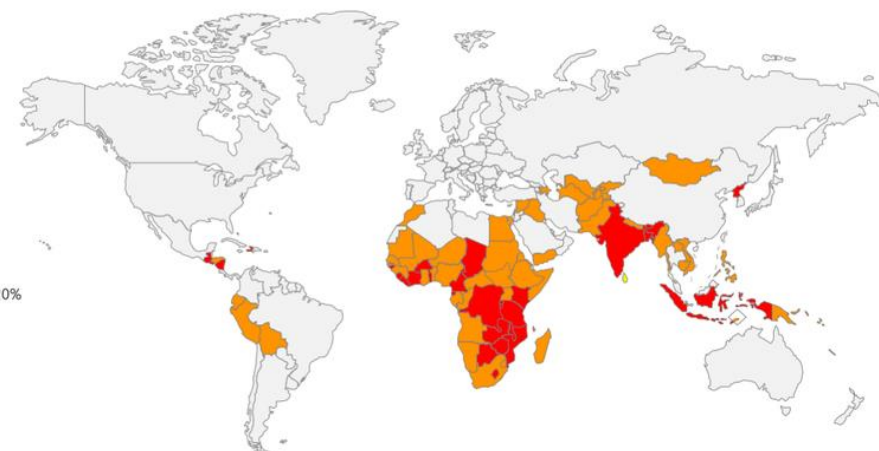
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Why High Iron Beans

- Beans are grown on more than four million hectares annually in Africa mainly by small holders
- Evolved from subsistence to market-oriented crop
 - One of the most actively traded commodities in E. Africa
- Beans are critical for food and nutrition security
 - Affordable source of protein, minerals, fiber and vitamins that offer several health benefits (over 30kg consumed on average per person each year in E. Africa).
- HIB Compact focuses on scaling biofortified beans, bred to address micronutrient deficiencies
 - Higher Iron and Zinc Content
 - Alleviates anaemia especially in women and children, improves children's cognitive and physical development; boosts immune function



Iron deficiency Anaemia (above, Muthayya et al. 2013) and Zinc deficiency (below, Wessells & Brown, 2012)



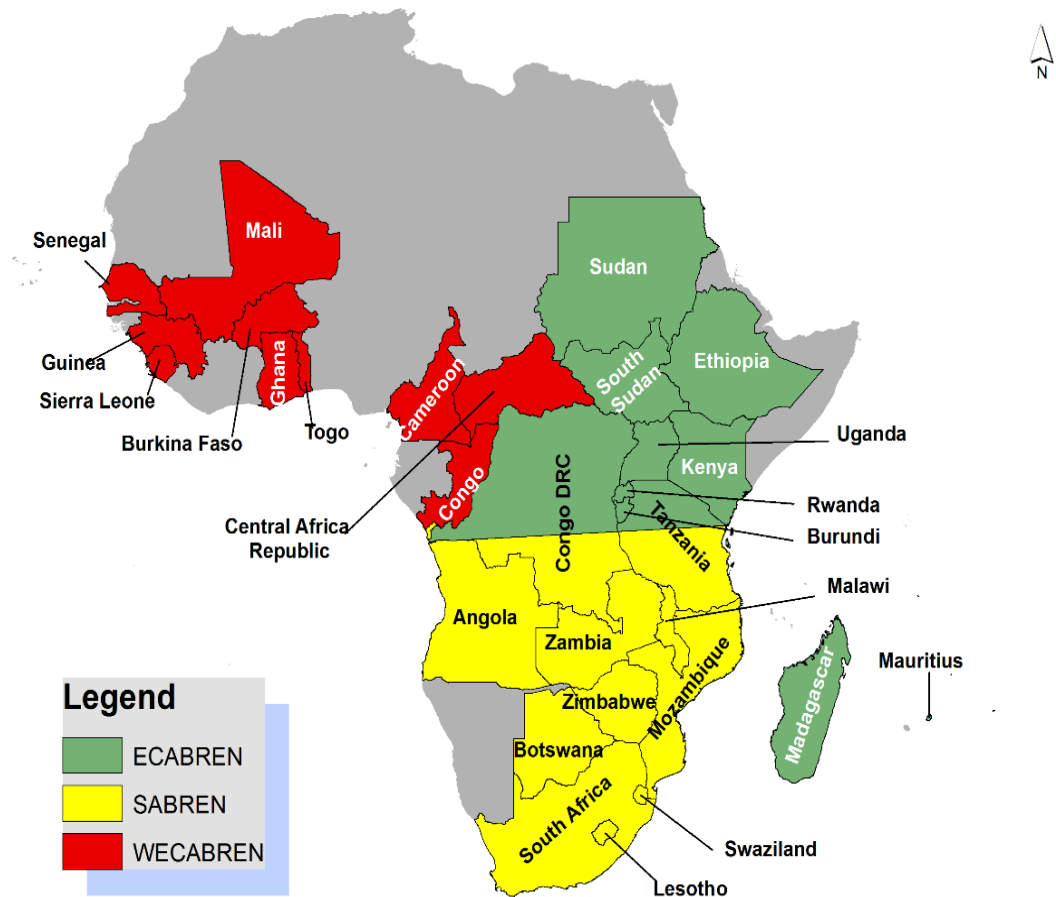
Operational Modality

PABRA Partnerships

PABRA Partnership for Impacts

- 32 NARS (countries)
- 570 partners improving bean production
 - Private sector including seed companies
 - Public sector
 - Universities
 - NGOs
 - Processors
 - CBOs

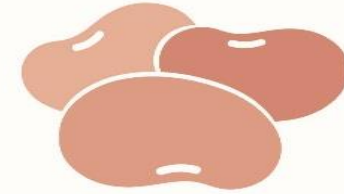
PAN-AFRICA BEAN RESEARCH ALLIANCE (PABRA) MEMBER COUNTRIES (30)



Operational Modality

Commodity Corridor Approach

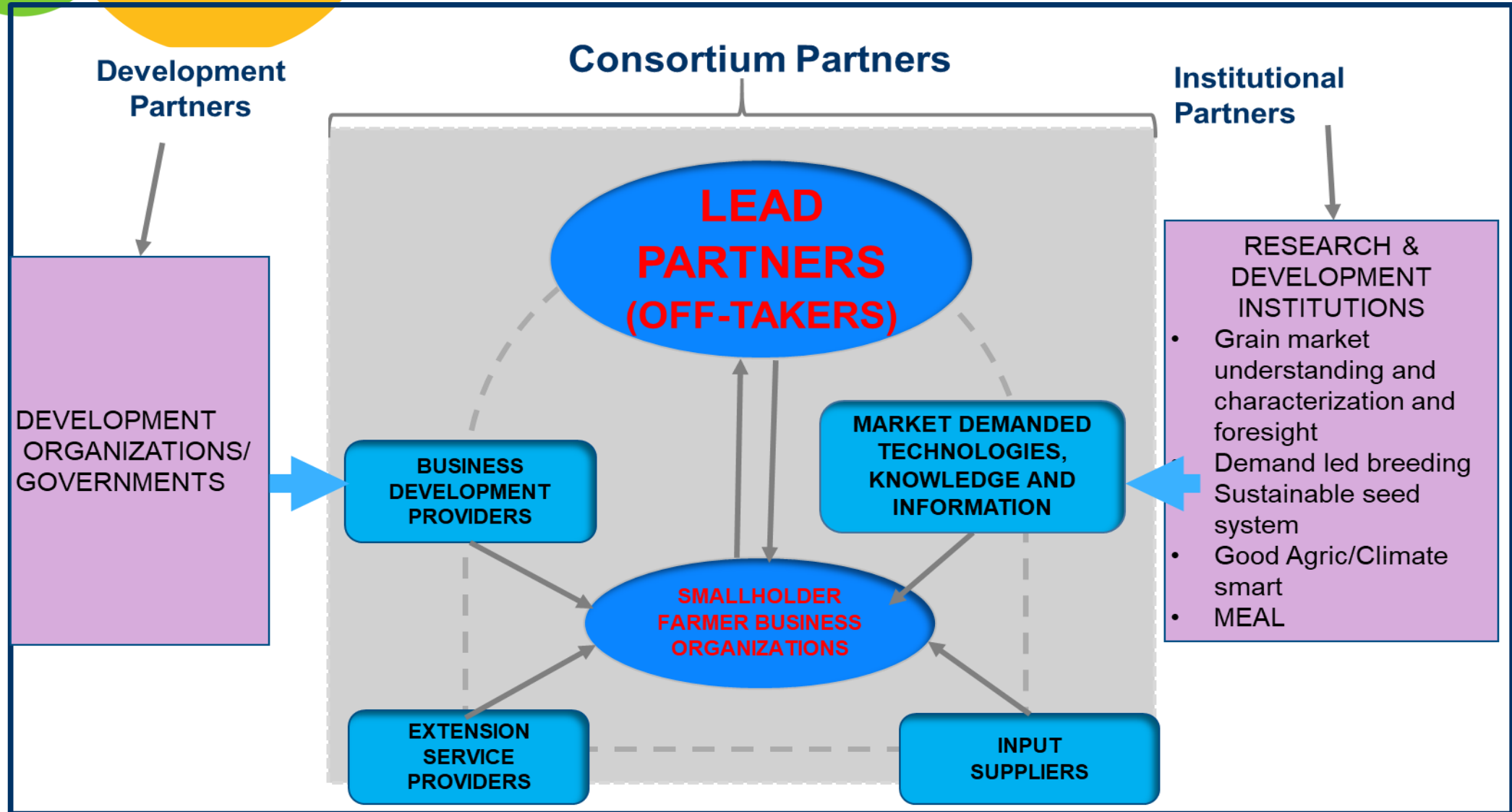
TYPES OF INTERVENTIONS WITHIN THE BEAN CORRIDOR HUBS



Technologies responding to client demands



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Technologies - HIB varieties



Country	Number of Varieties Promoted	Names of Biofortified Varieties
Kenya	4	Angaza, Nyota, Faida, Metameta
Uganda	5	NAROBAN 1, NAROBAN 2, NAROBAN 3, NAROBAN 4C, NAROBAN 5C
Tanzania	3	JESCA, Selian 14, Selian 15
Burundi	3	MAC 44, RWV 1129, MOORE88002
DR Congo	5	MAC 44, HM 21-7, RWR 2154, NAMULENGA, RWV 1129, MAC 44
Rwanda	5	RWV 2269, RWV 2887, RWV 2361, RWV 3316, MAC44
Zimbabwe	3	NUA45, NUA 764, Cherry, Sweet Violet
Malawi	3	NUA 35, NUA 45, NUA 59

Technologies - Market classes of the varieties



Red mottled



Red kidney



Speckled sugar



Rosecoco

Green yellow



Yellow



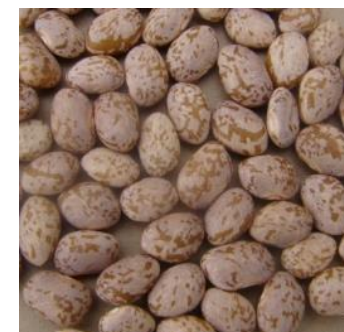
Navy (white)



Small Red



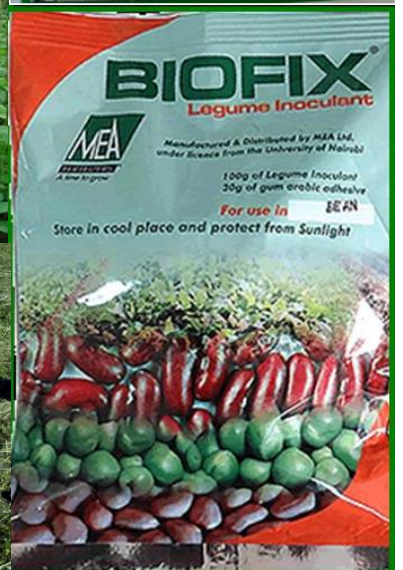
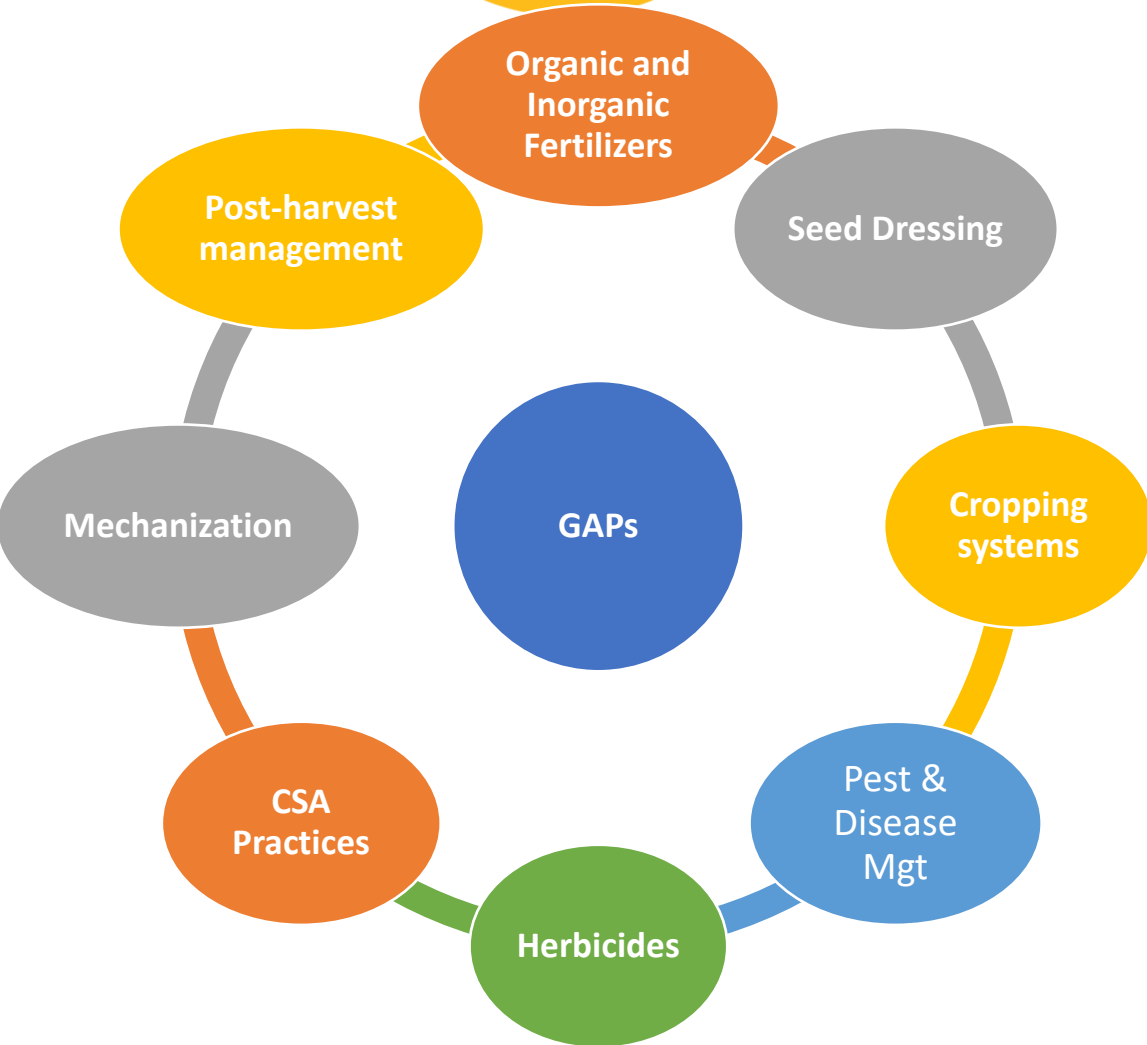
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Technologies - Good Agricultural Practices



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Technologies - Value-added products

Pre-Cooked Beans and Bean-based Flours

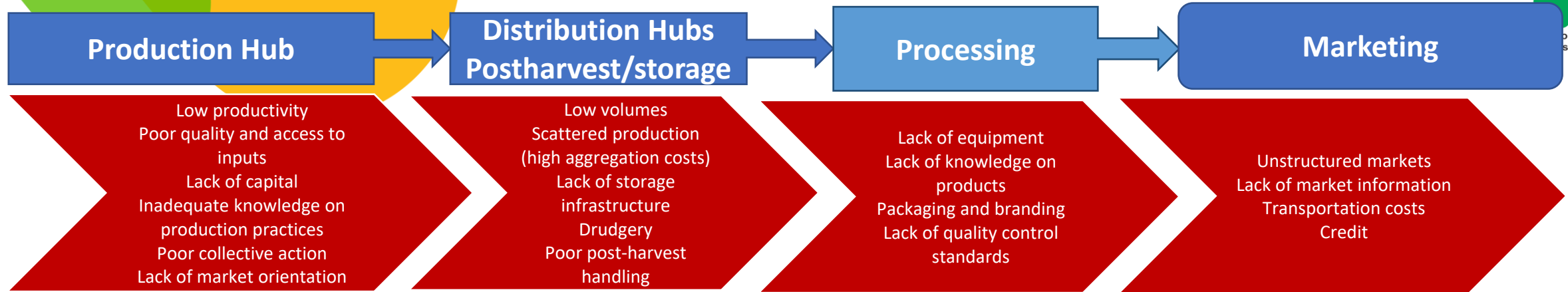


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- Consumers increasingly seeking affordable, healthy but easy to cook foods especially in urban areas
- Supporting private sector in development and promotion of value-added HIB products
- Recipe assembling, fine tuning, sensory evaluations
- Capacity building on standards in collaboration with standards bureaus
- Youth job opportunities in aggregation of raw materials and marketing of products



Business Pathways for Commercialization



Production Hub

Low productivity
 Poor quality and access to inputs
 Lack of capital
 Inadequate knowledge on production practices
 Poor collective action
 Lack of market orientation

- Demand-led variety development
- Seed production, distribution and marketing
- Tillage and planting services
- Soil fertility solutions
- Weed management solutions
- Crop protection solutions
- Input information and supply
- Sales of equipment and parts
- Water management solutions

Distribution Hubs Postharvest/storage

Low volumes
 Scattered production (high aggregation costs)
 Lack of storage infrastructure
 Drudgery
 Poor post-harvest handling

- Harvesting services
- Threshing services
- Winnowing services
- Produce cleaning and packaging services
- Drying services
- Aggregation services
- Warehousing services
- Produce post-harvest protection solutions
- Transport services

Processing

Lack of equipment
 Lack of knowledge on products
 Packaging and branding
 Lack of quality control standards

- Suitable variety selection
- Product development
- Precooking services
- Grinding services
- Caning services
- Product packaging services

Marketing

Unstructured markets
 Lack of market information
 Transportation costs
 Credit

- Cleaning, sorting and grading services
- Packaging services
- Product distribution and marketing services
- Transport services
- Distribution services
- Information services
- Digital marketing services

Financial, information, insurance, business advisory, food services etc.

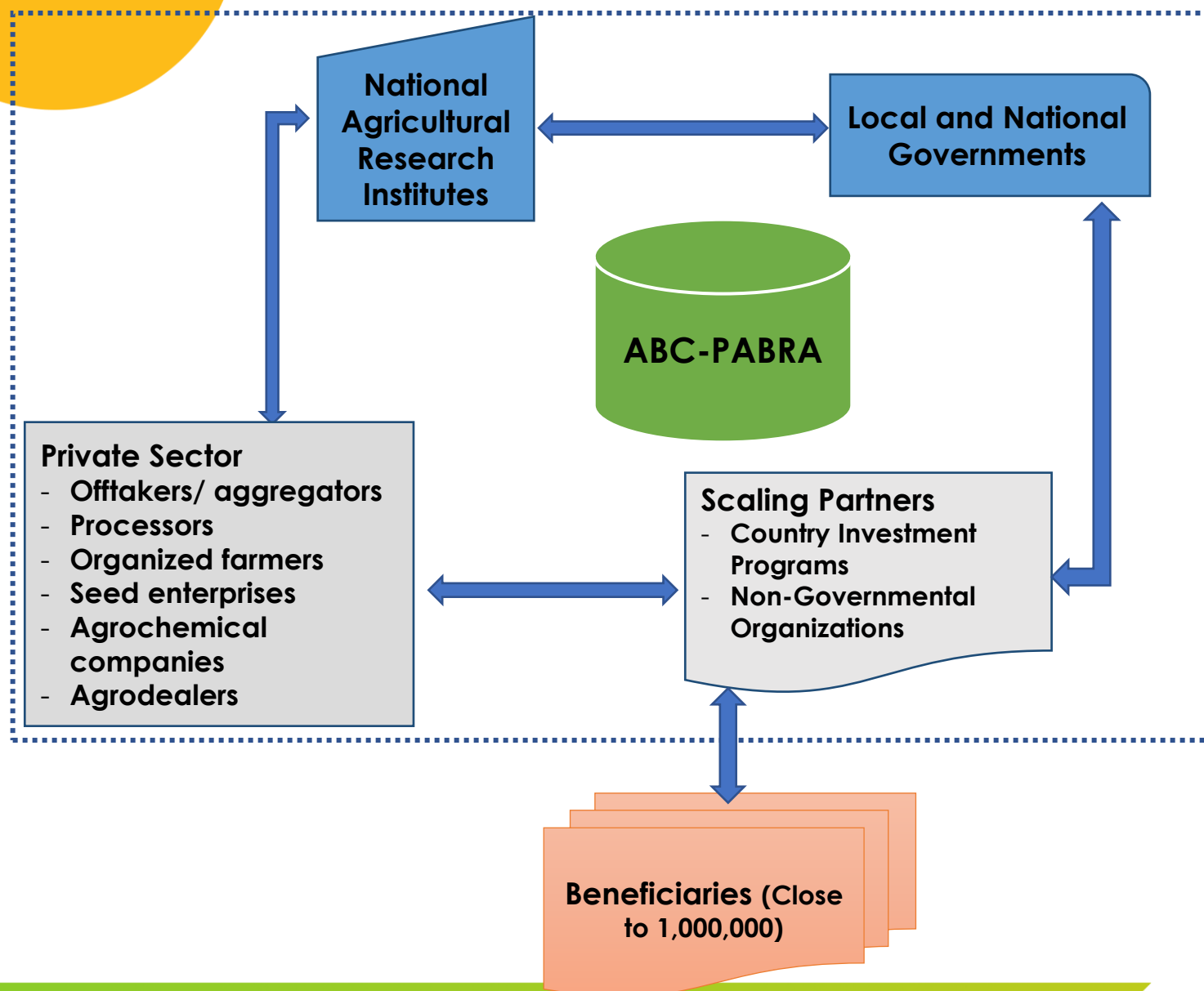


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RTDI - Catalyzing Partnerships for Scaling HIBs

- Varieties
- Breeder seed
- Foundation seed
- ICM Practises (input use)

- Input market
 - Certified seed
 - Fertilizer
 - Herbicides
 - Mechanization services
- Output market
 - Grain sales
 - Value-added products
- Awareness raising/ demand creation



- Stakeholder mobilization
 - Business platforms
 - Policy dialogues
- Awareness raising/ extension
 - Demonstrations
 - Field days
 - Trade fairs
 - Local GAP charts, brochures, flyers
 - Audio and video messaging
- Schools feeding programs
 - Nutrition: Physical & cognitive development, reduced anaemia
 - Outreach to communities

Creating an Enabling Environment Engaging Governments as Primary Scaling Partners



Some Key Achievements



Technologies deployed

- 31 market-preferred, high yielding, climate-smart and nutritious HIB varieties:
- Integrated Crop Management Practices (GAPs)
- Value-added Bean Products
- Over 10,000 campaigns or promotional activities

Seed production

- **3,547 MT** of Early Generation Seed (Breeder and Basic)
- **10,923 MT** of Certified Seed

94,500 people trained

94 new entrepreneurs engaged into (ASMEs)

967,000 beneficiaries across eight countries (**47% women**)

Production increase

- In Zimbabwe, HIB varieties and (GAPs) increased productivity in the intervention sites to **1-1.4t/ha up from 0.6 t/ha.**
- **131,081 MT** of additional food across 8 countries

Catalyzing additional investments in scaling HIB technologies

- **USD 920,018** leveraged for Compacts to provide services to country programs
- **USD 2,904,016** leveraged from other independent initiatives (donors, public sector, private sector) in-kind and cash-based contributions

Key lessons in scaling HIBs and associated technologies

- **Awareness creation:** Nutritional benefits of HIBs, GAPs for enhanced productivity, opportunities in value addition – consumers, farmers, private sector, policy etc.
- **Structuring markets in the bean corridors:** grain demand (offtakers), linkages with producers, input and service providers
- **Facilitating organized supply chain of quality seed** of HIB varieties through public-private partnerships
- **Inculcating a commercialization mindset;** (i) Catalyze private sector interests and investments in product and service provision along the value chain; (ii) supporting NARS to broaden partnerships
- Enhanced **engagements with governments:** country programs, local governments to co-invest in scaling HIBs
- **Inclusion of women** (especially in value addition) and **youth** in (service provision)

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