Scaling Seeds and Technologies Partnership in Africa

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AGRA’s Programs

• Getting better seed to Africa’s farmers (PASS)
  – Providing the higher-yielding seeds farmers need to achieve the African Green Revolution.

• Improving soil health
  – Bringing new life to Africa's degraded soils.

• Providing better access to markets
  – Encouraging increased access to well-functioning markets.

• Building partnerships to change policies
  – Building strong and dynamic partnerships with a shared vision.

• Strengthening farmer organizations capacities
  – Strong farmer organizations for improved service delivery to SHFs
Background

• Technology development and delivery traditionally dominated by the public sector
• Liberalization has created opportunities for commercial investment
• Public sector feels threatened by change
• Paternalistic attitude to smallholder farmers
• Both public and private sector interventions are required
• Reassessment of roles and responsibilities needed
AGRA/PASS Approach

- Understand the political economy
- Provide targeted support to both public and private sector actors
- Bring in fresh ideas
- Demonstrate by doing
- Engage in meaningful debate with public sector actors
Program for Africa’s Seed Systems (PASS)

• Four main components
  – Education for African Crop Improvement (EACI)
  – Fund For The Improvement and Adoption of African Crops (FIACC)
  – Seed Production for Africa (SEPA)
  – Agro Dealer Development Program (ADP)
Shifting ownership of inventive steps to local institutions
Approach technology supply for smallholder farmers as a business
Train African enterprises how to produce high quality products
Make local farmers aware of improved technology
Building marketing networks where farmers live
The Partnership

- National consultations and review of CAADP priorities
- Develop national roadmaps (scaling plans)
- Identify technologies supported both by AGRA and others
  - N2Africa
  - NARES, DTMA, HOPE, TL II, SASHA, CGIAR centers, IFDC
- Screen technologies using tools developed by IFPRI/HarvestChoice
- Carry out baselines to establish targets
- Solicit proposals that will support development of agribusiness clusters
  - Strong focus on supporting local capacity
- Expand spaces for market development through regulatory reform
- Use G8 cooperation frameworks to assist in identifying private sector partners
  - Implement policy reform