

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





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Train African enterprises how to produce high quality products





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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