

Introduction on Scaling Up Best Practices in Rice Sector

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<Background >

- IFAD has supported in the CARD Initiative in “South-South Cooperation” and “Integration of CARD related activities in the overarching development frameworks and sector strategies”
- South-South Cooperation under CARD has been “from Asia to Africa”, while there are success cases in Africa.
- Arising needs for scaling-up mind set for larger impacts.
- We can take stock of best practices from Sub-Sahara Africa and share among African countries for scaling up
- IFAD decided to provide supports to the CARD secretariat in the stocktaking of best practices and analysis on them for scaling up/out to other countries.



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Progress in the two initiatives;

- Stocktaking of Best Practices

A number of cases were identified as best practices and preliminary analyses for scaling up were conducted.

- CARD Rice Seed Pilot Initiative

10 target countries conducted/ are conducting following exercises; information collection, situation analysis, consultation with stakeholders in rice seed sector, and strategy development.

Based on the above exercises, the Rice Seed Development Strategy was drafted in respective countries.



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<Best Practices>

Stocktaking of Best Practices in the following two areas;

1. Integration of NRDS into Overarching Development Frameworks and Sector Strategies (e.g. CAADP Investment Plan)
2. Interventions and/or Policies along the Rice Value Chain (e.g. Inputs, Production, Processing, Marketing)



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1. Best Practices in Integration of NRDS

Why the integration/ alignment is important?

Of course rice, a component in agriculture, should fit well in the Agriculture Sector and national economy overall.

NRDS implementation helps implementation of CAADP/equivalent strategies through alignment/integration, because;

- It is difficult to give tangible results in comprehensive Strategies such as CAADP Investment Plan
- Issues along the whole value chain should be properly addressed for successful agriculture



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1. Best Practices in Integration of NRDS

Why the alignment is important?

NRDS implementation helps implementation of CAADP through alignment/integration, because;

- Commodity focus is useful to realize comprehensive supports for the whole value chain, strengthening linkages between market, service providers and producers
- Coordination can be done better among donor interventions in the sector, with commodity focus
- Experience of NRDS development and implementation including fund matching, and strengthened capacity is helpful in implementation of overarching sector strategy



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1. Best Practices in Integration of NRDS

In this Regional Workshop (**Day 1 AM**),

- Success Cases from three countries will be presented, namely; Guinea, Madagascar, and Uganda
- Analysis of cases will be presented in terms of common approaches, success factors, and critical conditions.
- Q&A session and comments will be taken for improving analysis



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2. Best Practices in Interventions in rice value chain

In this Regional Workshop (**Day 1 PM**),

- 5 Presentation will be made on; (i) Preliminary Analysis of success cases in interventions in the rice value chain, and (ii) Assessments on scalability of practices to other countries. (The cases are from Cote d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Togo, and Uganda)
- Q&A session and Comments will be taken for improving the analysis



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- Assessment can be done by answering framing questions considering the context of the place/country where the practices are scaled.

SCALING-UP FRAMING QUESTIONS

IDEAS

1. What is the intervention that you are looking to scale up? Is it a new idea, innovation or an already established and adopted practice? What are your goals for the intervention?
2. Where is it being implemented?
3. How is it being implemented?

VISION

4. What is the expected outcome/level of the intervention over which the IFAD project or program regularly is involved in? (i.e. food security, livelihoods, income, etc.) Could you provide examples for each? How many? (i.e. IFAD's own program and also for others' government, etc.)

DRIVERS

5. What are the drivers that are pushing or are expected to push the scaling up process ahead? (i.e. budget, local leadership, community, national or regional government?) (over Box 1)
6. What is IFAD doing to develop and support these drivers? (i.e. etc.)

SPACES

7. Where is IFAD doing its work in the context of the intervention over which you are looking to scale up? (i.e. IFAD's own program and also for others' government, etc.) (over Box 2)

PATHWAYS

8. What are the pathways that define the way interventions are implemented? (i.e. IFAD's own program and also for others' government, etc.) (over Box 2)
9. What is the role of IFAD in the scaling up process? (i.e. IFAD's own program and also for others' government, etc.) (over Box 2)
10. What are the main barriers to scaling up? (i.e. IFAD's own program and also for others' government, etc.) (over Box 2)
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BOX 1 Innovation, learning and scaling up: A cycle

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Flowchart: Innovation, learning and scaling up: A cycle. The cycle includes: Innovation, Learning, Scaling up, and Evaluation. The flow is: Innovation → Learning → Scaling up → Evaluation → Innovation.

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2. Best Practices in Interventions in rice value chain

Remarks;

- Success cases to be presented are not exhaustive (we have another 3- 4 drafts, and there should be more cases)
- The scalability of success cases were analyzed, through utilization of Scalability Assessment Framework developed by IFAD
- Scalability Assessment in the presentations was done in a generic way, since CARD covers 23 countries (we cannot assume adoption of best practices by any specific country) – So analysis does not give answer about the scalability, but gives preconditions & necessary factors for Scaling Up

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At the end of the day, there will be Wrap Up and Future steps will be confirmed as Way Forward regarding the Best Practices for Scaling-Up

Lastly, the presentations are primarily for;

- (i) Taking comments to improve analysis, and
- (ii) Mutual Learning, by the CARD member countries

Therefore, given time constraints, we will not spend much time on discussions or consensus formation, unless they are very critical.



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