

Growing the rice sector in Africa sustainably



Countries covered, in the plans, on-going

- Regional Value Chain Program – 2018: Guinea, Niger, Senegal, Sierra Leone, The Gambia
- 2019 pipeline: Benin, Burkina Faso, and Mauritania
- 2020 pipeline: Cote D'Ivoire, Cameroon, and Mali
- On-going: Cote D'Ivoire and Uganda

Investments to date

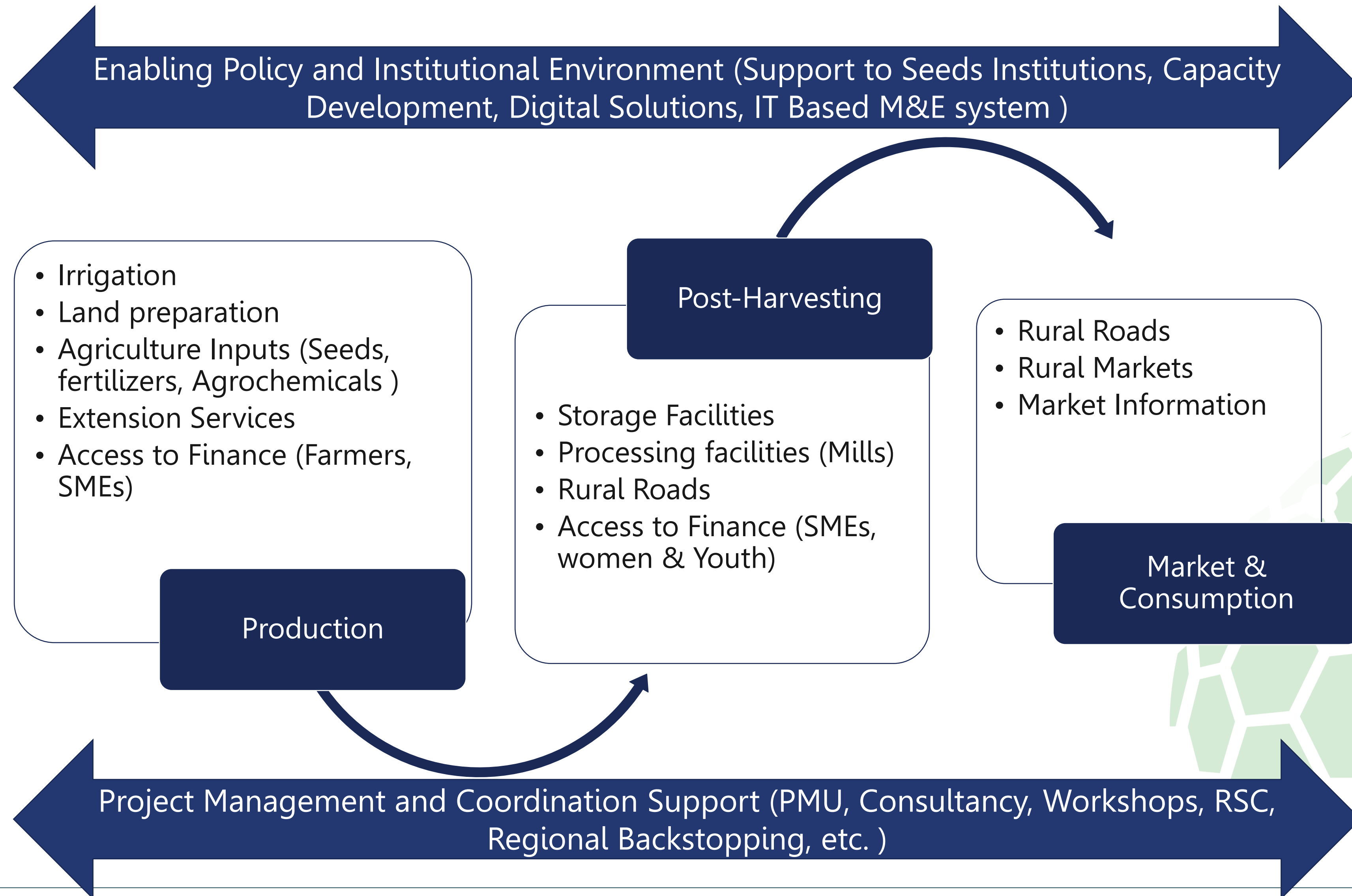
- US\$ 244 m, most in West Africa member states. Over US \$100 m in the plans for 2019-2020
- Over US\$ 400 m with other development partners co-investing
- A flagship program announced in 2018 for 10 countries; first 5 funded
- Key features of the program:
 - Country ownership
 - Value chain approach
 - Private sector engagement
 - Innovation rich
 - Manage and monitor for impact

Specific objectives – at country and regional level

- Raise production (double cropping) and productivity in sustainable manner
- Improve access markets and competitiveness – support value addition agribusinesses
- Strengthen the capacity of the value chain actors – farmers associations, private sector entities and Islamic Microfinance Institutions (MFI)
- Improve institutional delivery capacity – enhance monitoring, evaluation and communication of outcomes
- Foster regional collaboration – share what works well or not across countries



Value chain Approach



Senegal – agroprocessing by women group requires significant support



Guinea, Sierra Leone and The Gambia - significant soil and infrastructure related challenges exists



Expected outcomes – the regional rice program

- Impact directly on 2.0 m smallholder farmers across 10 countries – 40% women and youth
- Raise productivity to 3.0-6.0 t/ha
- Improve self sufficiency: currently 12 to 69% among the 10 countries; contribute 10-20% of the annual rice demand
- Reduce significantly the import bills – currently over US\$ 1.2 billion annually
- Generate jobs: at least 150,000 across the 10 countries
- Private sector strengthened – 9 SMEs established

Strategic partners – the regional rice program

- **Financing**: BADEA (co-financing), Africa Development Bank (parallel financing), Swiss Development Cooperation (grant resources); the Live and Livelihood Fund – several donors including the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, UAE, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the IsDB
- Private sector – several including OCP, Morocco
- Technical implementation support – several: **Africarice**, UNDP, Manobi, **WFP**, among others
- Foster south-south cooperation through IsDB's Reverse Linkage Program

Thank you!

