

# Engaging Member Countries on the Path of Food Sovereignty

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**Moving from the traditional  
System of Cultivation towards  
Rice Self-Sufficiency:- IsDB  
Regional Rice Value Chain  
Program**



# The IsDB Regional Rice Value Chain Program: A powerful pathway towards alleviating poverty

	<p>Truly innovative approach in Agriculture project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regional program involving 10 countries</li><li>• Value chain based</li></ul>
	<p>Vital initiative for beneficiary member countries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Food security/Food Sovereignty</li><li>• Governmental trade balance &amp; Budget</li></ul>
	<p>Strategic Flagship program for all:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IsDB</li><li>• LLF, MANOBI, UNDP, AFRICARICE, AGRA, SDC, IFDC etc.</li></ul>
	<p>Significant investment of US\$300 million:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• LLF Financing (IsDB + LLF Grants)</li><li>• Several Co-financers</li></ul>
	<p>Powerful mobilization dynamic &amp; engine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Partnerships</li><li>• Synergies</li></ul>

# Rice production in Africa Suffers From Weak Fundamentals



## Rice production is ineffective:

- low yield, poor quality of paddy and high cost of production
- Average yield of rice farm between 1 and 1.5 metric tons/h
- No meaningful investment to support low productivity



## Rice productivity is poor:

- Land productivity is less than 55% of world average yields
- Labor productivity is less than 60% Vs Asia and Latin America
- % of agricultural exports fell from 15% (mid-1960s) to less than 4% today



## Ability to appeal to African consumers is compromised:

- Poor quality of paddy leads to poor rice grains mixed with impurities and stones
- Rice presents non uniform grain size and color
- Local rice is generally unattractive to local consumers
- Consumers preferred foreign rice to local rice varieties

# Why the IsDB Regional Initiative?

- Regional Investment Plan for accelerating Rice Self-Sufficiency in IsDB member countries/ SSA using the Value Chain Approach
- Lack of a well-coordinated regional effort to deliver Rice production technologies across similar agro ecological zones & help address related issues of extension, policy, market, R&D, & regulation, hindering widespread use of technologies
- IsDB & its identified partners, therefore, seek to refocus the efforts of CGIAR & its network with NARES to build sustainable rice investment program.

## The Value chain approach will emphasis on:

Accelerate and sustain self-sufficiency in rice in the 10 Countries.

Contribute to food sovereignty in the 10 Countries.

Identify priority segments of the Regional Value Chain for investment

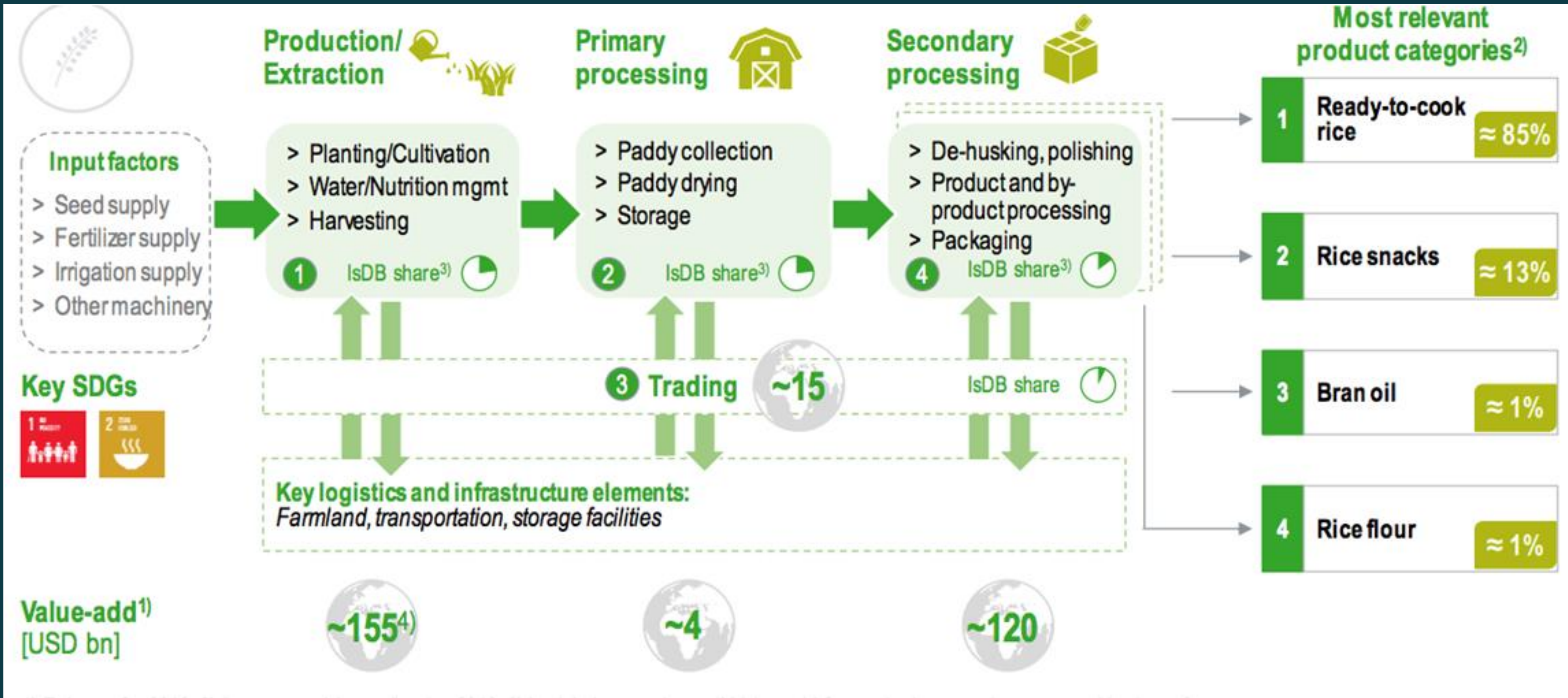
Identify additional investment along the rice value chain

Enhance involvement of Private Sector, job creation and Regional market share in global rice trade

# The Value chain approach needs to be efficiently leveraged to unlock the massive productive potential of SSA

- Use a **value chain approach**, includes farm-to-market linkages, access to resources to enable upgrading & ability of the poor to capture benefits
- Use a **push-pull approach** (pathways out of poverty + value chain development) to ensure inclusion of the farmers including youth and women
- Take a **systems approach** that recognizes the inter-connections among farming, market and ecological systems and avoids singular commodity or simplistic technical fixes
- Address **systemic constraints** that could improve multiple value chains
- Don't ignore **the better-off farmers** – key to the security of vulnerable farmers
- Include **regional markets** – they are critical even to the most vulnerable
- Ensure Government does not crowd out **private sector** upon which cash and employment generation depend
- Use **facilitation approaches** to change behavior and ensure sustainability
- Build **flexibility** into project design that allows for **learning and adapting**,
- Build in **credible evaluations** to ensure evidence-based learning





# Rice Value Chain



# Current status of implementation

- PMU/PIU in all the 5-Program Countries( Gambia, Guinea, Niger, Senegal and Sierra Leone) are fully on board
- In The Gambia, Design and Supervision consult (PAGES Company Limited) already on board to do the “Detail design and construction/Rehabilitation supervision of Tidal and Pump Irrigation, Access roads, drying floors and districts stores” for the project.
- An inception report on the detailed design and supervision was.
- The procurement process has been finalized for a financial audit firm and Islamic microfinance capacity-building consultant
- Except for Guinea, Training Program conducted Baseline Study has been conducted in the all the 4 countries.
- Agricultural land preparation in progress

