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Background

An enabling policy environment is a key element for agricultural development, food security and poverty reduction in developing countries. However, government policy analysts and decision makers often lack the capacity to generate reliable evidence of the impact of their policies on value chain actors, from farmers to consumers. Therefore, government policies and the effects they generate are often inconsistent with overarching food security and agricultural development goals.

Since 2009, MAFAP successfully partnered with government institutions and research organizations in several developing countries, to create policy monitoring systems and carry out a consistent set of policy and public expenditure analyses across a wide range of agricultural value chains.

Over the next five years, MAFAP will build on the partnerships and evidence created to support governments to reform food and agricultural policies that are currently constraining agricultural development, especially for smallholders.

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Duration: 5 years (2014 - 2019)
Overview of MAFAP Objectives and Theory of Change

**Global Level**
- Coordination of partnerships for data collection (+ possible sub-granting/contracting)
- Coordination of advocacy partnerships (+ possible sub-granting/contracting)
- Capacity development, mentoring, guidance
- Coordination of advocacy partnerships
- Quality control of technical outputs

**National Level**

1. **Data collection and management partners**
   - Targeted data (primary and secondary data on prices, volumes, access costs, market structures, etc)

2. **Government Policy Analysis Units/Local Think Tanks**
   - Policy analysis (ex-post identification and analyses of policy ‘problems’)

3. **Policy reform options** (ex-ante modelling of a range of policy ‘solutions’)

4. **Local stakeholder engagement**
   - (Stakeholder input on approval procedures and advocacy strategies to advance reform priorities and options)

**MAFAP I**
- Identify policy ‘problems’
- Advocacy: Identify and promote the adoption of reform priorities and solutions; and monitor Government implementation of reforms

**MAFAP II**
- Recommend policy reform ‘solutions’
- Enabling agricultural policy framework strengthened

**MAFAP Partner Countries**

- MAFAP I: Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Nigeria, United Republic of Tanzania, Uganda
- MAFAP II additions: Bangladesh (pilot), Benin, Burundi, Rwanda, Senegal, South Sudan (pilot), Zambia

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