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for Nutrition-Sensitive Food and Agriculture to Address Malnutrition

Session 3: Questionnaire on Policy, Laws and Regulations and National Policy Dialogue Plan

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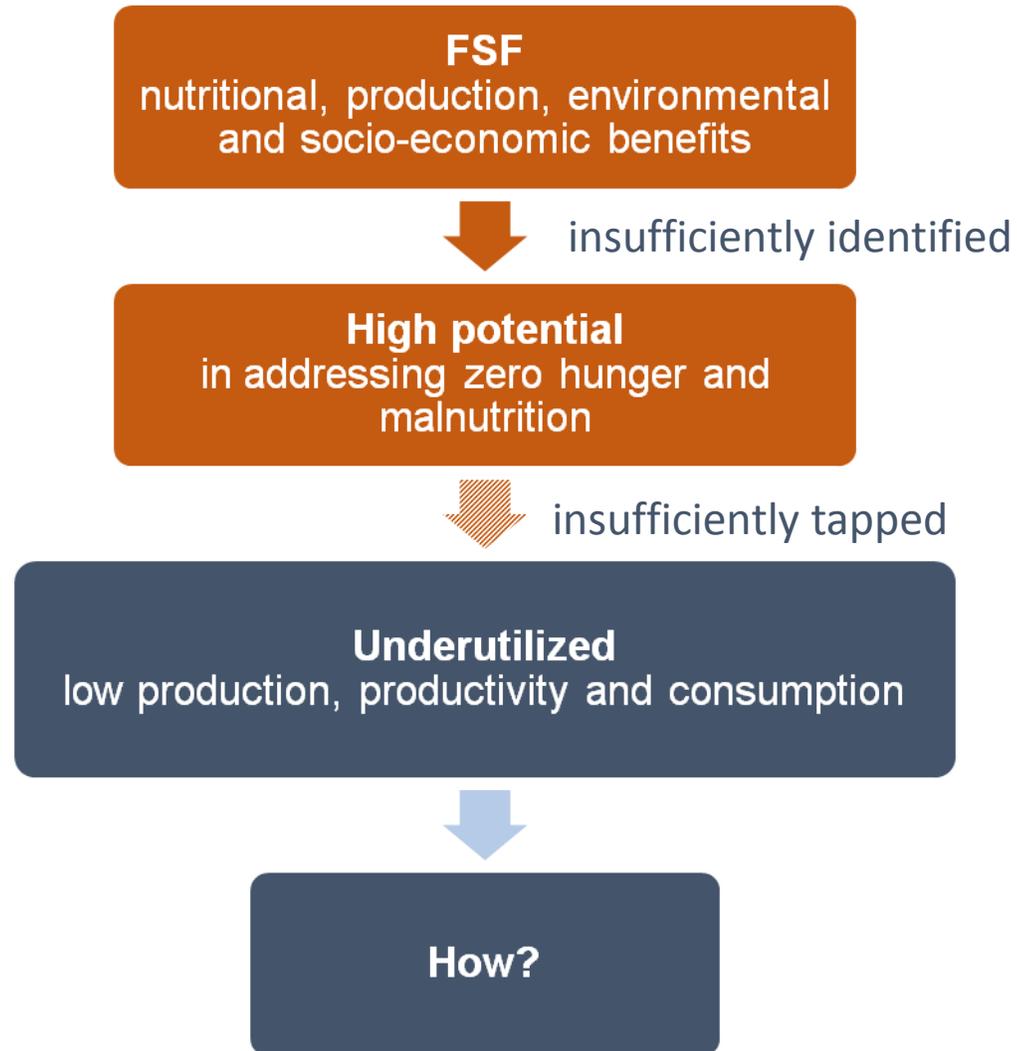


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- II. Questionnaire on Policy, Laws and Regulations
- III. National and Local Policy Dialogues

I. How to Rediscover Hidden Treasure of FSF

How to Rediscover Hidden Treasure of FSF



Why have FSF been underutilized?

Consumption



Education

- Little or no knowledge of the nutritional and health benefits of pulses
- Little awareness raising and promotion

Culture

- Inferior image of pulses, associated with poor people's food
- Preference towards easy-accessible calorie-rich and nutrient-poor food



Why have FSF been underutilized?

Productivity



- **Water scarcity**
- **Land degradation**
- **Lack of quality seeds**
- **Pests and diseases**
- **Forward and backward linkages with markets**



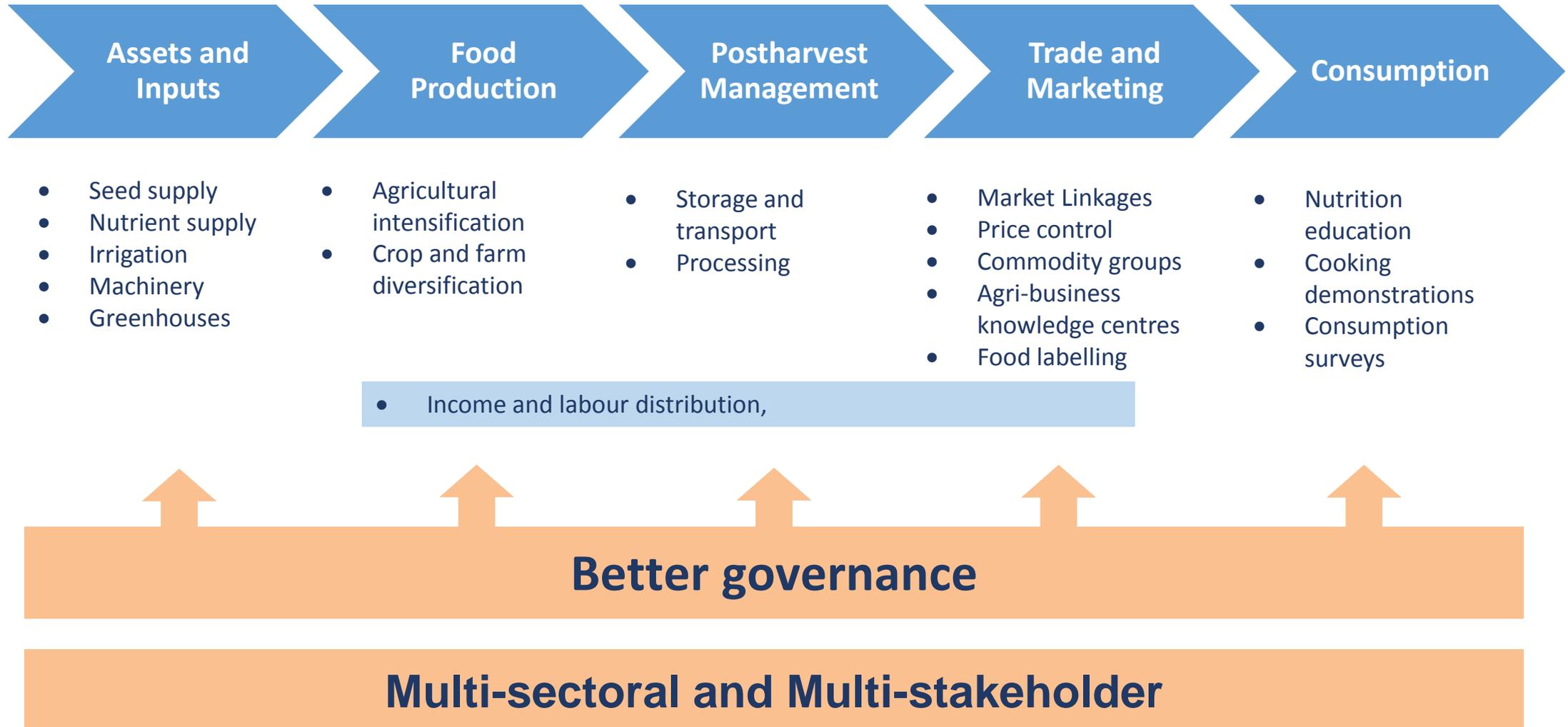
Multidimensional constraints for FSF: Technical Level

Dimension	Constraints	Possible Policy Interventions
Technical	Lack of seed availability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Market mechanisms for seed multiplication, storage and distribution (local seed banks) • In case of adverse weather events, buy-back seed of improved varieties by the state governments to avoid distress sales of seed as commodity in the market
	Farmers lack knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective knowledge transfer through extension services
	Low response to improved management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of technologies (early-maturing varieties, short-duration rice varieties, moisture conservation technology), plus improved cultural practices
	Lack of adequate postharvest and processing technologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced subsidy/availability at affordable and subsidized prices for agricultural machinery incl. sprinklers for irrigation, and quality seed supply

Multidimensional constraints for FSF: Institutional Level

Dimension	Constraints	Possible Policy Interventions
Policy and Institutional	Lack of cash and credit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Easy access to credit for small-scale farmers, particularly women farmers
	Lack of policy and market support	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Access to institutional credit and crop insurance schemes• Introduce fixed minimum support prices• Enforcement of quality checking and certification at various stages of the value chain to facilitate exports to EU and other developed countries• Procurement of crops through government and subsidized sale of crops through fair price shops (India) or school feeding
	Consumer preferences	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Promotion of cultivars preferred by the market and which can be afforded by the farmers• Create awareness of nutritional and health benefits of crop diversification

Promote Agriculture Diversification along Food Value Chain



II. Questionnaire on Policy, Laws and Regulations

Questionnaire on Policy, Laws and Regulations

Objective

- Survey the current status of national policy, regulations, laws and institutions covering the entire food value chain related to both staple and non-staple food (incl. NUS/FSF)
- Support the Government, including various ministries and stakeholders, to coordinate and review the status and identify gaps on incentives provided for NUS

Output 1: National policy and strategy recommendations

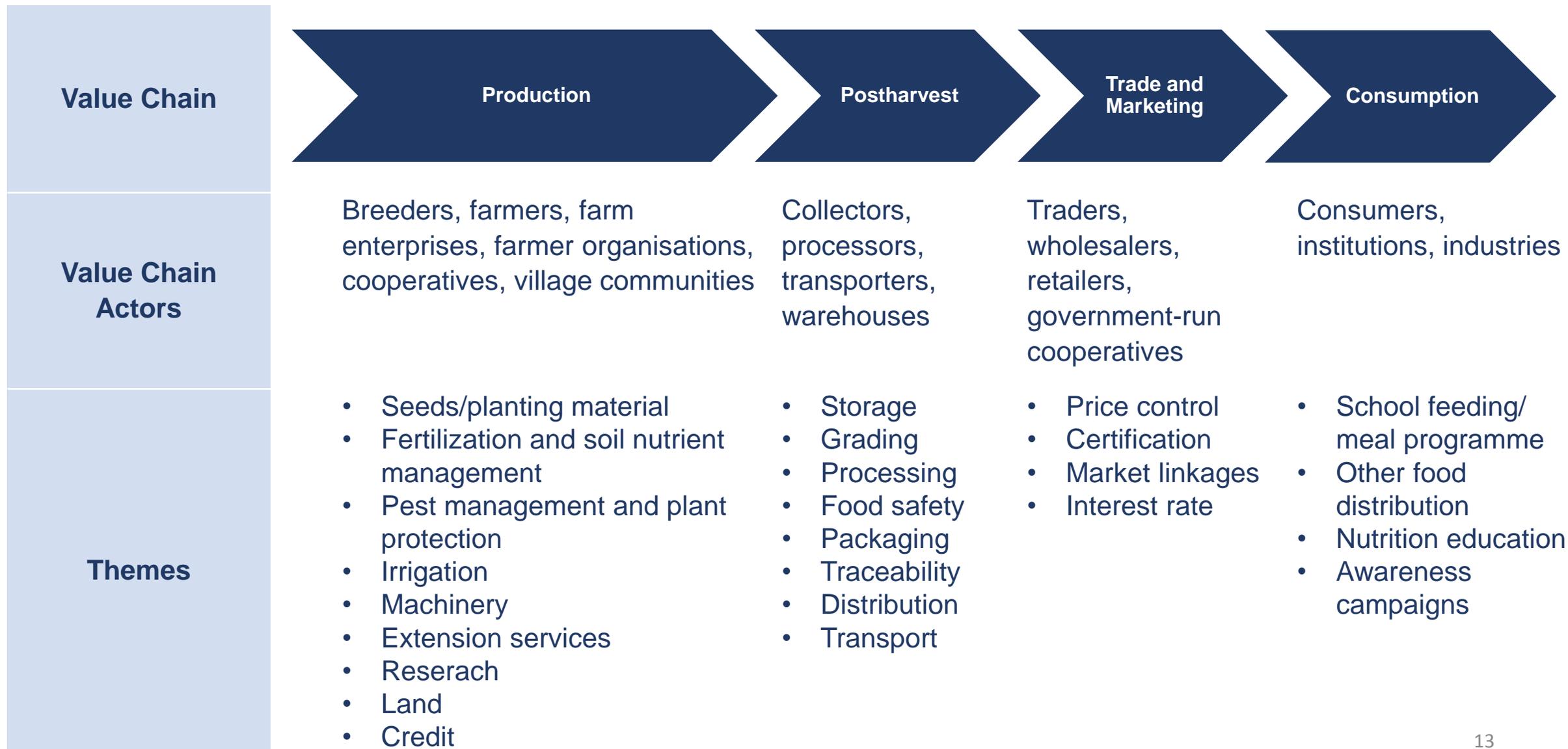
Activity 1.1: Map existing policies, regulations and institutions that cover crop-related NUS from a food system perspective

Questionnaire on Policy, Laws and Regulations

Scope for Distribution

- Government (national / provincial / district level)
- Legislature (Parliament / Congress / Assembly / Commission / Committee)
- Research / Academia / University
- Farmers Association / Farmers
- Private Sector
- Non-governmental Organization
- Other

Questionnaire on Policy, Laws and Regulations



Questionnaire on Policy, Laws and Regulations

1. Production			
Question		Answer	
a. What policies/laws/regulations are already in place that target the production of staple and non-staple food, respectively? If yes, how much relative budget has been allocated for each food group in 2015/16?	<i>Policy, Laws and Regulations</i>	<i>A. Staple food</i>	<i>B. NUS</i>
	Seeds and planting material	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify: _____ Budget allocated (%): _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify: _____ Budget allocated (%): _____
	Fertilization and soil nutrient management	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify: _____ Budget allocated (%): _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify: _____ Budget allocated (%): _____
	Pesticides (including eco-friendly and others)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify: _____ Budget allocated (%): _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify: _____ Budget allocated (%): _____

Questionnaire on Policy, Laws and Regulations

1. Production			
Question		Answer	
		A. Staple food	B. NUS
b. What are major Ministries and stakeholders including legislative authorities (parliament/congress/assembly, commissions/committees) involved? <i>(more than one answer)</i>	Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Ministry for Agriculture, please specify: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry for Environment, please specify: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry for Water, please specify: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry for Rural Development, please specify: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Ministry for Agriculture, please specify: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry for Environment, please specify: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry for Water, please specify: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry for Rural Development, please specify: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: _____
	Legislature	<input type="checkbox"/> Parliament/Congress/Assembly, please specify: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Commission/Committee, please specify: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Parliament/Congress/Assembly, please specify: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Commission/Committee, please specify: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: _____

Questionnaire on Policy, Laws and Regulations

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c. Gaps, Disincentives and Incentives: Identify and describe any existing or in-pipeline incentives/ disincentives in favour of production.	Gaps and Disincentives		
	Incentives		

Questionnaire on Policy, Laws and Regulations

- Two supplementary questions, please specify:
 - 1) Which major NGOs/INGOs is your institution collaborating with on food security and nutrition (e.g. food distribution, school meal programme)?
 - 2) Which private sector partners is your institution collaborating with on food security and nutrition?
- Please provide relevant official documents on policy, laws and regulations as reference at the end of the Questionnaire
 - indicate title, year, and web link
- Examples for policies and laws are given in the annex

III. National and Local Policy Dialogues

National and Local Policy Dialogues

Objective

Give guidance and information on the context, objectives, methodology and expected results of the national field survey

Output 1: National policy and strategy recommendations on a multi-dimensional enabling environment for nutrition-sensitive food and agriculture

Activity 1.4: Organize national and field multi-stakeholder policy dialogues to endorse country reports and assist Governments in adopting revised policy frameworks

National and Local Policy Dialogues

I. Setting the scene: Understanding the importance of agricultural diversification

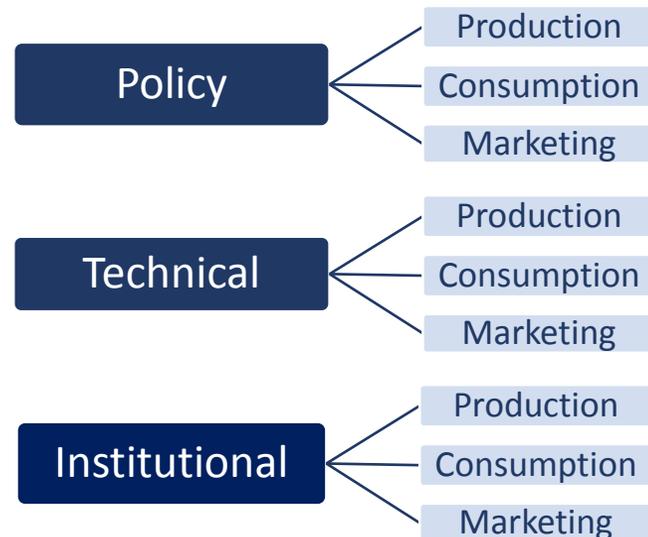
II. Status and identification of gaps within national policies, laws and regulations

- 1) National status of disconnect
- 2) Identifying the gaps (*Questionnaire*)

III. Prioritization of Neglected and Underutilized Crop Species (NUS)

- 1) Status of scoping and prioritization of 5-6 NUS
- 2) Selection of 1-2 NUS for piloting

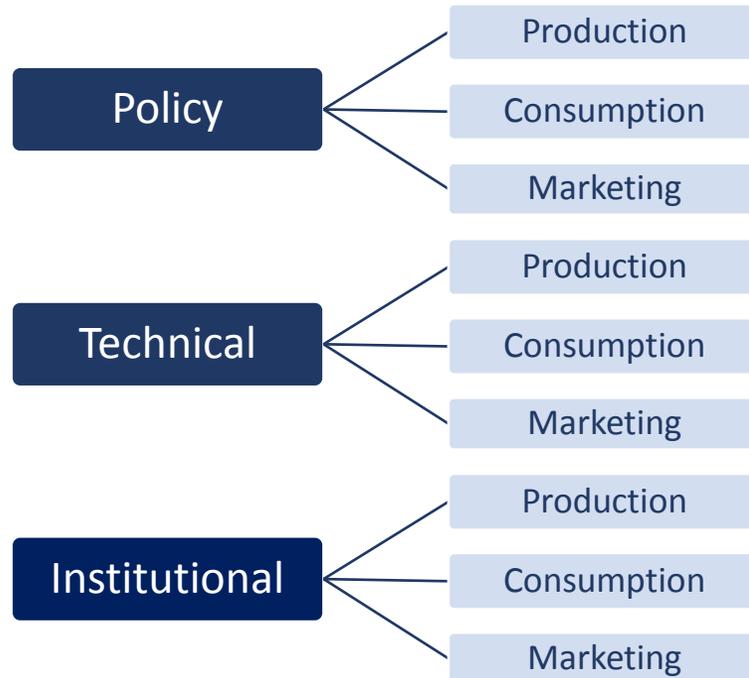
IV. Three-dimensional discussion of challenges towards agricultural diversification



Day 1

National and Local Policy Dialogues

IV. Three-dimensional discussion of incentives required to address the challenges



VI. Wrap up and Recommendations

Day 2

National and Local Policy Dialogues: Draft Guiding Questions

- What are the main strengths and weaknesses of the current agricultural strategy/policy?
- What have been the main changes in farming systems and policy environment for agriculture diversification?
- What needs to be changed or added to the present agricultural policy? Or, what policy domains are missing and need to be included?
- How can the implementation of the agricultural policy be strengthened?
- What are main lessons learned (what worked well and what did not work), from your perspective, that need to be considered in the policy strategy for agriculture diversification
- How can stakeholder participation in the review/ revision process be made effective and efficient?

Thank you!



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