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SAGCOT Integrated Knowledge and Information for Agriculture





Characteristics G4AW-project



Country: Tanzania

Lead Partner: TechForce Innovations B.V.

Consortium: Milan Innovincy B.V., Kilimo Trust, Kadaster International, AGRA

Services: 1 – Weather forecasting

2 – Agribusiness support

3 – Plot specific crop advice

Target group: 125,000 smallholder rice farmers to be reached

Project period: from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2019



Characteristics of the target group



Smallholder rice farmers in the SAGCOT area:

Size: ca. 250,000 farmers

Average size of land: 0.5 - 2 ha

Organized: Producer associations, Farmer groups, Irrigators' cooperative,

Agricultural Marketing Cooperatives

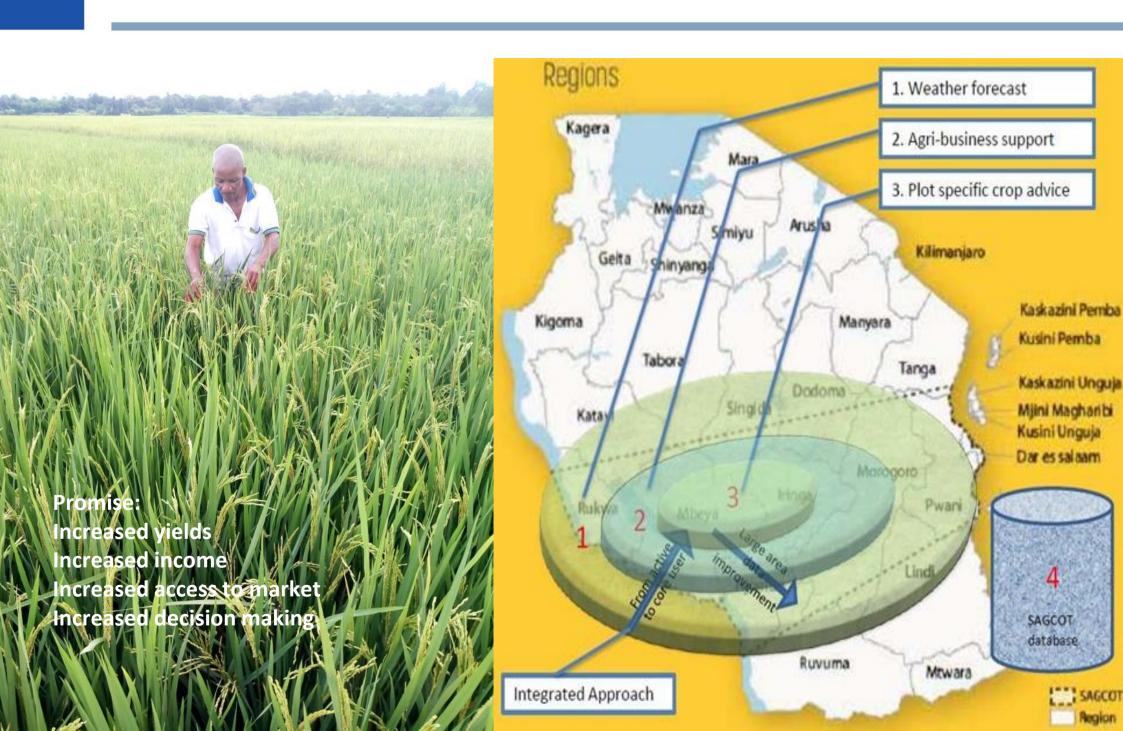
Network: Kilimo Trust

Government extension officers, agribusinesses, FRI, radio stations



Goal of the G4AW project





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Satellite data collected:

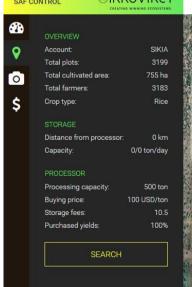
- 30 Sentinel-1 images, each image covering 62500 sq km over the SAGCOT area
- 24 TerraSAR-X images (high-res SAR), each image covering ~300 sq km over Mbeya region

SAR calibration data collected by drone:

- 6 flight campaigns, about 300 ha over Mbarali, following the TerraSAR-X data acquisition dates
- 6 ground data collection campaigns from 50 plots in Mbarali
- Specific plot information for 1500 plots

Plot mapping and related services:

 3100 plots are mapped in Kyela, Busokelo and Mbarali and registered over the SAF





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Trainings and user engagement

- GAP and GPHH training: 3202 farmers trained
- 6 GAP technology demonstration and learning sites established in Makwale, Kisegese and Kasyabone schemes
- 340 Copies of GAP Manual distributed
- 29 ToT trained on GAP



- 4 radio broadcasts aired on Bomba FM, contributing to ultimately reach 125,000 farmers
- 550 farmers received plot specific information per SMS

Market linkages and stakeholder engagement

- Agribusinesses: Raphael Group, G2L Company, Kyela Rice Millers, Yara, Obo Investment Company, and Mbeya Rice Company
- Government: Ministry of Defense, Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority, Tanzania Meteorological Agency, Ministry of Agriculture
- Financial service providers: NMB Bank



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Strong points: Close connection with farmers

Multiple data sources

Compact partnership with external technology experts for specific

activities

Local stakeholders in Mbeya have a high motivation

Lessons learned so far: Coordination with local governmental institutions

Rice crop calendar: theory vs practice

Logistics

Planning: Q3 2018 – Q4 2019:

intensification of the implementation and roll-out of all the

information services throughout Mbeya and Morogoro



Business case



Business model:

- Agribusinesses to pay an annual fee for access to rice cultivation information
- Agribusinesses to pay an annual fee per ha for detailed plot specific information

Business case:

- No revenues have been generated as we are yet in our first operational season.
- We aim at reaching sufficient agribusinesses to sustain the information services.
- Potential revenue streams identified throughout the project come from:
 - Agribusiness: Input providers
 - Agribusiness: Processors and traders
 - Telecom companies
 - o Banks



Resume



Most important lessons:

- 1. Information services are starting to pick up
- 2. First growth season is yet to be concluded
- 3. Agribusiness connectivity is moving forward
- 4. Business case development work in progress



Thanks for your attention

