Africa RISING
Phase II in a nutshell

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Phase II in A Nutshell

• A continuation of Phase 1
• A research project
• Committed to generating measureable impacts at scale (>100,000 households per country)
• Another $50m USAID investment
• Same country focus at the programme’s core

Africa RISING Phase II Programme Proposal: https://cgspacg.s.cgiar.org/handle/10568/77114
Programme Purpose

To provide pathways out of hunger and poverty for smallholder families through sustainably intensified farming systems that sufficiently improve food, nutrition, and income security, particularly for women and children, and conserve or enhance the natural resource base.
Theory of Change

• Research generates, adapts and validates Sustainable Intensification innovations
• Applying these, rural households make more efficient use of available resources
• Increased efficiency → increased production without compromising the needs of future generations
• Increased production is associated with a range of livelihood benefits (income, nutrition, human capacity)
Some Key Elements of Phase II

“Research in Development” model
• Diverse partnerships for scaling
• Vision of success / targets
• Communities of practice
• Programme-wide analysis - evidence
“Research in Development”

- Demand-driven, based on long-term engagement of research and development partners
- Geographical focus aligned with the agenda of the development partners
- Backstopping research priorities driven significantly by development partners
- Output and outcome targets entirely aligned between research and development partners
Scaling Partnerships

• **Frontline public and NGO delivery systems** e.g. agencies implementing Ethiopia’s National Growth and Transformation Plan

• **Mission-supported large development initiatives** e.g. partnership with Tanzania Staples Value Chain Activity (NAFAKA)

• **Public-private partners** e.g. legume technology dissemination and marketing by N2 Africa
Vision of Success / Targets

![Graph showing the increase in farm households from 2015 to 2021.
- Blue line: Households participating directly in AR research.
- Orange line: Households participating in AR development partner activities.

Key milestones:
- 2015: 6,967
- 2016: 10,008
- 2017: 12,196
- 2018: 257,625
- 2019: 392,190
- 2020: 588,149
- 2021: 840,365

Target: 1,119,438 by 2021]
Thank You

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