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Sector Policy – What Is It?

Why a Sector Policy?

- Every sector is different, even within agribusiness
- Specific sector issues in Rwanda
- Main factors and/or drivers of sector
- Needs, opportunities and risks
- Specific financing solutions





Sector Policy – What For?

Sector policy use

- Significance of sector in Rwanda (land use, economic, importance)
- Technical and financial aspects of sector
- Key players in value chain
- Identification of needs, bottle necks and risks
- Guide for client and credit approach
- Background information for reports & applications
- Base for discussion and improvement





Sector Policy - Content

Sector Policy - Contains

- Quick Guide Summary
- Value Chain
- Financing Needs
- SWOT
- Risks

Sector Policy - Does not contain

- Finance Product Details (see specific product descriptions)
- Crop Data (see crop data sheet)





Sector Policy – Quick Guide

What is the Quick Guide?

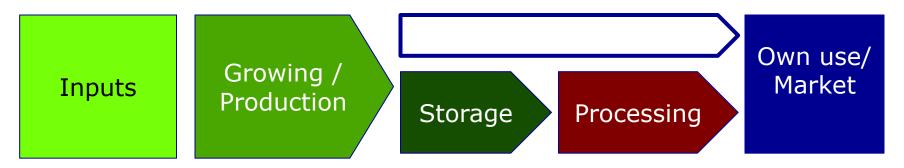
- Summary of 1 or 2 pages
- Key information about Value Chain
- Essential factors of risk
- Main financing opportunities for sector

Quick reference but no substitute to good understanding of sector





Sector Policy - The Value Chain



The Value Chain

- Different factors and issues along the value chain
- Crucial elements of the chain for each crop
- Negligible or not applicable chain elements
- Timing and importance





Sector Policy - Financing Needs

Financing Needs

- Stages and timing of financing in value chain
- Significance of financing needs
- Specific financing risks
- Potential sources of financing and repayment
- Opportunity for bank finance?

Identifying financing needs does not mean bank should be involved!





Sector Policy – SWOT

Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities & Threats

- Strengths & Weaknesses are internal
- Opportunities & Threats are external
- Client's strengths & weaknesses may be different!
- Policy SWOT is indicative, needs adjustment
- Helps identify key risks and opportunities





Sector Policy – Risks

Sector Risks

- Identification of main risks in context of sector
- Highlight of essential risks linked to specific finance product
- Illustration of potential risk mitigation to be considered
- Specific client risks are different from general sector risks

Risk assessment is not solved by the value of collateral!





Sector Policy – Next Steps

Conclusion

- Sector policy document is a guide not a solution
- Each client, region, context is different, verify sources!
- Sector policy is knowing what and where to look for the answer
- Agribusiness is a living science, the policy must be a living document:
 - Reference to specific finance product documents
 - Reference to central sector data sheet
 - Exchange and discussion of available information



