

# **Alliance for Commodity Trade in Eastern and Southern Africa**



## **THE COMESA AGRO INPUTS PROGRAMME**

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# OUTLINE

- Background
- Objectives
- Brief Description of  
COMRAP
- Status of Implementation



## **SUB SECTOR BACKGROUND**

- 400 million and 70% are smallholder
  - low productivity
- 8kg per Hectare with high nutrient mining >> 50kg/ha by 2015
- Only 30% smallholders SS Africa use quality seeds >> 35% in 3 years



## **COMESA AGRO INPUTS PROGRAMME**

- **EC FOOD FACILITY**

- Mitigate Impact of Food Price Rises
- Inputs Prices were also increasing
- Greater Leverage on Food Security



# OBJECTIVES

- **ACTESA OBJECTIVES SUPPORTED BY COMRAP**
  - Improve competitiveness and policy environment
  - Improve and expand market facilities and services; and,
  - Integrate smallholder farmers commercially into national, regional and international markets



## **COMESA AGRO INPUTS PROGRAMME**

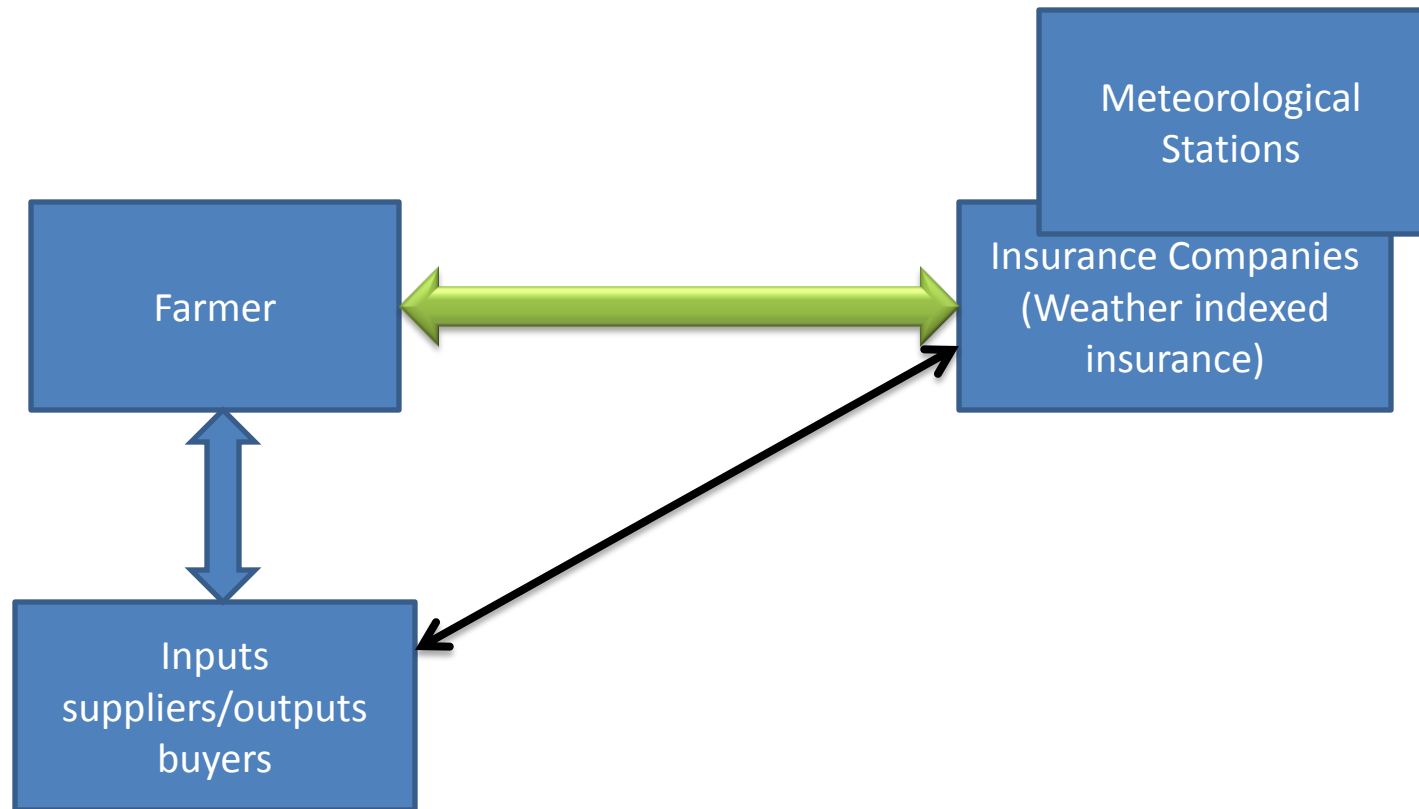
- **COMRAP GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**
  - FOOD SECURITY ENHANCED
    - ✓ 3000 000 SMALLHOLDERS HAVE IMPROVED & SUSTAINED ACCESS TO AGRO INPUTS
- **COMPONENTS (INTERVENTIONS)**
  - ENHANCE CAPACITY TO DELIVER RURAL CREDIT
  - INPUTS MARKET DEVELOPMENT
  - SEED POLICY & SUPPLY



# Support to Seed Sector

- **Harmonisation of policies and Regulations**
- **Equipment to support seed quality improvement**
- **Support to breeders (breeders seed and planting material)**
- **Support Seed multiplication**

## WEATHER INDEXED INSURANCE MODEL





## **FASTTRACK STRATEGIES**

- **Credit and Insurance (Consultants, Insurance Companies, Farmers Associations)**
- **AGRO DEALER TRAINING (NGOs and Institutions)**
- **Seed Policy and Regulations Harmonisation (SADC Seed Network, ASARECA, West Africa Seed Alliance)**
- **Seed Supply (NAROs, NGOs, CGIAR, farmers)**
- **COMESA Procurement Rules**



## **STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION**

- **Implementation Commenced in Sept 2009**
- **Contribution Agreement Signed**
- **Recruitment of Staff**
- **Procurement of Vehicles for Use at Secretariat – April 2010**
- **Procurement of Vehicles for National Coordination in Process**
- **Procurement of Computers in Process**



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