Trade and Agriculture

Workshop on AidforTrade

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Theme 1

Value Chain

Inputs - Production - Storage - Collection - Processing - Marketing

Supply

Demand

Case: A rural Private Sector Development in Moçambique, Danida

Objective: "Sustainable and increased smallholders' income from marketing agricultural production"

Intervention areas:

- Development of farmers' marketing societies
- Agro-business development
- Rural finance

- Demand driven approach failed in the first phase due to weak business environment
- Redesigned in second phase => focus on few value chains, e.g:
 - Sesame
 - Soybeans
 - Irish potatoes
 - Vegetables

Where to intervene? Where to start?

- Market demand => Market information
- Inputs => Seed supply and multiplication
- Knowledge => Extension and crop protection
- Capital => Financial services
- Collection system => Storage, access to market
- Market actors => Traders, processing industry, exporters

Priorities:

Small-scale farmers: Risk minimizers

Entrepreneurs: Profit optimizers

Theme 2

Farmer Associations' Financial Performance

Case: Support to Cooperatives in Nicaragua, Danida

Rationale: Channelling support to small-scale farmers through their organisation reduces transaction costs

Objective: Producer organisations to become ordinary bank clients

Support:

- Funds, administered by two regional private banks, and
- Business Development Support

- "Multiple-purpose" coffee cooperatives providing:
 - Extension
 - Purchase and processing
 - Marketing/export
 - Input supply and financial services

- Business Development Support includes:
 - Improved accounting systems and auditing
 - Management
 - Monitoring of results
 - Traditional training of board members and officials

Banks need to know about the client:

- Governance of the cooperatives
- Management's understanding of the market
- Business strategies and planning
- Quality of operative manuals and MIS
- Profitability and cost-efficiency



A rating system for farmer organisations!

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Theme 3

The roles of the public and the private sectors

Case: WB and IADB loan to Guatemala for Rural Economic Development (USD 60 M)

Dual Objectives:

- Improve the competitiveness of productive rural supply chains, and
- Establish a territorial planning and management model

Component 1: Investments in Supply Chains:

- Links to market actors
- TA to producers and market actors
- Seed capital and bank loans, and
- Infrastructure investments

Component 2: Strengthening territorial planning and management:

- Develop a model for Territorial Planning and Management
- Establish the institutional and operational basis for implementation

Component 1

Private actors under MINECO

- Farmer Organisations and federations
- Traders and Exporters
- Service Providers
- Banks/Financial Institutions

Component 2

Public actors under SEGEPLAN

Investment Funds:

- FONDETEL and
- FONDEPAZ
- Local and Regional
 Development committees

Design weaknesses caused by assumptions that:

- Bureaucracy and business processes are compatible
- Synergy between private and public actors can only be achieved through integration
- A public entity has capacity to lead business operations

Design weaknesses (cont'd)

Too many chiefs:

- Two donor institutions (WB and IADB)
- Two coordinating ministries (SEGEPLAN and MINECO)
- Two independent public sector actors (FONDEPAZ and FONDETEL)
- Regional and local development committees
- Private sector actors

To conclude:

The primary role of the public sector is to regulate and enable trade and business

The primary role of the private sector:

To stay in business?

Case: Support to the Private Sector in Cambodia

A number of policies and strategies have been adapted by government:

- Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper
- National Strategic Development Plan
- SME Development Framework
- Cambodia National Export Strategy
- Strategy for Agriculture and Water

A number of donors are providing Trade related assistance:

- The European Commission
- The United Nations Development Programme
- United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
- United Nations Industrial Development Organisation
- Asian Development Bank
- Japan (JICA) and the Japan Bank for International Cooperation,
- World Bank Group IFC and IDA
- United States Agency for International Development
- Bilateral assistance: France, Germany, and Australia

Weaknesses:

- Resources from donors overlapping and uncoordinated
- No dialogue between stakeholders
- Each donor agency pursuing its own development agenda for Cambodia
- No uniform operating procedures
- No common message sent to investors
- No space for high level dialogue between ministries

The Royal Government of Cambodia decided to introduce a Trade SWAp

Features:

- Lead by Ministry of Commerce
- A common Trade Development Support Programme
- Harmonising national and international efforts
- Coordination between line Ministries, national trade actors, and donor agencies

Trade Development Support Programme:

- Pillar one: Cross-cutting legal reforms to facilitate trade
- Pillar two: Value chain approach for 19 priority products with export potential
- Pillar three: Capacity building and training

It is a simple form of SWAp for harmonising national actors and donor agencies under

- A Common programme
- A Memorandum of Understanding

Flexible attitude to financial administration

Most donor agencies maintain their project financing,
but four donors have a common Fund