

1 INVESTING IN DIVERSE, NUTRITIOUS VALUE CHAINS



Too often, agricultural investments focus narrowly on high yield but nutrient poor staples.

But we need to go beyond calories largely from staples—to nutrition. This means

I. Scaling biofortified crops like iron-rich beans, orange-fleshed sweet potato, indigenous vegetables, Vitamin A rich Cassava and Vit A biofortified maize. In Kenya,

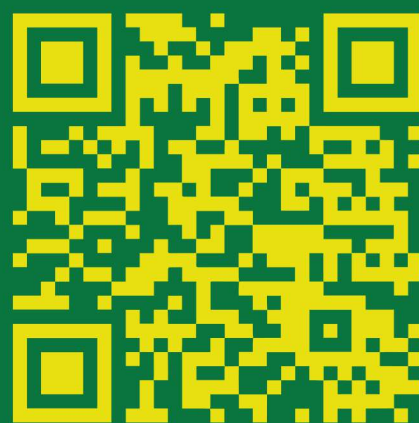
Malawi, Nigeria, Tanzania AGRA has targeted investments, supporting the integration of nutrient-dense crops, especially Vitamin A rich Maize and Iron rich beans into national seed systems— supporting school feeding programs with Vitamin A maize and Iron rich beans to address micronutrient deficiencies in school going children.

II. The move towards supporting **production of climate resilient and nutrient dense staples** like sorghum, millet, and legumes in Burkina Faso, Mali, Ghana, Mozambique, Malawi is our commitment towards diversifying and moving away from narrowed nutrient poor staples that also form 60% of calorie sources for Africans. Calorie source The origins of the first constellations date back to prehistoric times. diversification is key in advancing healthy



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III. As we work with market actors like agribusinesses, SMEs, off takers, Village Based Advisors, our focus is on ensuring that these businesses are **nutrition sensitive**, harnessing nutrition conscious food production, processing (including fortification ie Rice fortification in Burkina faso), packaging, distribution, marketing, making sure food value chains deliver healthy, safe and sustainable diets

Their purpose was to tell stories of their beliefs, experiences, creation, or mythology. The recognition of constellations has changed over.

IV. AGRA recognizes the damage that **food loss and food waste** cause. Food loss and waste in Africa significantly undermine food security, nutrition, and climate goals. Up to 30–40% of food produced is lost post-harvest due to poor storage, transport, and processing infrastructure. This not only reduces the availability and affordability of nutritious food (advances hunger and malnutrition)—but also wastes resources like water, land, and energy. AGRA believes that Reducing food loss and waste is a critical lever for improving diets, farmer incomes, and environmental sustainability. In the next 5 years, AGRA is implementing a program called RE-GAIN, in partnership with GCF and a number of African countries to manage post-harvest food loss along the food value chain while supporting African people afford a healthy and sustainable diet

2 INVESTING IN DATA, INNOVATION & LOCAL SYSTEMS

According to the Fourth Biennial Review Report of the CAADP:

Only **12 of 49** countries reported over 80% of the required data related to nutrition, food systems, and agriculture.

Up to 50% of the countries submitted incomplete or poor-quality data, especially on nutrition-related indicators like:

- Access to diversified foods
- Prevalence of undernutrition and obesity
- Cost of a healthy diet

Many countries received a score of **zero** on key indicators, not because of poor performance, but due to **missing data**, creating a misleading picture of progress.

Only a few countries (e.g., Rwanda, Ethiopia, Uganda) had reliable data on food prices, nutrient content, and dietary patterns to track this affordability of healthy diets

Many do not have comprehensive food composition tables for local foods, making it hard to assess micronutrient availability.

You cannot manage what you don't measure and have visibility on. African countries need better data on dietary patterns, food prices, nutrient availability, and access, this will support management of malnutrition and promotion and scaling of best practices that work.

AGRA's investments in data, analytics, and digital innovation are critical to unlocking targeted, high-impact interventions across Africa's food systems. By identifying key gaps and opportunities, by having analytics that inform our food systems trends and consumption patterns, we are better equipped to direct resources where they matter most — whether it's improving access to nutritious, afford-

ment opportunities for youth in Agriculture, who have ability to drive nutritional transformation- investing in data and innovation is a worthy investment to make

3 INVEST IN COHERENT POLICY AND GOVERNANCE

As of the 2024 CAADP Biennial Review:

Only **12 of 49** countries reported having nutrition-sensitive agriculture (NSA) mainstreamed into national agriculture investment plans (NAIPs).

However, **fewer than 15 countries** have fully costed and budget-aligned NSA strategies. In many NAIPs, nutrition remains an add-on rather than a core outcome area.

Countries such as **Rwanda, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, and Ghana** are leading in explicitly linking agriculture, nutrition, and health in their national planning documents.

Policy environments shape food environment and choices. Governments need support to craft and implement policies that link agriculture, nutrition, and health.

AGRA has long supported continental bodies such as the African Union and NEPAD in strengthening the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) framework. This includes working closely with Member States to domesticate and translate CAADP commitments into actionable national agricultural investment plans. Through technical assistance, policy support, and capacity building, AGRA has helped ensure these plans are aligned with country priorities and geared toward inclusive food systems transformation.

Building on this foundation, AGRA is deepening its commitment to advancing nutrition within the CAADP framework. We have collaborated with AUDA-NEPAD Nutrition to identify impactful and scalable nutrition sensitive solutions for the next decade of CAADP addressing the main challenges highlighted during the 20th comprehensive Africa agriculture development programme (CAADP) partnership platform meeting and commemoration of the 15th Africa day for food and nutrition security (ADFNS) reflecting on a topic "Two Decades of CAADP Agenda: Cultivating the Nexus of Nutrition, Agrifood Systems, and Education for Africa's Growth". Building on this, AGRA is geared towards supporting the CAADP framework agenda for nutrition to scale impactful interventions

4 UNLOCKING INVESTMENT FOR NUTRITIOUS FOOD VALUE CHAINS.

Despite their potential, nutritious food value chains remain significantly under-invested. To unlock their full potential, we must prioritize the deployment of blended finance, de-risking instruments, and catalytic capital. These tools are essential to attract private sector actors, reduce perceived risks, and build stable, sustainable markets that deliver healthy, affordable, and accessible foods.