

Developments of the Vegetable Sector in Eastern Africa

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Vegetables in the Region: A wrap up

- Ethiopia
 - Mainly domestic vegetables, Some export vegetables production
- Uganda:
 - Domestic/ export, growing organic veg farming
- Tanzania:
 - Largely domestic, Sector re-reorganizing –
- Rwanda:
 - Largely domestic, sector reorganizing
- Malawi:
 - Largely domestic, some exports to SA, chilli for export
- Zambia:
 - Domestic, with significant exports to /through SA
- Zimbabwe:
 - Large potential (used to be largest producer in the region)

Overview cont...

- Kenya:
 - Domestic sector large: 90:10 split on volumes but 50:50 split on value. Domestic about 1bn US\$
 - A growing indigenous vegetables subsector: now commercialized
 - Export: specific vegetables:
 - 2008 figures: total horticulture -73b Ksh (1.1b USD),
 - Flowers veg/fru split-54:46. 28% growth in 2008
 - veges alone – 350 mil US\$, growing at 20% per annum

Vegetable Sector: Characteristics

- A distinct domestic and export sectors
 - Specific Commodities for domestic and export sectors
 - Traditional vegetables
 - Amaranthus, Solanum nigrum, Gynadropsis, ..
 - Conventional:
 - Cabbage, kale, tomato, onions, ..
 - Export:
 - Beans, spices, chilies, salads, ...

Characteristics cont:

- Increasing recruitment of farmers
 - The high value crops – decreasing land holdings issue
 - Direct and indirect dependency in Kenya: 4.5 mil people
 - 150,000 farmers in export sector
- Domestic – Export sectors linkages
 - a catalysis
- Large- Small scale linkages
 - Historical. Sharing of infrastructure. A useful symbiosis

Vegetable Sector Contributions

- A critical source of dietary diversity in the region
 - Significant contribution to nutritional status
- A livelihood for many farmers
- Significant export market impact
 - Kenyan Beans in the EU market
- A leading sector in quality standards implementation

Challenges

- The physical infrastructure Challenge
 - Roads,
- A knowledge and labor intensive sector
 - Technology challenges
 - Training challenges
- Standards Challenge
 - Public Standards
 - Human capacity and infrastructure (labs)
 - Private Standards
 - Challenges and Opportunities
 - Lessons Learnt- GLOBALGAP/ KenyaGAP
 - Participation in smallholder standard setting process
 - GG Africa Ambassador Role

A growth Sector

- Best chance for Sub saharan Africa
Participation in Globalization
- Grown Under the Sun Campaign

- Thank you