### The Poverty-Environment Initiative





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Promoting an integrated approach to achieve Poverty-Environment focused SDGs –

The examples of Rwanda and the gender gap in agriculture

# **The Poverty-Environment Nexus**

#### At the heart of the 2030 Agenda :

it embodies the contribution of environmental sustainability to poverty reduction, gender equality and inclusive growth

- What We Do? Build government capacity to include pro-poor environmentally sustainable natural resource use as a core objective in development policy, planning, monitoring and budgeting
- Why: To enhance pro-poor environmental sustainability that contributes to SDG achievement



## Zooming out: integrated approach in Rwanda



INTEGRATED EVIDENCE	POLICY & BUDGET COHERENCE (17.14)	IMPLEMENTATION	
Agenda Setting	Institutional Coordination	Sectorial Actions	
Influencing Decision Makers	Policies, Budgets, Financing	Investments (Public & Private)	
<b>Community Participation</b>	Laws, Indicators, Data Collection, M&E	Screening Mechanism	
<ul> <li>Evaluation of <u>economic &amp;</u> <u>social benefits of</u> <u>environmental sustainability</u></li> <li>Cost-benefit analysis</li> <li>Environment and Climate Expenditure Reviews</li> <li>✓ Soil loss costing the country 2% of GDP = lost capacity to feed 40,000 people/ year</li> <li>✓ Electricity costs were rising by 167% due to the forest and wetlands degradation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Environment &amp; climate planning &amp; budget checklist</li> <li>Budget call circular</li> <li>Environmental experts in sector ministries</li> <li>✓ National, 14 sector and 30 district plans, budgets and monitoring frameworks integrate pro-poor environmental sustainability</li> <li>✓ Increased public investments</li> <li>✓ Rwanda's Green Climate Fund (FONERWA)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Agriculture has increased soil conservation efforts and expanded crop varieties in support of local farmers</li> <li>Community led green villages and practices piloted and upscaled through district plans</li> <li>✓ Positive impacts: access to clean energy, enhanced food security and incomes, reduced unpaid work, deforestation &amp; soil erosion</li> <li>✓ FONERWA finances projects</li> </ul>	

#### INSTITUTIONAL & INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUILDING

# Lessons Learned from Rwanda

**Importance of integrated evidence to break down silos:** "it was essential in order to understand not only the relationship between economic development and the environment, but also for sectors to understand how unsustainable use of the environment can have a negative influence on their own sector's targets" – Rwanda Environment Management Authority Representative

**Importance of modifying existing Government tools for impact:** "If the Budget Call Circular does not consider environment and climate change then most probably [the issues] are not going to be taken into consideration by any sector or district. But now since it is a requirement it is therefore the role and responsibility of everyone."- Mr. Jonathan Nzaikorera, Director-General for Budget of MINECOFIN

Addressing multi-dimensional poverty through community led green practices: "since the start of the green village we are getting more crops and yields are better" – Ms. Muhawenimana, Solange Cooperative Leader "since we have had biogas many of our problems are solved. Now with biogas and water nearby, I have time to go to school" – Sandrine, Girl from Rubaya

# Zooming in: Integrated Approach to Agriculture

Agriculture is a key sector to advance poverty reduction, gender equality and food security, climate and environmental sustainability and economic growth



- Productivity of major crops is below potential yields due to unsustainable land use and climate change
- Productivity among women farmers is lower than men, yet women comprise 30-80% of the agricultural labor force in Africa (FAO)
- Inadequate understanding of climate and gender gaps result in gaps not being addressed or targeted by policies and programmes- integrated approaches are needed!

# THE COST OF THE GENDER GAP IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY

in Malawi, Tanzania, and Uganda









### AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY GAP

### CLOSING THE GAP CORRESPONDS TO



# + Determinants of the Gender Gap

Determinant	Malawi		Tanzania		Uganda	
	% of Gap	\$ Millions	% of Gap	\$ Millions	% of Gap	\$ Millions
Qty of male family labor	45.19	45	97.34	102	n.a	n.a
High value-crops	28.43	28	3	0.3	13.3	8.8
Agricultural Implements	17.76	18	8.18	8.5	9.02	6
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