

# Going the extra mile

Helping smallholder farmers lose less and grow more

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#### We work on behalf of 48 member countries



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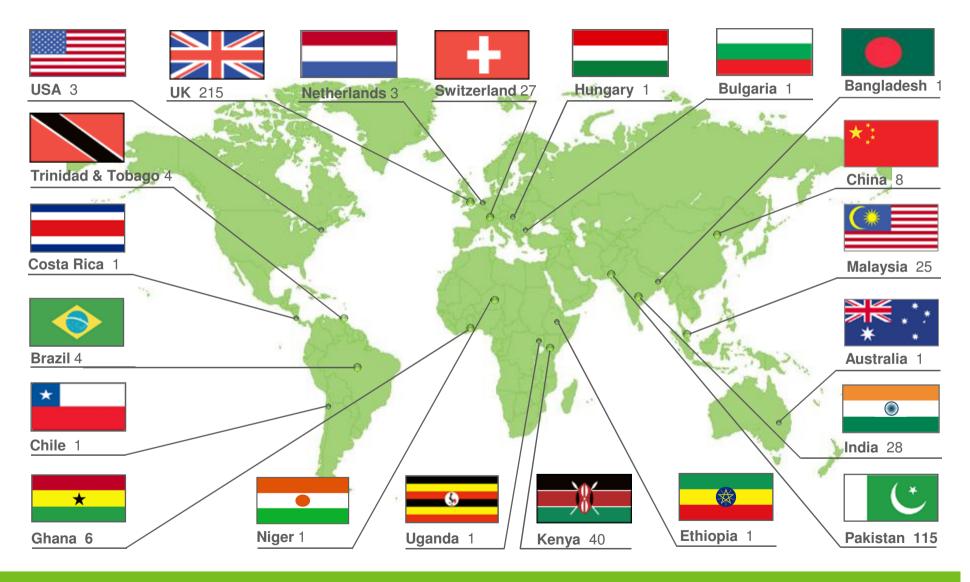


# our mission

CABI is a not-for-profit international organization that improves people's lives by providing information and applying scientific expertise to solve problems in agriculture and the environment



#### Global reach We have 480+ staff across 21 locations worldwide







# what are CABI's operating principles?

CABI operates as an efficient organization so as to be financially self-sustaining whilst delivering benefits to its members through not-for-profit development projects



### By 2050....

- There will be nearly 10 billion people on the planet
- We will need to produce 60% more food
- Over 60% of the population will be living in cities
- Nearly 40% of the population will be under 18%

#### But....

- 40% of the population will still be working in agriculture
- Smallholders and family farms will produce over 70% of world food
- Over 1 billion people will still be at risk of malnutrition and hunger

"Increasing smallholder farmers' productivity and access to markets can have a profound impact on the livelihoods and general prosperity of literally millions of the world's poor" – **World Bank** 



# The perfect storm.....



Climate change

Dwindling mineral resources

Water shortage



# .... in the face of greater competition for land use















# Man cannot live by cereals alone.....





### Information and Knowledge are key

- Investment in breeding programmes for rice, maize and wheat will not address the problem.
- We can make major improvements in food and nutritional security by losing less of what we already produce – without any more land, water or inputs.
- Much of the information farmers need is already available but not accessible.



#### Consolidated priority areas and issues 2012-13



Priority Areas	Priority Issues
Trade and market	SPS compliance; Value-chain focus and postharvest value-addition; GAP
access and	and best practices promulgation, and capacity building;
development	Commercialization and contract farming.
Knowledge	Technology transfer (particularly amongst member countries, and south-south);
management,	Sharing knowledge amongst stakeholder groups including youth and
communication and	grassroots (Facebook Agriculture); Mobile advisory services; Improving
use	communications to farmers; Evidence-based policies.
	Archiving and managing institutional research information.
Plant health	Managing a range of stressors including pests (IPM), water, and soil nutrients;
	IPM in high value crops; reduction in pesticide inputs; early warning systems for
	newly emerged/key pests & diseases.
Biodiversity and	Invasive management; Capacity building of IS identification and diagnostics;
invasive species	habitat
management	manipulation/agro-biodiversity enrichment
	Microbial resource collection, characterization and utilization;
	Development and production of biopesticides, and implications of
	biopesticides use.
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#### **Cross-cutting:**

- Climate smart agriculture
- Institutional capacity building
- Publication of, and access to, authoritative information resources

# **CABI** Theory of Change

Knowledge to build ... in order to needs to be... capacity in... ... through ... solve... **Facilitating Aggregated**  Commodity new ways of sonrces value chains working .but to use knowledge Managed many Plant health Training in Problems in new skills Agriculture from **Synthesised** · Animal health and analysed comes Developing better Problems in Environmental the policies Knowledge **Environment Published** Raising · Crop & **Awareness** Livestock of key Production Communicated issues and shared



#### Strategic Goals - Focus on SDG's 2,12 &15

**Greater food and nutrition security** 

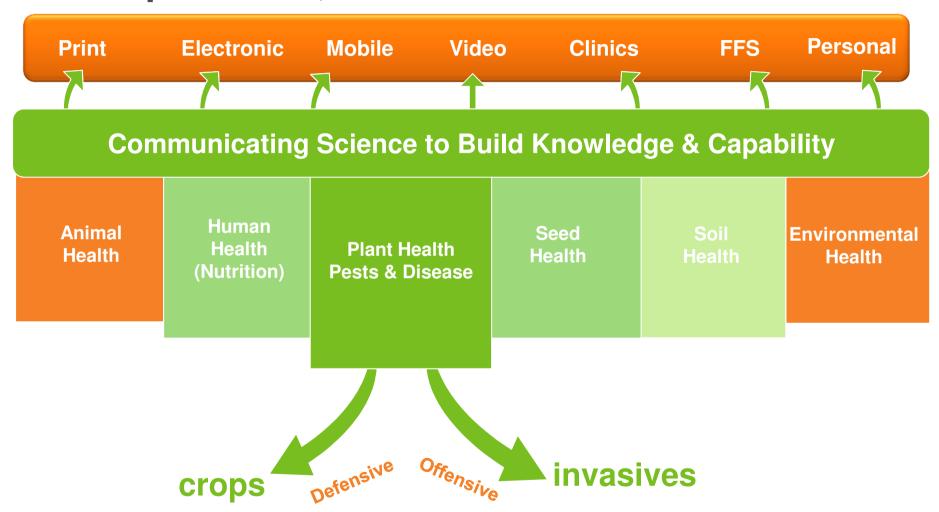
Increased farmer incomes

More sustainable farming practices

Protection of environment and biodiversity



### **Competencies, Content and Channels**





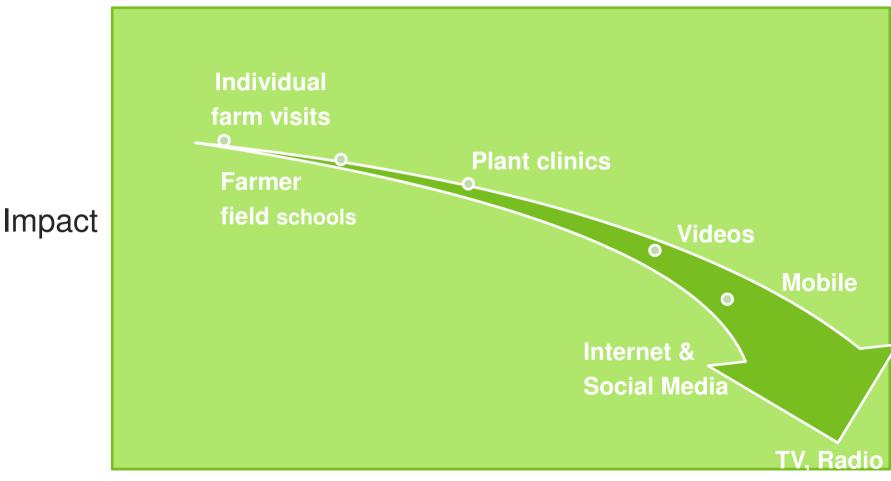
# Communicating with farmers – greater reach, frequency and impact

Individual farm visits **Farmer Impact** field schools Mass media

Reach



# Communicating with farmers ..... complementary channels for impact



Reach



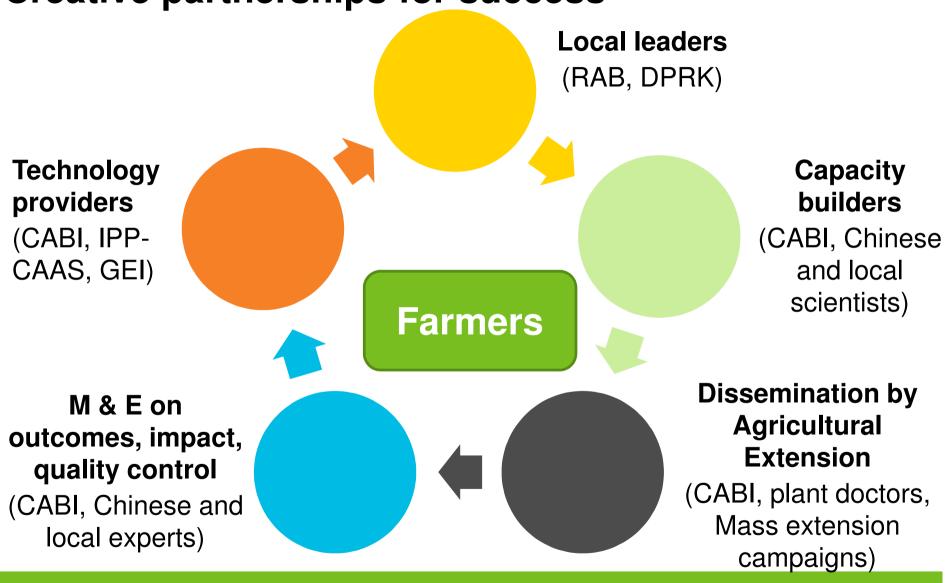


# **Effective delivery**

- Information and knowledge needs to be delivered to farmers in ways that are:
- Appropriate, relevant and affordable
- Timely and understandable
- User-centric
- Holistic cover all farm activities, not just one or two crops
- Market related enable farmers to realise the value they create



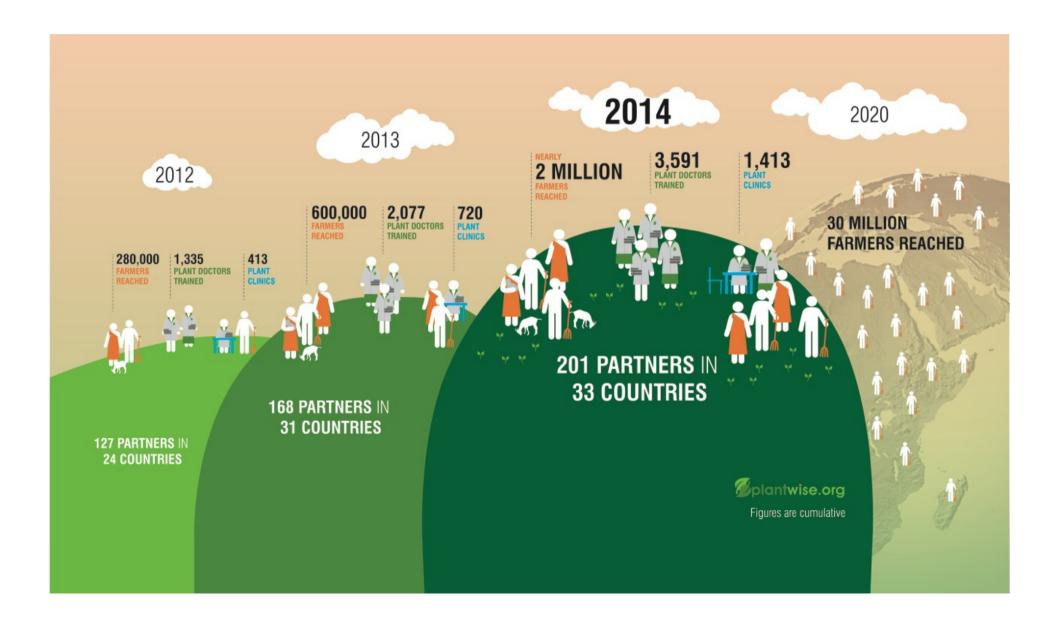
**Creative partnerships for success** 





# **Progress to date**





# **Current Plantwise countries**





# **Public and private partners**





Inoculant pack inserts for MEA now in use - Kenya, June 2014 now in use



Filming with Notore - Nigeria, March 2014

#### **Private sector (Local SME's)**

- Very willing to co-invest in materials production and dissemination that meet their promotional needs
- Private sector focused on own products / less likely to welcome creative commons
- Have real demand for information products, financial capacity, and the necessary extension networks to reach large number the smallholder farmers (last-mile)

#### **Public sector (National & International)**

- Limited resources for implementation or materials (Ethiopia a possible exception)
- Have a mandate for objective delivery; are trusted and have extensive networks



# For the Rural Poor, Mobile Phones provide Information, Communication & Entertainment





#### **CABI Mobile Experience**





#### IKSL (India)

- Partnership with IFFCO & Airtel
- Content & QA role
- 4 million subscribers

#### **GSMA mAgri Program (India)**

- 1.6 million farmers trialled, 350k active subscribers
- CABI + ILRI, Digital Green, Handygo

#### Africa: GSMA mAgri Programme

- Airtel in Kenya;
- ESOKO in Ghana.

#### Pakistan:

 Delivery of New and Emerging Technologies' grant for mobile agro-advisory services,

#### CaféMóvel

- mExtension for 150,000 coffee growers in India; launched July 2013
- Funded by Coffee Board of India, ICO, CFC





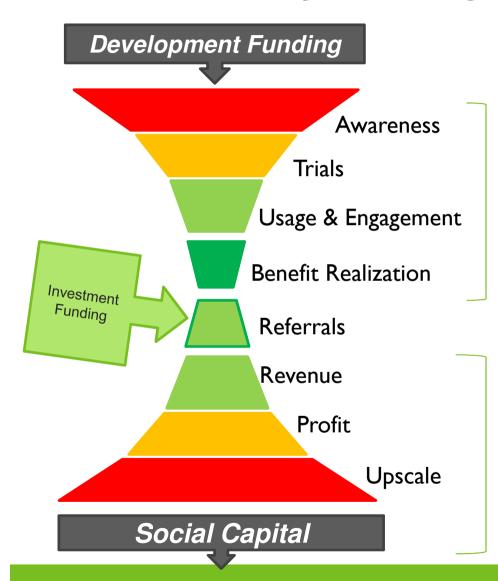
#### **CABI Direct2Farm**

- Mobile Value Added Service for Agriculture
  Provides "actionable information" on
  - agriculture
  - Repurposed and personalised
  - Will serve messaging, video, mobile radio
- Holistic information brokerage
  - Real-time information exchange
  - Value chain focus
  - Tailor-made to unique user/business needs
- Cost effectiveness & scalability
  Can be plugged in to existing services
  Outreach at scale with minimised costs

  - Complements conventional agri-extension Complements other CABI activities



# Sustainability challenges



#### Funded Project Mode

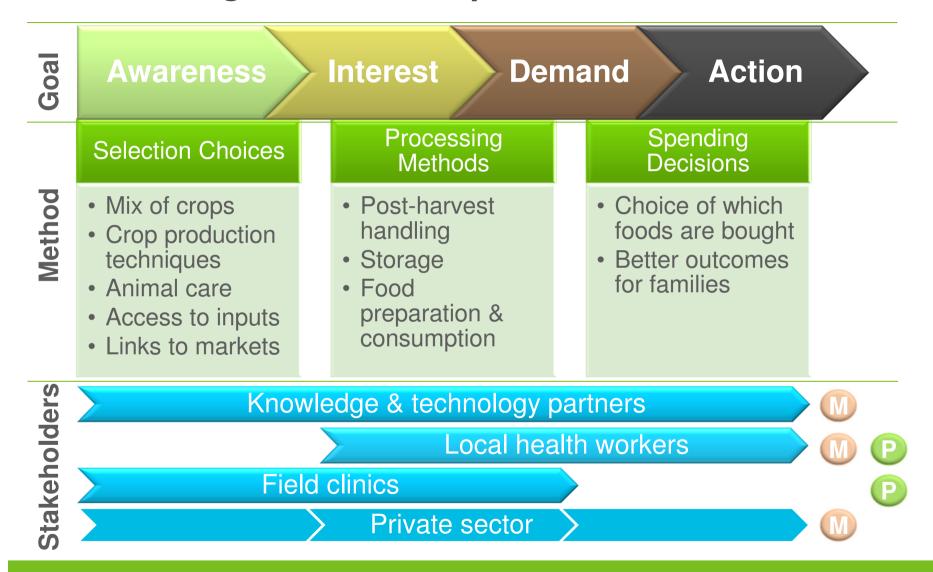
- Awareness generation
- Content Development
- Free Trials
- Training & Capacity Building
- Handholding
- Monitoring & Evaluation

#### Self sustainable Enterprise Mode

- Engagement with private business
- Business 2Business activity over value chain
- Replicable enterprise model
- Adoption by entrepreneurs



#### Building alliances to span the value chain





### A landscape alliance

- An alliance with 9 founding members
- Established 2012, launched at GCARD2 in Uruguay
- Focused on improving global food security by supporting smallholder agriculture within healthy, sustainable & climate-smart landscapes
- Combined turn-over in excess of US\$ 200 million p.a.
- >60 member countries comprising >70% of world population
- On-going R&D activities in all major regions & ecosystem types











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# Healthy landscapes -making rural communities more viable

#### Reducing risk

- Crop/fertilizer mix for better nutrition
- Crop types and practices for resilience to change
- Improved knowledge of and access to markets
- Control of invasive species

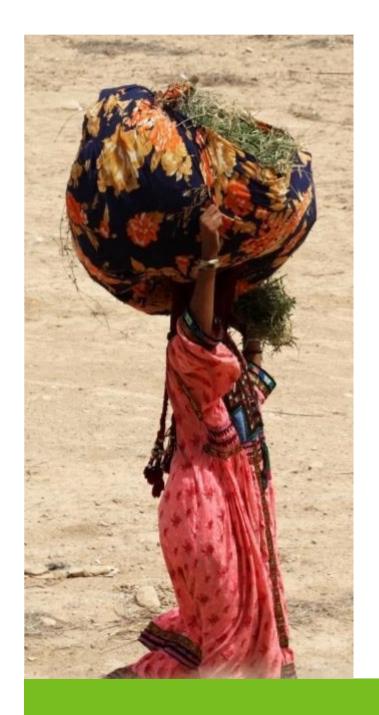
#### Increasing sustainability

- Lose less to increase output/ quality with fewer inputs
- Protection of biodiversity on and off farm
- Management of ecosystem services, practices and use
- Involvement of women

Reduced food insecurity, improved quality of life

Reduced or reversed rural migration





#### **Vision 2020:**

# to be the place to go for information on agriculture and the environment

- CABI to be the domain experts
- to be the starting point of every users knowledge discovery journey
- to be embedded in a greater part of the users workflow



#### CABI in 2020 – healthy, sustainable agriculture

Digitally powered



Climate smart







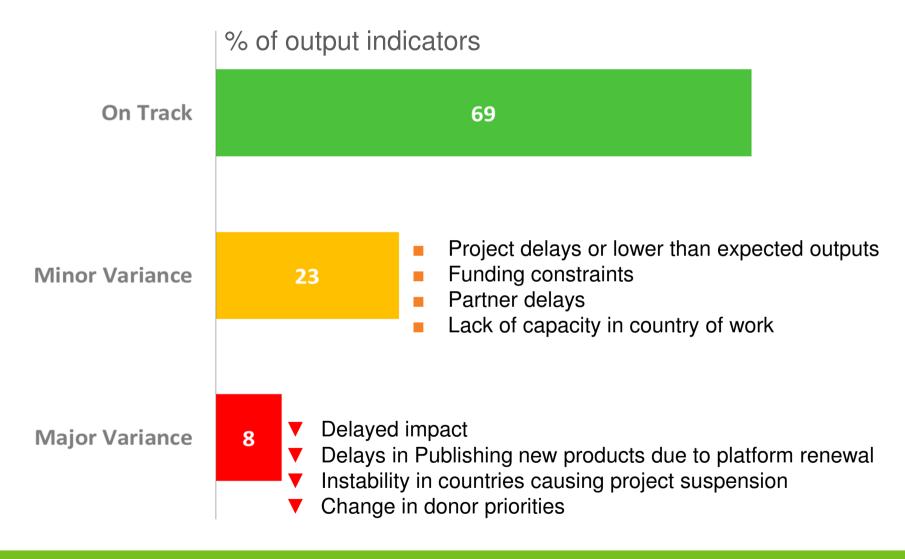


### Step change in M & E

- Global Director, M&E recruited in Africa with regional support staff
- Strategy, systems, and approach now in place
- Rigorous framework for projects of value >£250K
  - Tracking of project implementation: Guided by PRINCE2
  - Improved M&E within projects: Guided by project log frames
- Log frames track progress and milestones at the thematic/programme level
- Monitoring Progress towards Medium Term Strategic Goals with CABI-wide KPIs
- Annual targets for publications showing impacts at scale :
  - 3 ex-post impact evaluations
  - 6 high quality case studies
  - 2 journal papers published

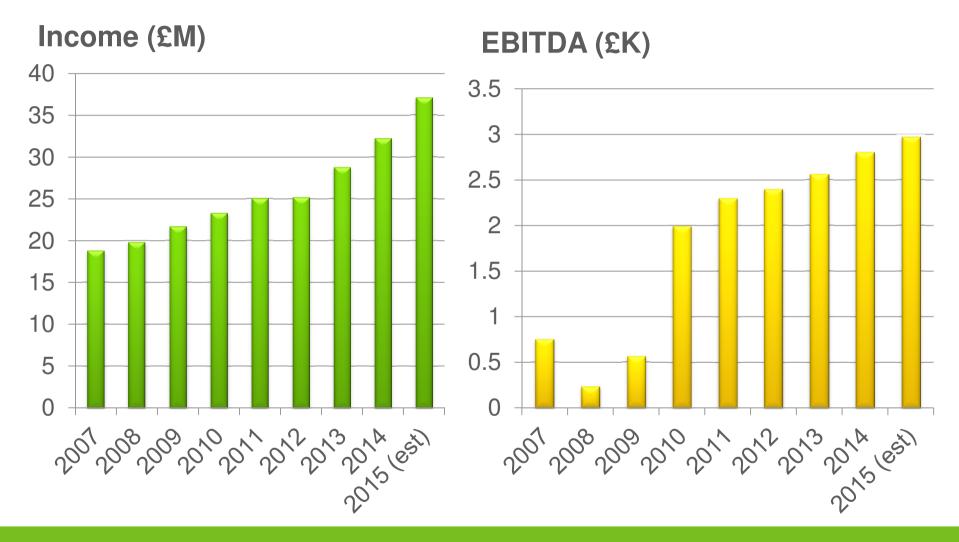


#### **Progress of Medium Term Strategy**





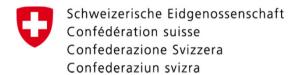
#### Continuing growth, improving efficiency





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