Early Lessons from GEF’s Sustainability & Resilience for Food Security in Sub-Saharan Africa

Integrated Approach Pilot (IAP) Program

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**Background**

**Food Security IAP Program**

**Program Goal:** Achieve long-term food security while contributing to global environmental benefits

- **Engage:** Connect agricultural & environmental stakeholders
- **Act:** Scale up sustainable food security approaches
- **Track:** Impact policy making using evidence
FORMATIVE REVIEW
Food Security IAP Program

Review Purpose: Assess the design elements and early processes for insights into the program’s likelihood to achieve its objectives

Mixed Methods Approach
- Desk and literature review
- Quality at entry analysis
- Portfolio and Project cycle analysis
- Interviews
- Online survey

2-3 million beneficiary households
$106.4 million in GEF resources
10 million hectares of production landscape
12 Sub-Saharan African countries
FORMATIVE REVIEW

Findings

- Synergies across focal areas
- Detailed theory of change
- Technical and institutional innovations
- Country selection followed well-defined criteria

ISSUES TO ADDRESS

- Define and assess resilience
- Sufficient time for design and launch
SIGNIFICANCE OF THE WORK FOR POLICY & PRACTICE

Food Security IAP Program

➢ ToC applies INRM across scales, which:
  • Promotes partnering and enabling policies
  • Scales-up the best INRM practices
  • Allows common measurements and learning

➢ While a large coalition of partners brought richness to implement the program, it also brought complexity and competition to its start-up phase.
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