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## **HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON THE INITIATIVE FOR THE ADAPTATION OF AFRICAN AGRICULTURE TO CLIMATE CHANGE "AAA"**

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## **RENCONTRE DE HAUT NIVEAU SUR L'INITIATIVE POUR L'ADAPTATION DE L'AGRICULTURE AFRICAINE AUX CHANGEMENTS CLIMATIQUES "AAA"**

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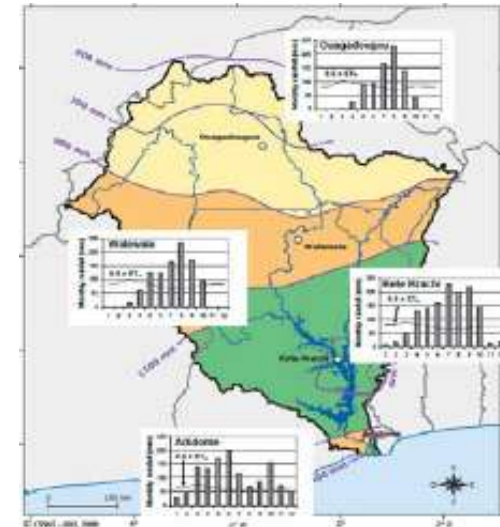
# *Adapt and Mitigate: Examples from IWMI's work on water related climate challenges in Africa*



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# Agricultural livelihoods and climate change

- 62% of population in SSA is reliant on agriculture for their livelihoods
- ~ 80% are smallholders and a large proportion women due to urban male migration
- Production is currently low, dependent on variable rainfall leading to high levels of vulnerability (e.g. 80% in West Africa)
- Land degradation is significant compromising future productive capacity and ecosystem services
- Investment in agriculture can address multiple SDGs (food, nutrition, poverty, etc.)



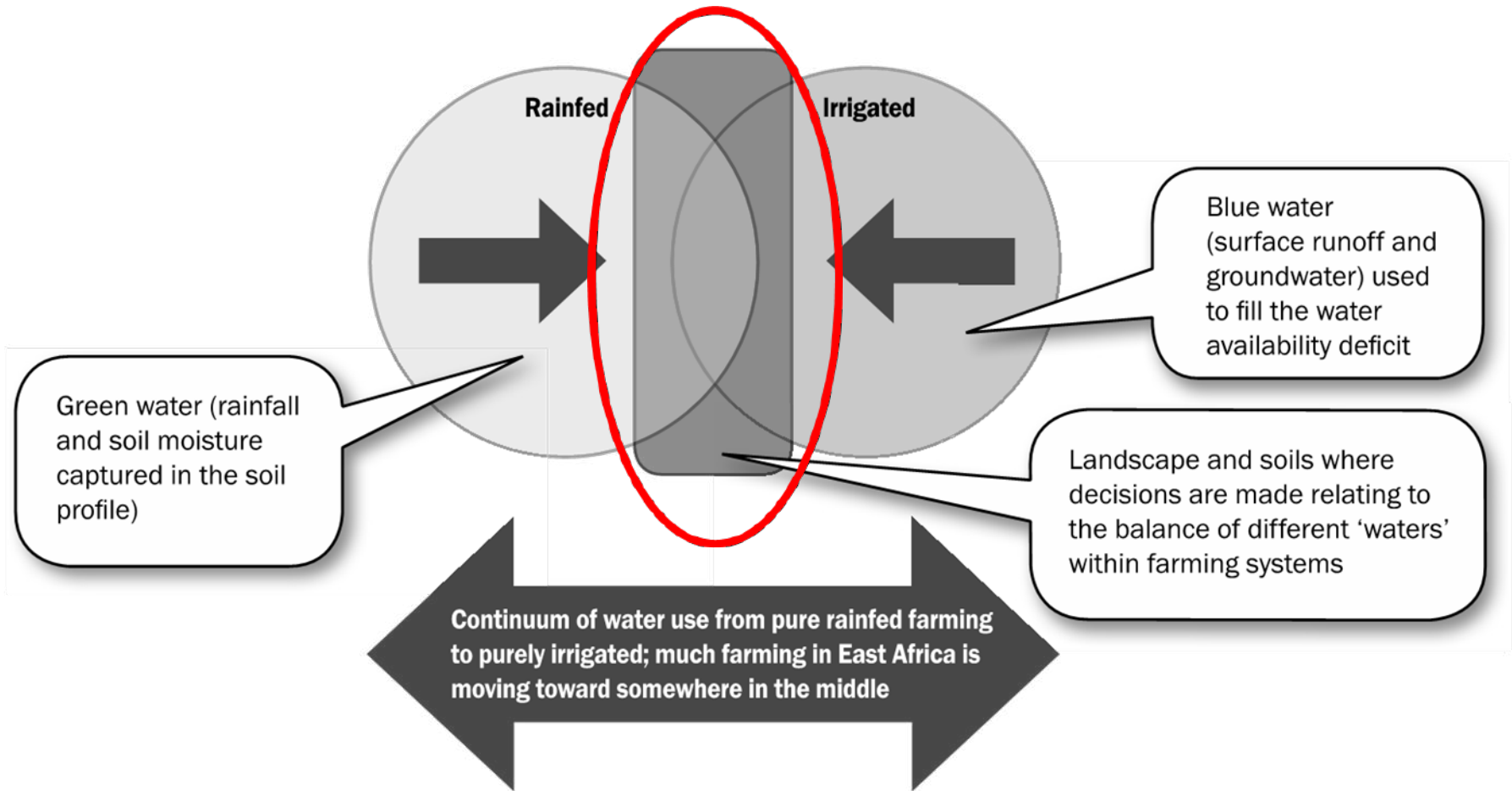


# Adaptation focus of IPCC

- Adaptation will bring **immediate benefits** and reduce the impacts of climate change
- Adaptation is fundamentally about **risk management**
- Adaptation **experience** in Africa **is growing**
- Africa stands to benefit from **integrated** climate adaptation, mitigation and development approaches
- International **cooperation is vital**

*Source: IPCC AR5*

# Towards climate and water smart agriculture

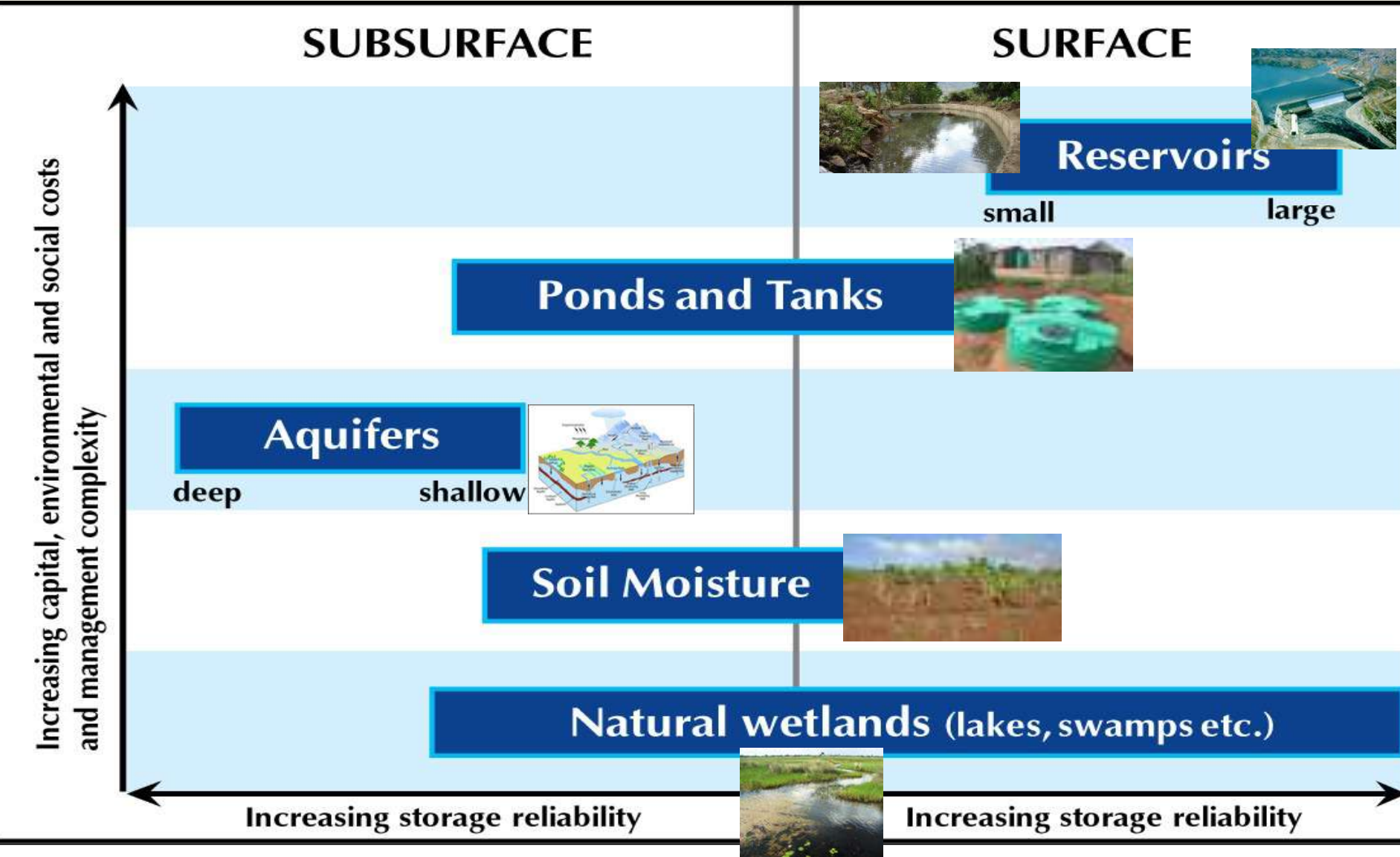


# Moving along the pathway from rainfed to irrigated

- Encourage productivity increases and multiple cropping
- Redress land degradation and lost fertility
- Requires a landscape (watershed) approach

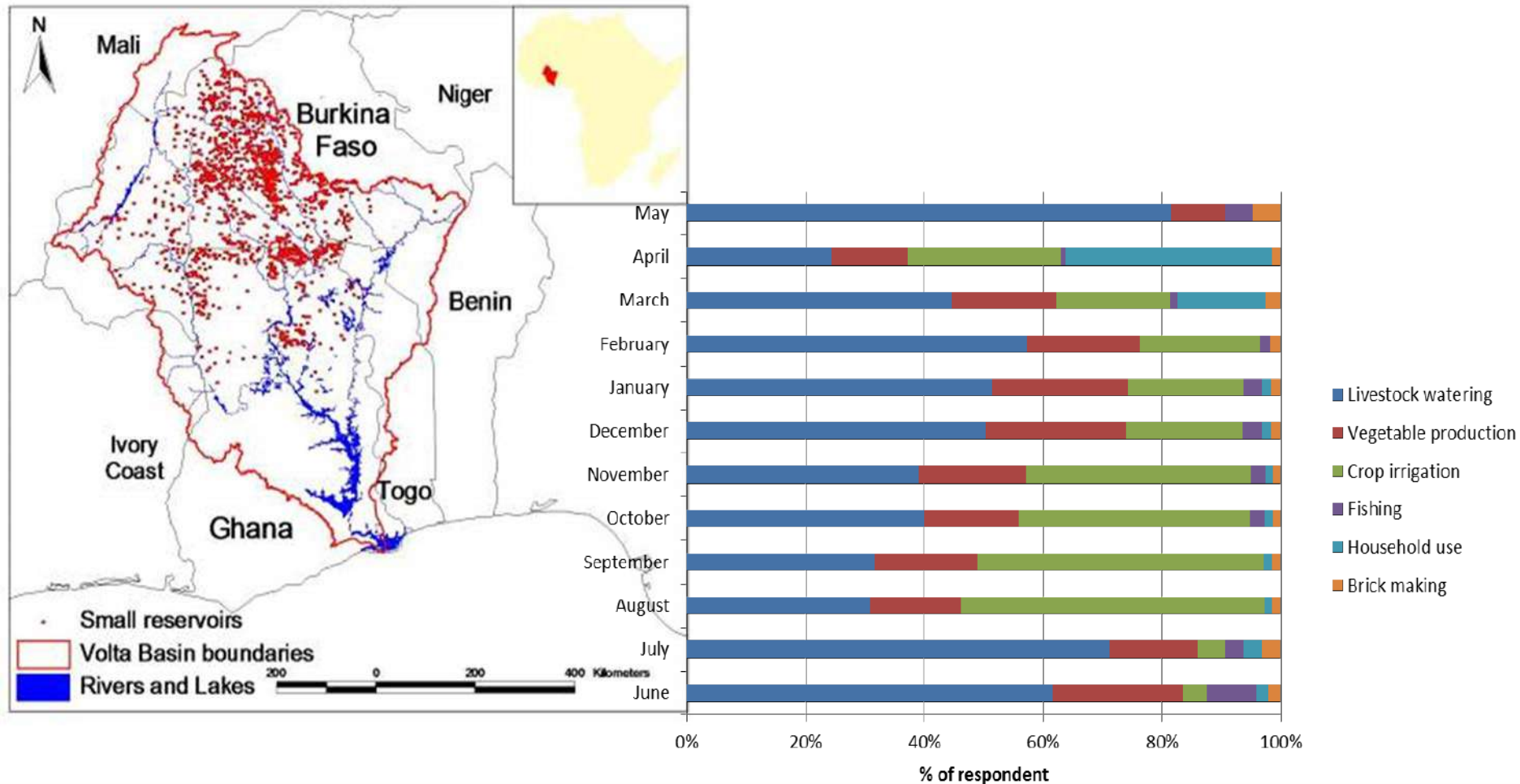


# Consider all forms of storage to increase resilience



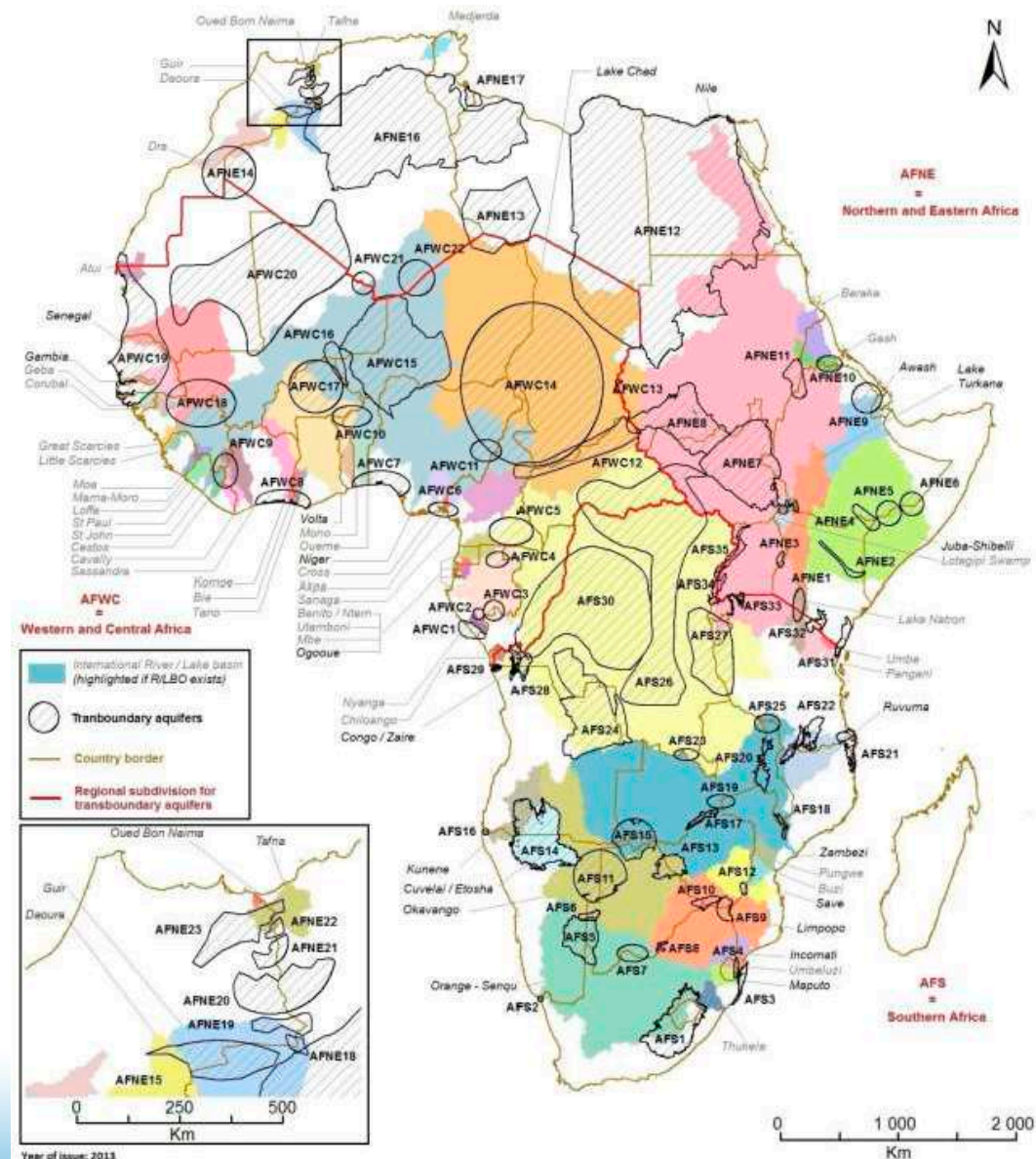


# Small reservoirs can increase resilience – have multiple uses



# Significant groundwater potential exists in Africa

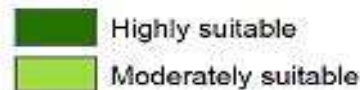
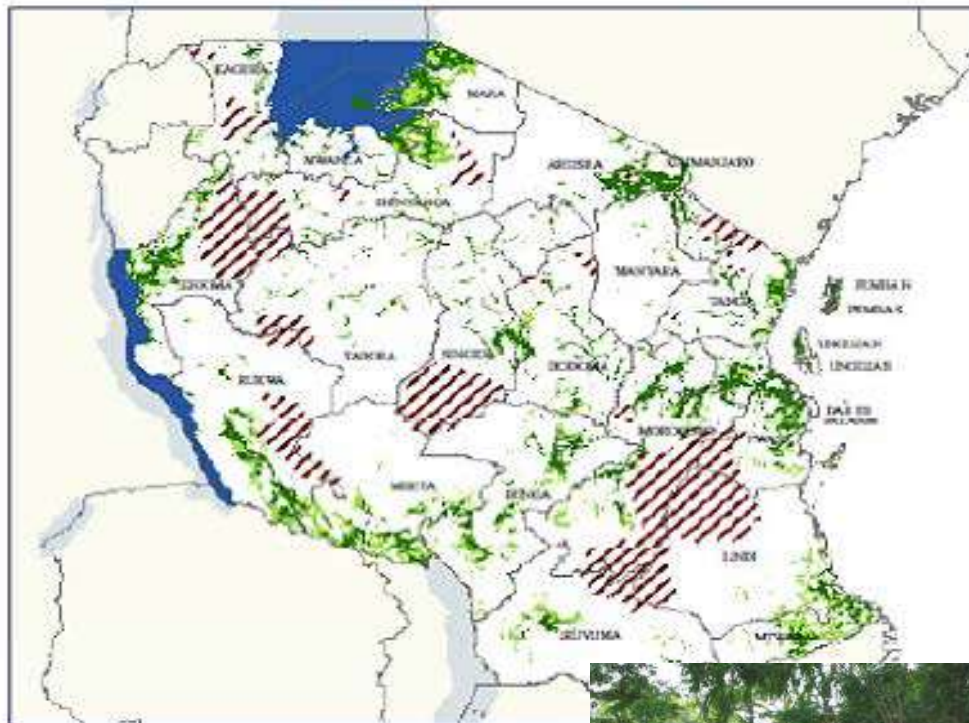
- Groundwater reserves in Africa are 20 times storage in lakes
- Pumps could benefit 185 million people with USD 22bn value
- But knowledge base and means of access lacking
- How sustainable?



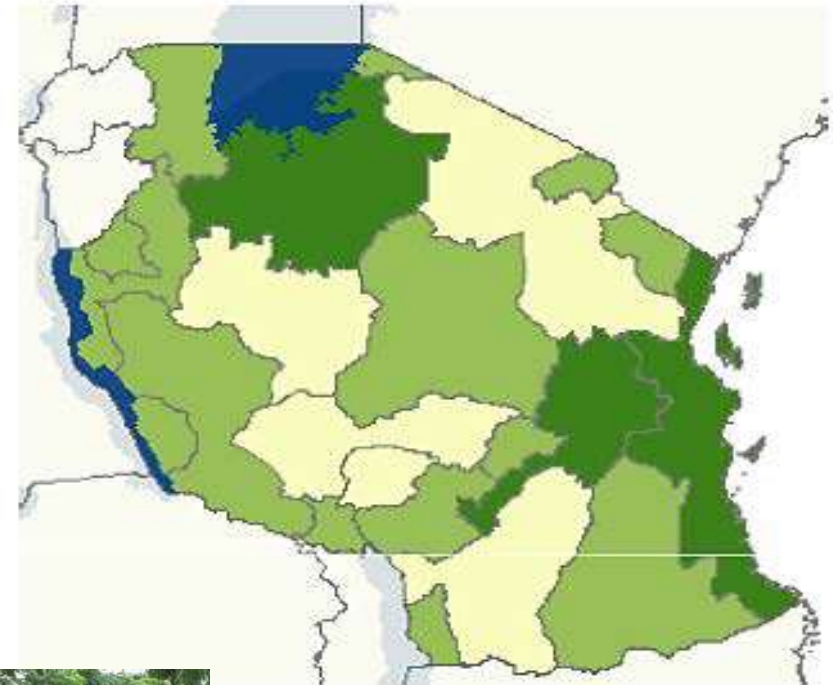


# Tanzania – from bucket to pump – facilitating entry into the irrigation market

Biophysical suitability



Livelihood-based demand



# Scope for new technology

## Solar Pumps

(access and mitigation potential)



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## Wetting Front Detector

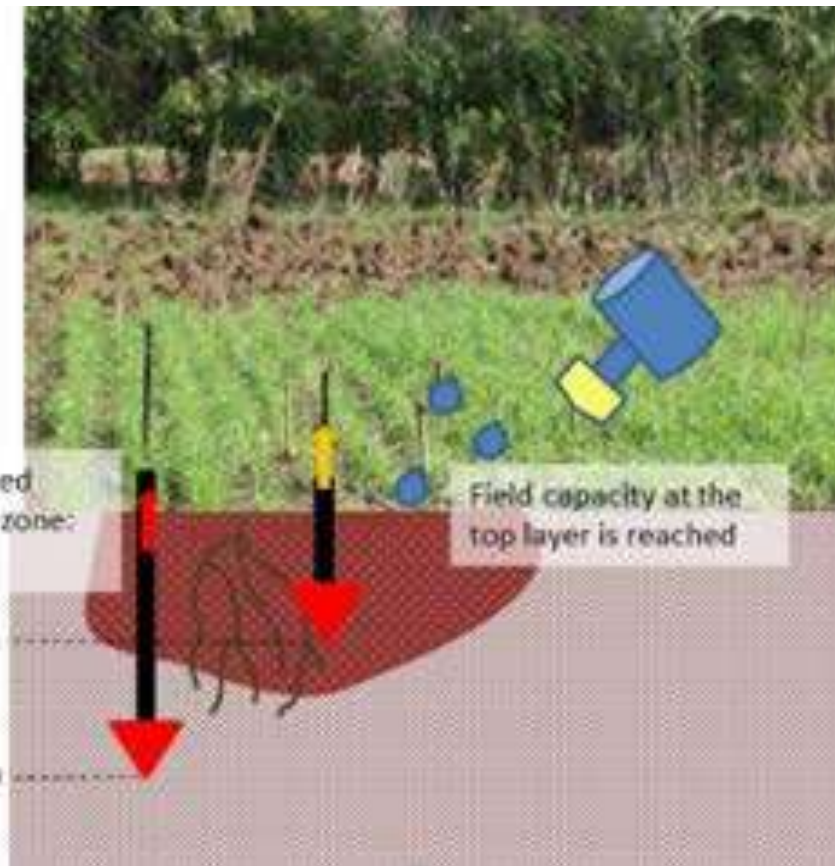
(productivity and efficiency)

Field capacity is reached within the entire root zone: over irrigation

10 cm

25 cm

Field capacity at the top layer is reached





# Improved livelihoods – more than just water

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## Increase access to water

### Rainwater harvesting

- Create suitability maps
- Show farmers the benefits
- Garner local support
- Provide loan capital
- Offer smart subsidies
- Provide technical support

### Shallow groundwater

- Map groundwater resources
- Develop affordable drilling
- Raise awareness and create demand
- Monitor environmental risks

### Small reservoirs

- Reduce investment costs
- Pilot new management approaches
- Acknowledge multiple uses

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## Catalyse smallholder value chains

### Innovative financing mechanisms

- Pilot financial instruments
- Support rental markets
- Explore irrigation service providers' model
- Link specialist financing to existing programmes
- Encourage women to own equipment

### Helping farmers buy equipment and become profitable

- Provide better information
- Educate about marketing
- Provide crop storage facilities
- Promote 'try-before-you-buy' schemes
- Use networks to disseminate information

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## Create policy synergies between sectors

### Addressing the influence of external sector policies

- Align energy, import and water policies
- Develop alternative energy sources
- Privatize procurement and marketing of irrigation equipment
- Review tax policies and import duties

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## Take a watershed perspective

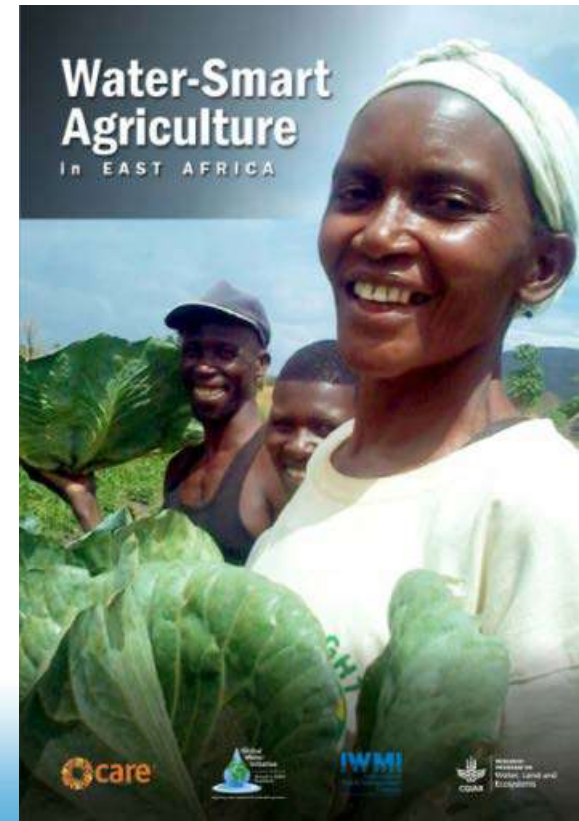
### Managing social and environmental impacts

- Consider multiple AWM investments
- Develop systems to promote cooperation
- Improve evaluation of investments
- View impacts in broad context



# Importance of targeting women in AWM solutions

- In sub-Saharan Africa more than 60% of all female employment is in agriculture.
- yet women lack access to finance, inputs, extension services and information
- less than 5% of motor pump owners are female
- Urban male migration and ageing population is leading to the feminization of smallholder agriculture





# Nutrition benefits of small scale irrigation

	Ethiopia		Tanzania	
	Non-irrigators n=185	Irrigators n=284	Non-irrigators n=224	Irrigators n=227
	Mean	Mean	Mean	Mean
Household food insecurity access scale, 0-27 [higher means worse]	5.78	4.04	3.92	2.58
Female dietary diversity score: number of categories consumed	3.69	3.58	3.71	4.20
Household dietary diversity: number of food categories consumed	5.69	6.06	4.88	5.63

Source: IFPRI, statistically significant changes in red,

# Groundwater Solutions Initiative for Policy and Practice (GRIPP)

## Themes

1. Groundwater and Food Security
2. Groundwater for Sustainable Development
3. Groundwater, Water Security and Climate Change Adaptation
4. Groundwater and Energy
5. Transboundary Aquifers
6. Groundwater Governance



*Picture credit: Petterik Wiggers*

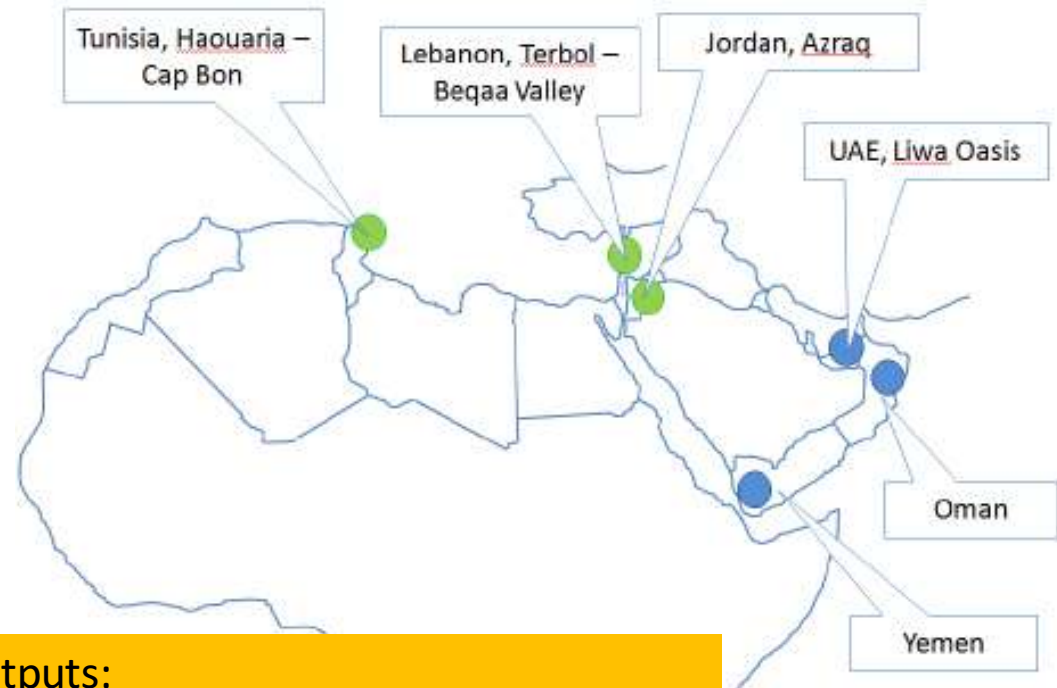


*Picture credit: Fraser Sugden*



# Promoting dialogue on groundwater governance in the MENA region

*What are the governance options available for different contexts, and how can we make them work?*



## Outputs:

- Regional dialogue on groundwater governance
- A participatory approach to the co-construction of solutions
- Knowledge products on groundwater governance

## Partners:

IWMI, ICBA  
LRBA (Lebanon)  
INRGREF (Tunisia)  
University of Jordan  
LISODE (France)  
*Consultants*

# Solar irrigation – will aquifer levels keep declining? ...or is there an opportunity to recover?

## Feed excess electricity into grid



## The opportunity

- **Carbon mitigation** – replacing 130,000 GW of electric and diesel tube wells
- **Water savings** – incentivize through feed-in tariff to sell excess electricity to grid

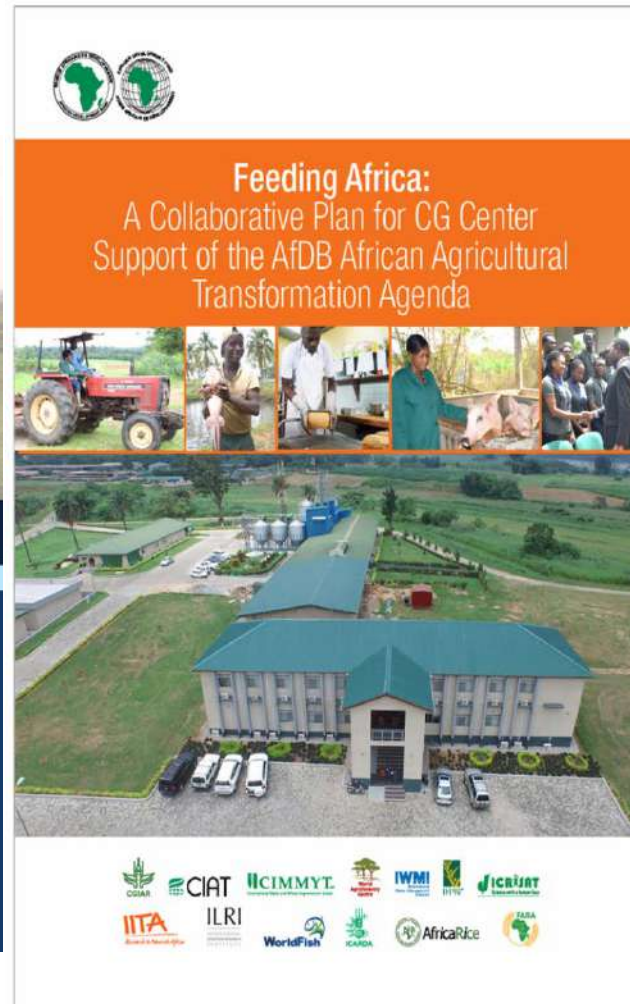
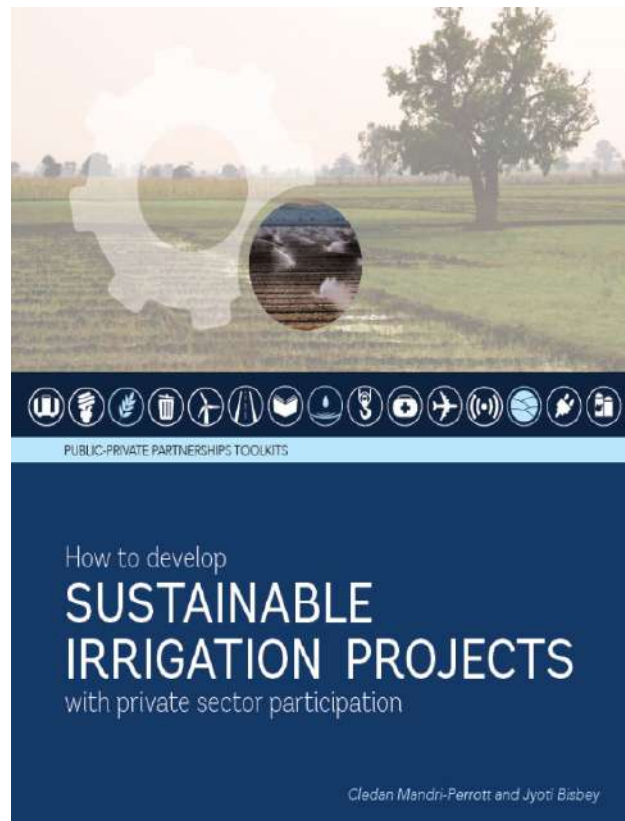
## Triple wins:

- Reduction in greenhouse gas emissions
- Sustainable use of groundwater
- Higher income to farmers





# Engagement in regional initiatives and new approaches to irrigated agriculture



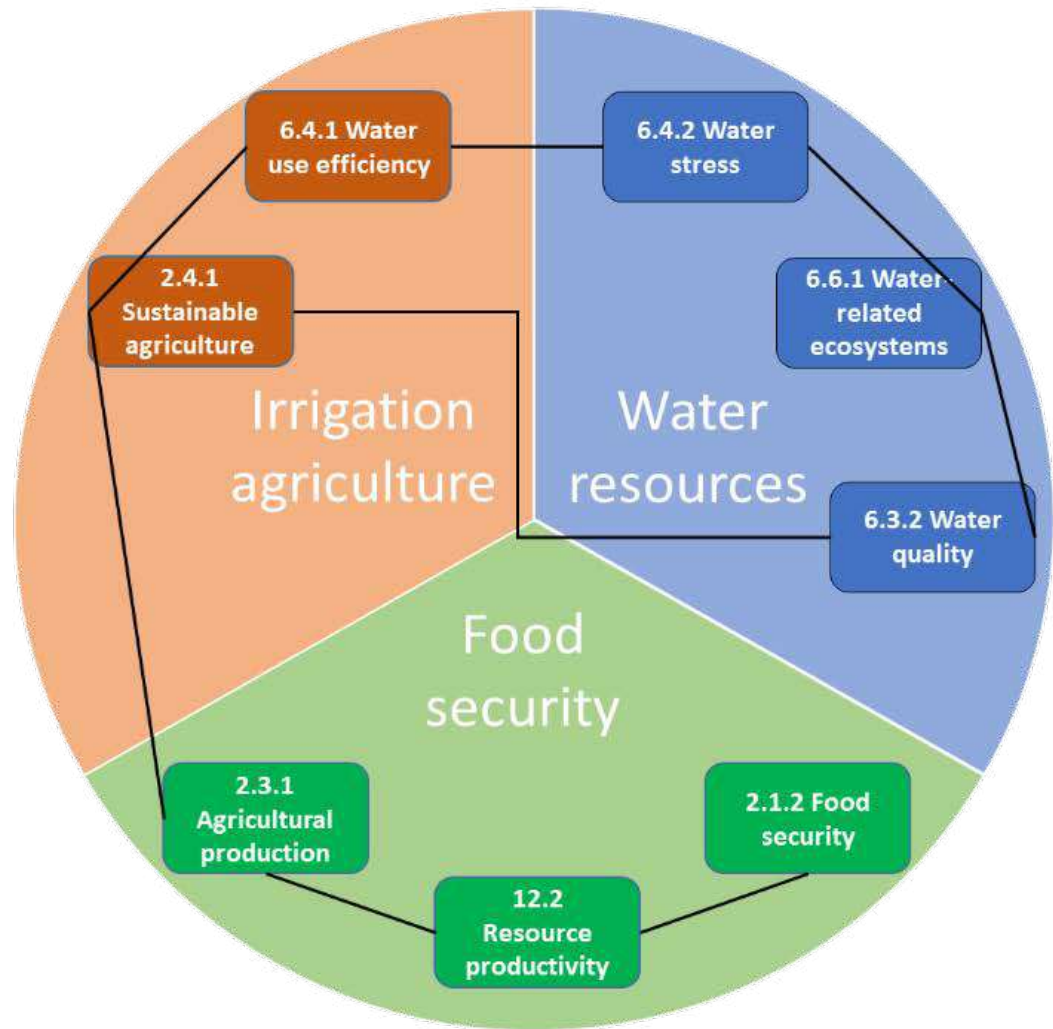
# Towards the SDG agenda – need for integration



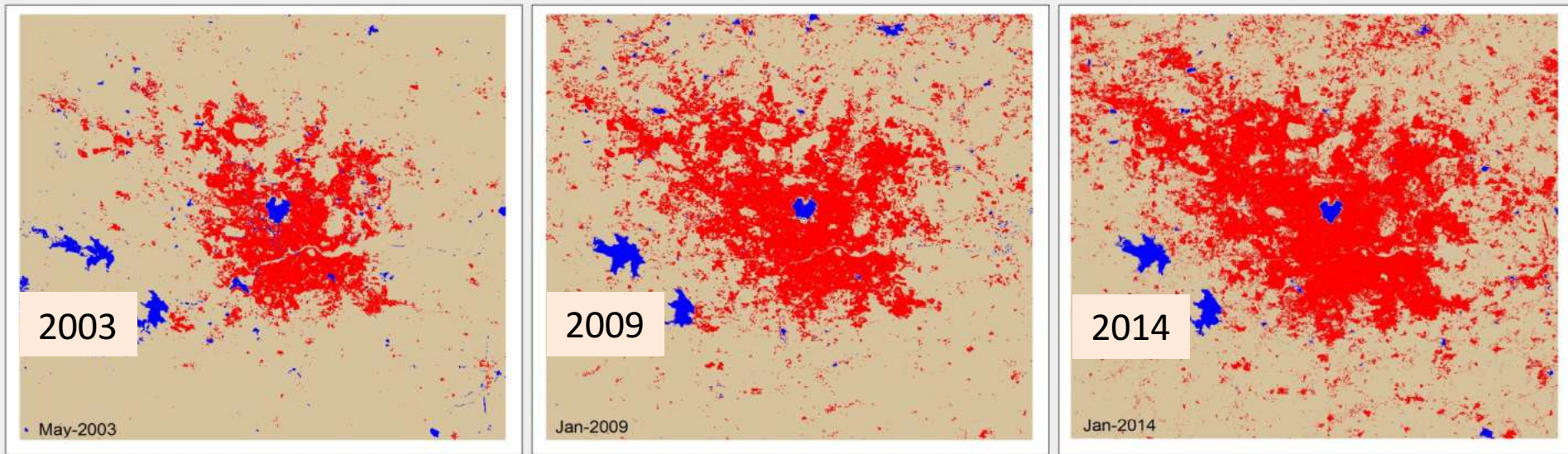


# Nexus of Food security, Irrigated agriculture, Water resources

Pilot study in Uganda –  
*how will the framework  
of SDG indicators and  
linkages between them  
actually deliver on  
sustainability?*



# Rapid urbanization and industrialization: are our conventional development models coping?





# Waste and poor water quality risks marginalizing development gains – health, nutrition, emissions



# Peri-urban agriculture – a significant contribution

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### Global importance of urban agriculture 'underestimated'

By Mark Kinver  
Environment reporter, BBC News



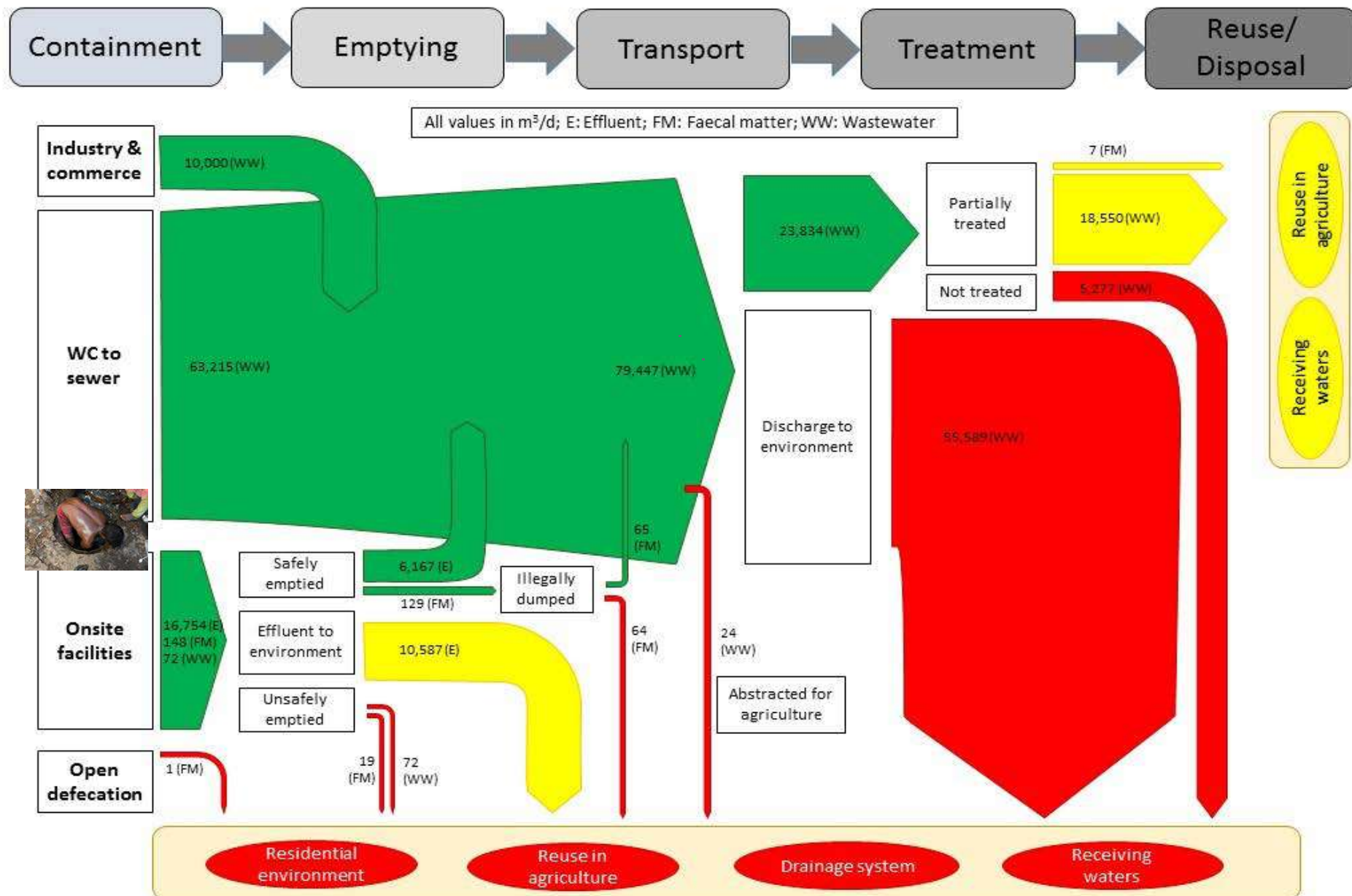
The findings strengthen the need for greater attention to be paid to urban farming by policymakers, the authors suggest

Urban agriculture is playing an increasingly important role in global food security, a study has suggested.

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## Need to look at waste differently

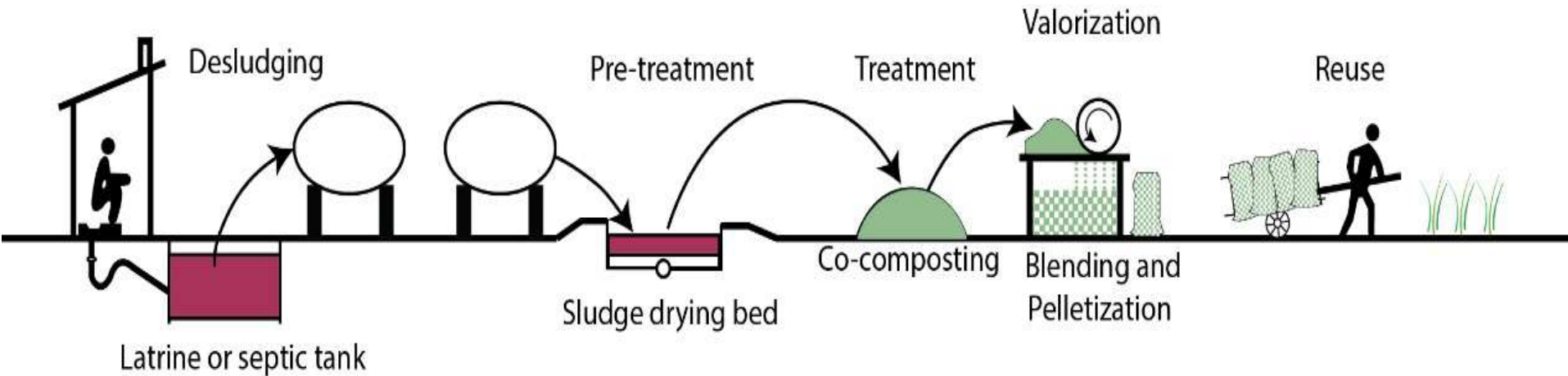


## Kathmandu Valley

Heather Purshouse, Grattan Maslin; IWMI, unpublished

# WASTE: Exploring business models to recover nutrients - the circular economy

## Fecal Sludge Management and Agricultural Reuse





# Dimensions of Climate Smart Agriculture

## CLIMATE SMART VILLAGE / FARM

**Weather  
smart**



**Water  
Smart**



**Carbon  
smart**



**Nitrogen  
smart**



**Energy  
Smart**



**Knowledge  
Smart**



- Sustainably increasing agricultural productivity and incomes
- Adapting and building resilience to climate change
- Reducing and/or removing greenhouse gas emission, where possible.

FAO, 2013

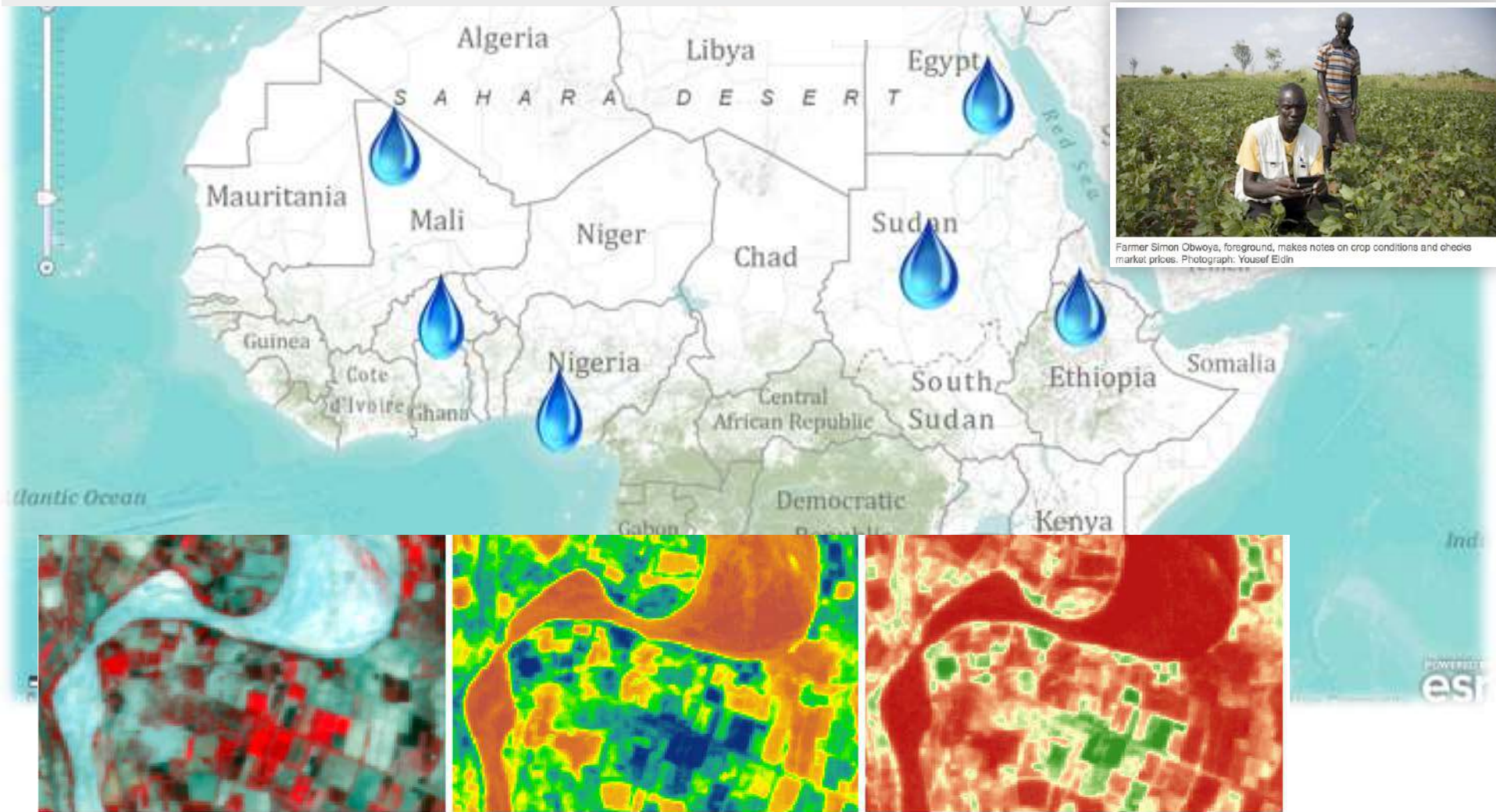
# Improving productivity of soils and quantifying carbon capture

- Continent wide initiative on **Africa Soil Information Service (ICRAF)**
- One acre fund to provide services to 180,000 farmers in Eastern Africa; India planning to support 3M soil analyses over 3 years
- 4 per 1000 initiative signed at COP21 to increase global soil carbon stocks (**CIAT**)
- Potential for 265 million tCO<sub>2</sub> per year up to 2030 to be harnessed (through cropland management, grazing land management and the restoration of degraded lands). (FAO, 2012: 23).





# Piloting spatial data based information systems for smallholders

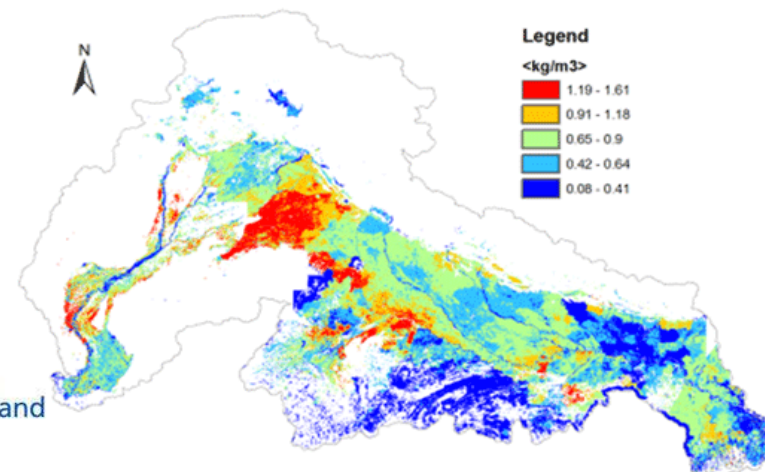


# Water accounting plus – understanding the status of water resources



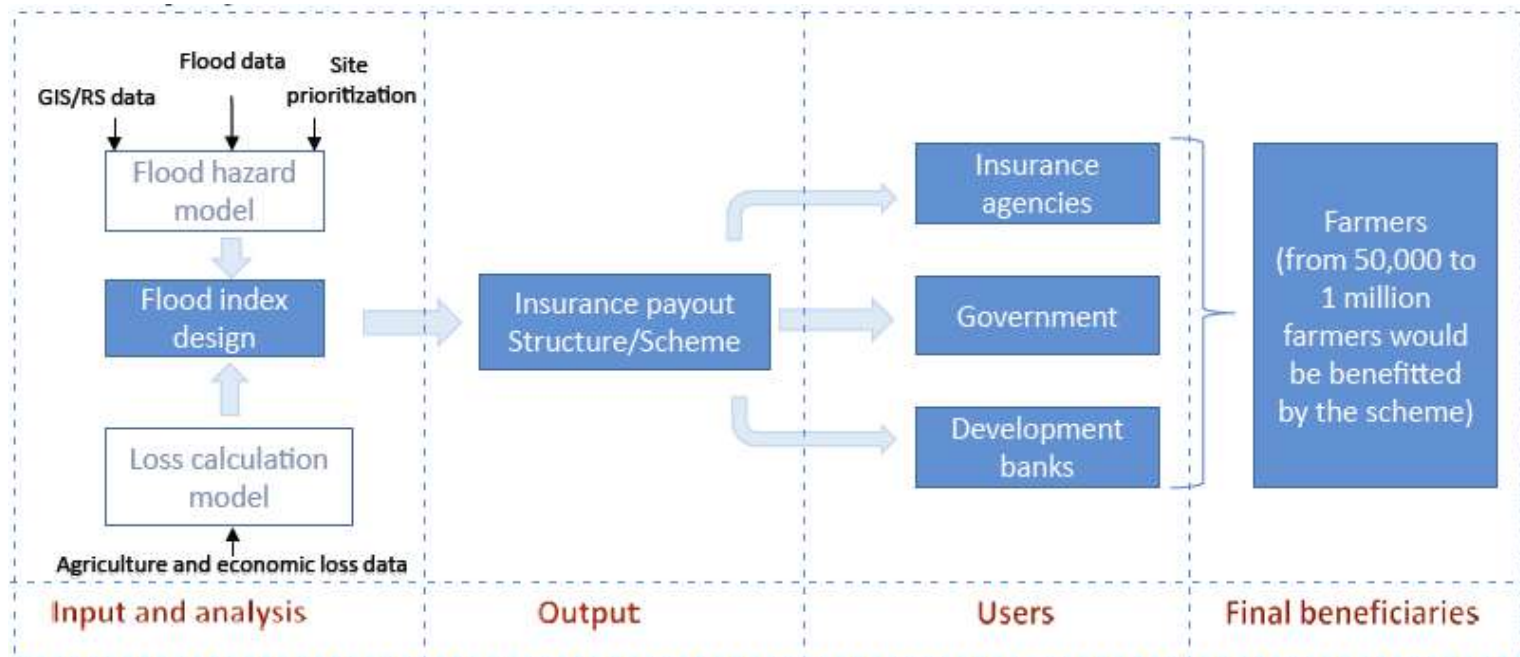
[www.wateraccounting.org](http://www.wateraccounting.org)

- Based on remote sensing and global hydrological models to better understand state of water resources, issues and challenges/opportunities
- Contextualizes water accounting by including sustainability and ecosystem services dimensions
- Allows users to understand impacts and trade-offs of different interventions





# Index-based flood insurance – partnership with the insurance industry



If the solutions proposed by the project are scaled up, by 2025, approximately 1 million farmers will have agricultural flood insurance, creating new and different types of jobs supported by strong public-private-partnership business models and delivering INR 10 billion in flood protection.

## Project partners



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Uniting agriculture and nature for poverty reduction

# Some reflections

- Small scale irrigation continues to grow in SSA but slowly
- SSI has potential for wider benefits beyond yields and income if climate resilience, health, nutrition, and gender considerations are actively promoted,
- Needs support for input and output markets, credit, insurance, timely information, institutional and regulatory reform
- Need to assess the basin/aquifer scale consequences of expanding CSA solutions
- Reinforce farmers own adaptation strategies with innovations in science and technology (crop varieties and livestock breeds, efficient water storage and management, ecosystem based approaches, etc.)

*Source: IPCC AR5*



# Overcoming barriers

- Identify institutional home to support small scale and supplementary irrigation technologies and support services (often falls between agriculture and irrigation/water agencies)
- Clarifying the business model and incentive structures (smallholder, PPP, ...)
- Remove gender disparities in regulatory and administrative processes
- Improving access to credit
- Raise awareness and build capacity of (women) and agency staff



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