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Agricultural Policy Support Facility Project in Nigeria: An Overview

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WHY APSF?

- Ad hoc, inconsistent and uncoordinated strategies & policies in the past & present
- Lack of evidence-based research/analysis
- Process not transparent and consensus often not reached by broad stakeholders
- Little coordination with other sectors
- Capacity is weak

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APSF

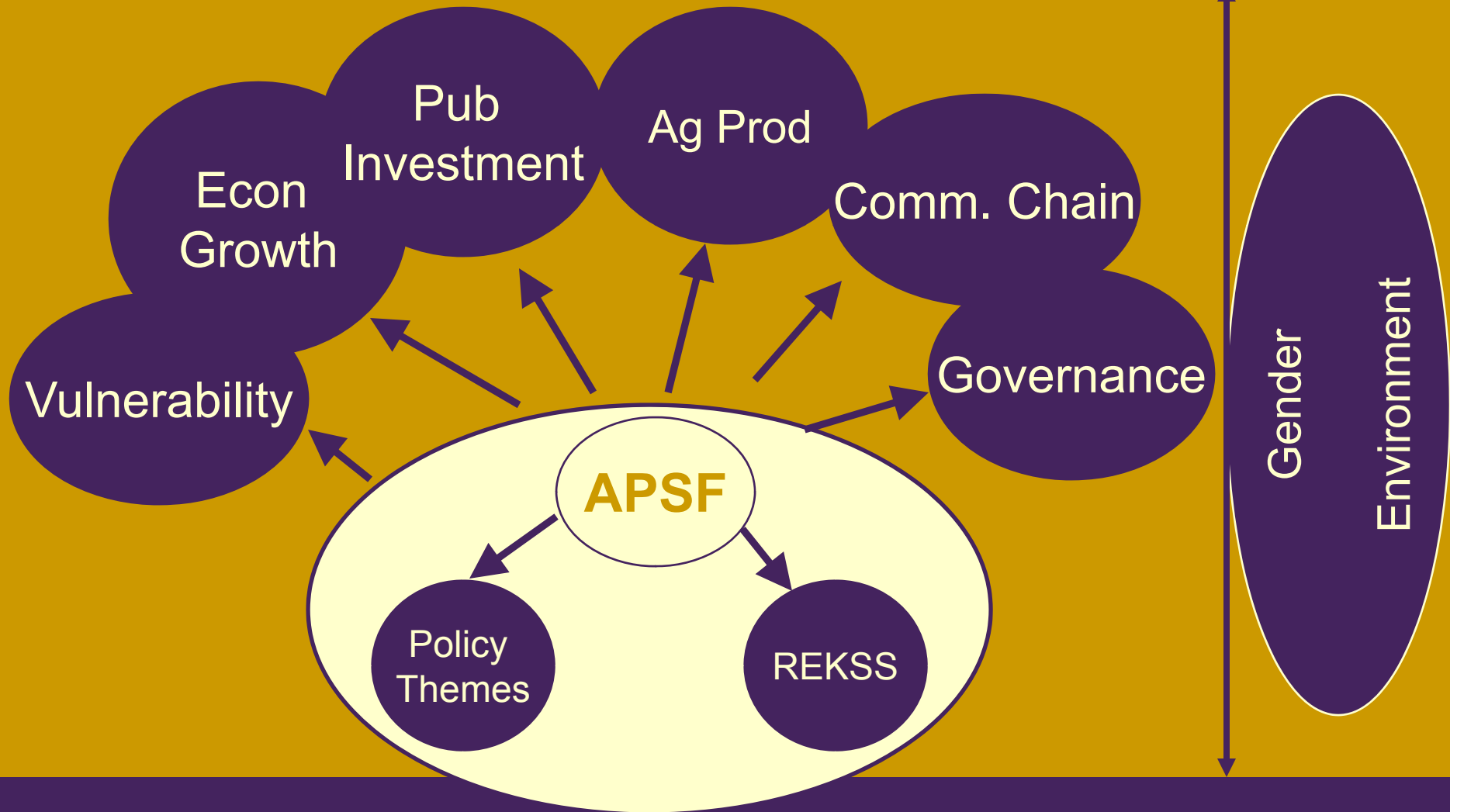
- Initiative to strengthen evidence-based policymaking in agriculture and rural development in Nigeria
- Three partners: FMAWR, CIDA and IFPRI
- 2 components
 - Research and capacity strengthening around key policy themes
 - Rural Economy Knowledge Support System

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APSF (Contd.)

- Contributes to the development and implementation of M&E to assess progress towards achieving national development objectives
- Guided by a broad view of agriculture and Nigerian direction

Project Snapshot





Major Milestones in Project Implementation to Date

- Consultation workshop - September 2005
- Project officially begin March 2007
- Stakeholders workshop – September 20, 2007
- REKSS workshop (Abuja) – February 28, 2008
- REKKS workshop (Ibadan): April 28, 2008
- Enhancing commodity value chains workshop: May 6, 2008

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Achievements and Progress

- Project Management
- Policy Component
- REKSS Component
- Cross Cutting Issues



Project Management

- Successful establishment of a well-functioned office in Abuja
- Hiring of core project staff
- Technically backstopped by headquarters
- Major in-country collaborating relationships established

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Policy Theme Components

- Role of Agricultural Growth
- Agricultural Investment
- Agricultural Productivity
- Commodity Value Chains
- Vulnerability, Poverty and Nutrition
- Governance

Research into these sub themes would provide evidence for policymaking

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Progress on Policy Component

1. Agricultural and subsector growth and poverty:

- Assessment of literature, data, and capacity initiated
- reports drafted
- Key collaborator identified
- Analysis started

2. Agricultural Expenditures:

- NAGPER report/brief (to be presented by Tewodaj Mogues)

3. Agricultural Productivity:

- Analysis of trends, constraints and approaches to increasing productivity & profitability of crop production in Nigeria – based on FADAMA Evaluation Data

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Progress on Policy Component

4. Value Chains

- Assessment of literature and data initiated
- Consultation workshop & institutional mtgs
- Policy Analysis Matrix being designed (presented by Saweda Liverpool)

5. Governance

- Assessment of literature, data, and capacity initiated
- Consultations with key stakeholders

6. Vulnerability

- Identifying collaborators



Progress on RESKSS

- REKSS Assessment
 - Draft questionnaires developed
 - Consultation workshops (2) & institutional consultations
- Information Management
 - Initiate the building of a national library, knowledge and information system for agricultural policy and strategy - policy themes contributed literature
 - Webinar with FMAWR: intro to web tech for info flow
 - Discussion with university/ research Institution on strengthening access to information
 - Sharing of publications with FMAWR and Univ. Libraries



Progress on Cross Cutting Issues

- Gender issue included in policy research
- Environmental sustainability issues on focus
- Interactions with gender and environmental management related institutions and agencies



Future Plans

- Conduct analysis, prepare report/discussion papers and policy briefs from policy themes
- Build REKSS library for knowledge and information sharing
- Organize capacity building activities on analyzing economic growth using SAM & CGE, gender mainstreaming and statistical policy analysis
- Provide evidence for policymaking through policy dialogues
- Expand the scope of APSF on Food security



Expected Deliverables

- Collected data and processed into information and knowledge
- Developed Innovative tools for policy analysis
- Developed knowledge and information on strategy, policy and investment options for achieving national development goals, and
- Improved Nigerian capacity to supply, and demand evidence for policies and strategies



Workshop Objectives

- Share progress on implementing APSF
- Discuss current research findings
- Dialogue with our stakeholders on upcoming activities
- Explore to expand the current project into an expansion phase.



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