IMPROVING AGRICULTURAL PERFORMANCE UNDER COUNTY GOVERNMENTS: Challenges and Opportunities

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Objective: to recognize the right of communities to manage their affairs and further their development

(f) To promote social and economic Development and make services accessible throughout Kenya
Schedule 4: Distribution of functions between national(NG) and county Governments (CG)

NG: – Agriculture Policy, Veterinary Policy, Capacity Building And Technical Assistance To Counties

CG:- Agriculture, including
a) Crop Husbandry
b) Livestock sale yards
c) Crop/animal disease control
d) County Abattoirs
e) Fisheries
Article 6 (2): – Governments distinct interdependent, to conduct their mutual relations on the basis of consultation and cooperation

Article 189(2):- Allows for setting up of joint committees and joint authorities at county
Opportunities

- Services closer to the people
- Public participation requirement
- Development agenda: Projects and programs
  Prioritization, planning and implementation
- CIDP: Prerequisite in PFMA
- Local leaders and stakeholders involved in planning
- Public involvement in Budget in making process
• Enhanced Farmer Organizations
  ✓ Revival/initiation of Farmer Coops
    o issuance of Milk coolers,
    o milk dispensers,
    o feed mills,
    o hay seeds,
    o Livestock vaccines
    o Improved feeder road networks – to facilitate produce transportation
Agricultural Funding

• 15% GDP funding to counties
• Increased agriculture Budgets from NG.
  E.g. FY2014/15 CGN – KSh.463 M
• More focused engagement with partners
  (Some counties)
County Assemblies

• Involvement of elected leaders in Budgets approval other issues
• Fiscal and Implementation Oversight
• Decentralized staff performance audit
• Development of county agricultural policies and laws
Focused investments in county priority agricultural value chains

Nyandarua county agricultural flagship projects

- Dairy Development
  1. Subsidized AI
  2. Milk processing
- Potato value chain Development
- Fertilizer subsidy – **2015/16: Ksh. 34M** investment, **Ksh. 10M** Soil testing lab
- Trout farming
- Revival of Pyrethrum Industry
- Packhouse with 100 Ton cold storage facility for Horticulture to stimulate markets
• Article 189 (2) : Creation of Inter-county trading Blocks – e.g.
  • Potato growing counties and packaging,
  • East and Central counties Agricultural block
  • Western counties trading Block
Challenges

• Not well defined intergovernmental relations
• IGS – ITWG – Policy and legislation, Food security, Extension and Capacity building, M&E and Communication, Projects and Farm inputs
• Top cream at NG, lack/ little capacity building. County policies and laws. CECMs?
• Unwillingness by NG to release county functions/ resources- fertilizers.
Challenges cont’d

• Delayed disbursement of funds from NG
• Wage Bill for seconded staff. CGN Agriculture 62%
• Duplication of devolved functions by NG through service units. KAPAP, ASDSP
• Support to extension service by devpt partners reduced. Sida, WB– poor mobility of extension SPs
At County Level

• Political interference- farmers political groupings, MCAs et
• Reduced allocation due to poor understanding of central role of agriculture
• Lack of resources for funding mega projects, eg irrigation infrastructure
Thank you