



Introducing GISAIA

GUIDING INVESTMENTS IN SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL INTENSIFICATION IN AFRICA

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GISAIA is designed to promote:

1. sustainable agricultural intensification and productivity
2. collaboration between African governments and researchers
3. The building of analytical capacity

■ Goal:

- to work with policy makers to identify public investments/policies that promote small farm agricultural productivity growth

Implementation approach:

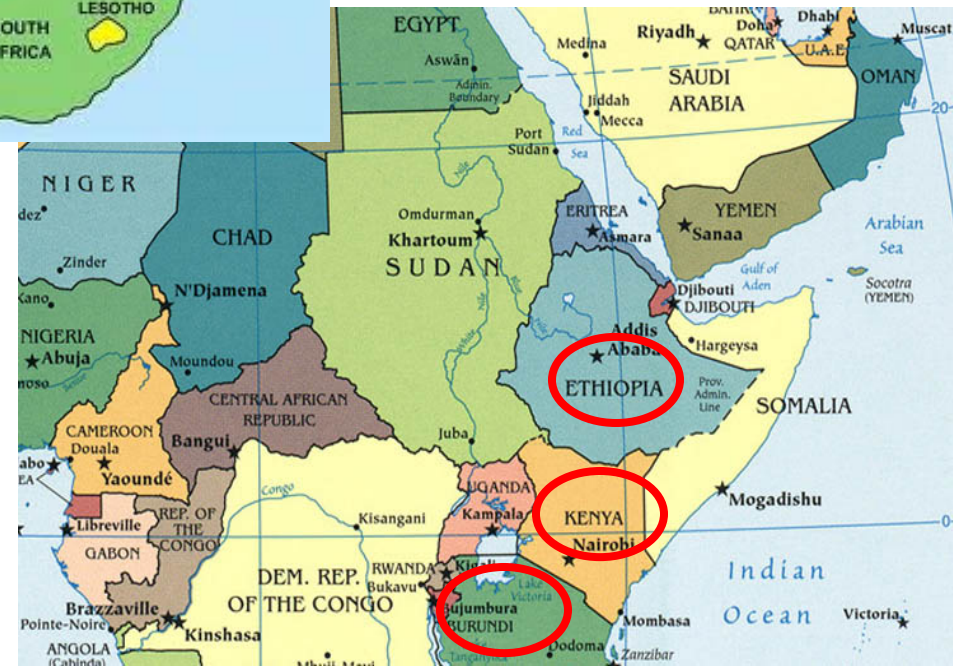
- Focus is on high-quality, evidence-based research
- innovative outreach approaches
- Direct involvement of policy makers and other stakeholders from the beginning, to ensure relevance and promote national ownership
- Significant involvement and leadership by teams on the ground
- MSU to provide capacity building and research mentorship and support

Areas of general focus

1. Efforts to raise the efficiency and profitability of input use by farmers
2. Strategies to improve the effectiveness of input subsidy programs
3. Impact assessment of promising pilot programs
4. Supply chain studies

Geographic coverage

- Eight countries; Nigeria, Mali, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia Tanzania. Malawi, Zambia, and Kenya



GISAIA: Nigeria

Focus:

1. Efforts to understand and raise the efficiency and profitability of fertilizer use by farmers
 - Strategies to improve the effectiveness of input subsidy programs
2. Impact assessment of promising pilot programs

Opportunity to use a rigorous empirical approach to verify preliminary evidence about the technology prior to scaling up to demonstrate impact and maximize potential benefits.

Time frame: 2013-2016

- Stakeholder consultation: June 2013
- Fertilizer use and profitability study
- Data collection
- Data Analysis
- Mid way validation
- Results preparation and policy recommendations
- Outreach



Thank you!!!

