

NL-CGIAR Event: Responsible Scaling for Food Systems Transformation

13/02/2024, the Hague, the Netherlands

On the agenda

- Opening remarks, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Theory: Scaling from a systems perspective
- Practice: Experience deep dive
 - Mainstreaming and portfolio management at CGIAR
 - LAND-at-scale pilot at RVO
- Open dialogue
- Final remarks and closing

Opening remarks

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Scaling from a systems perspective: conceptual underpinnings of Scaling Readiness

Responsible Scaling for Food System Transformation, A breakfast meeting on Scaling Readiness, The Hague 13-2-2024

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Achieving SDGs is often associated with <u>scaling</u> <u>solutions</u> (note: eventually the prime aim is to scale <u>outcomes</u>, not <u>innovations</u>)



How to Bring Development Solutions to Millions of Poor People

Individual adoption is NOT a good starting point for scaling strategy development (Adoption and Diffusion Theory / Technology Uptake models / Theory of Planned Behaviour / Knowledge Attitude Practice)



Such individual models overlook fundamental interdependencies & complexity

- vertical: e.g. value chain actors, policy, legal
- horizontal: e.g. peers, community members
- temporal: e.g. previous courses of action
- domains: e.g. multiple spheres of action



Also: between technical and social: Social-organisational and policy change is a critical component

Use of new varieties for quantity/quality improvement may require e.g.

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Variety

& Seed

Compendium

2018

- distribution networks
- multiplication

For quality of life

- licencing and quality control
- pro-poor credit and insurance system
- re-organisation of labour
- market development
- arrangements for land security
- viable extension models



Scaling happens in <u>configurations</u> of interdependent technical and social changes: i.e. <u>system innovations</u>

- Hardware: technology, management practices
- Orgware: relationships, trust, incentive systems, rules
- Software: knowledge, visions, discourses





Scaling happens in packages of core and complementary innovations / changes



Developers / Project / Partners / Wider Networks / Users

An Innovation Package with its Innovations

In configurations there are several connotations of 'scaling'

- Scaling up' (institutionally)
- Scaling out' (geographically / collectively)
- Scaling down' (replacing)
- Scaling deep' (mental models)
- Cross scale' (effects in other sphere)





Scaling configurations (system change) is far from easy! Factors contributing to 'paralyses':

- competing views, goals and options
- multiple levels, siloes and spheres
- diversity and unequal power
- existing systems are resilient
- no actor in full control
- Ieverages are hard to find





Scaling is not inherently good

Groups may be excluded or face negative consequences

Undesirable consequences for environment / biodiversity

We need to think about **Responsible Scaling**



Whether women benefit from improved varieties depends on: credit rules, land-tenure, labour organisation, insurance, delivery models



In other words: <u>Innovation packages</u> must be adapted to user categories (and context!)

- The package determines:
 - whether users can adopt/adapt
 - who is able to adopt/adapt
- 'Readiness' of one package may differ per group (or context) - packages need to be tailored





In sum: effective and responsible scaling requires:

- Discovering interdependencies / packages
- Assessing relevant diversity
- Anticipating unintended consequences
- Aligning partners, perspectives and visions
- Overcoming tensions, common ground
- Forging relations and coalitions
- Distributing roles and responsibilitues

To arrive at coordinated / concerted scaling strategies



<u>Requiring</u> <u>Methodological</u> <u>Guidance:</u>

> Dialogue Information Evidence Learning Negotiation



Developing systemic scaling strategies and managing innovations portfolios





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(Scaling readiness compatible)





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Thank you for your attention!







CGIAR Innovation Packages and Scaling Readiness

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Bottom Line Up Front (BLUF)

- CGIAR is among the few public sector organizations that uses a systematic approach to innovation management for impact at scale
- CGIAR has embraced the Scaling Readiness approach to:
 - Improve scaling performance under its centralized portfolio (USD236M)
 - Manage its innovation and scaling investments in an evidence-based way
- Scaling Readiness support the design, implementation and monitoring of realistic and action-oriented scaling strategies (scaling in complex systems)
- CGIAR's approach is attracting interest from external organizations (e.g. RVO, FAO, CIRAD, other UN) and funders such as GIZ, BMGF, AfDB and MFAT (NZ)



Science-based innovation is mission critical

- Innovations (technological and nontechnological) can make an important contribution to overcoming global food systems challenges and achieving SDGs
- CGIAR's global competative advantage is science-based innovation development and scaling with and through partners
- There are many innovation and scaling myths so evidence-based decision-making and resource allocation is essential





Overcoming scaling myths and challenges

- From idea to 2M users in a 3-year project
- Copy-paste and one-size-fits-all approaches
- Nothing ever fails, nothing ever scales
- Start thinking about scaling at the end of a project
- Simplistic ideas about how scaling happens (e.g. policy-brief)
- Being too much focussed on the numbers
- Scientists are often not the best scaling experts





CGIAR's ask for Scaling Readiness

CGIAR mission:

To deliver science and innovation that advance transformation of food, land, and water systems in a climate crisis

Improving CGIAR's performance in **delivery of** science and innovation to achieve the SDGs

Systematic approach to innovation portfolio management and decision-making against the CGIAR 2030 mission





Scaling Readiness in CGIAR



1 Track innovation development (1000s)





1 Some examples of innovations





Technological Innovation

Innovations of technical/material nature. including varieties/breeds; crop and livestock management practices; machines; processing technologies; big data and information systems.



Capacity Development Innovation

Innovations that strengthen capacity, including farmer, extension or investor decision-support services; accelerator/incubator programs; manuals, training programs and curricula; online courses.



Policy/Organisational/Institutional Innovation

Innovations that create enabling conditions, including policy, legal and regulatory frameworks: business models; finance mechanisms; partnership models; public/private delivery strategies.

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Shamba Shape Up: Digital channels to deliver bundled agriculture, climate, and financial information services https://hdl.handle.net/10568/126423



Gendered business models for improved cattle artificial insemination service delivery https://hdl.handle.net/10568/126009



Innovation Packaging for Use (100s)

- Scaling Ambition
- Innovation Package
- Scaling Readiness
 assessment
- Scaling bottlenecks





Scaling "novel forages" in Kenya, 4 May 2023





ILRI Livestock Packages for Uganda



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CGIAR's SAPLING Initiative targets Uganda's pig and cattle sectors to expand benefits for farmers

∠ From	⑦ Published on		
International Livestock Research	22.08.22		
Institute (ILRI)			

♂ Impact Area Gender equality, youth & social inclusion, Nutrition, health & food security

Innovation packages

SAPLING will implement a series of activities, titled 'innovation packages' for the development of the pig and cattle value chains. Emily Ouma, a senior scientist at ILRI and the Uganda SAPLING initiative lead said, 'Pig sector interventions will include farmer-level capacity building, training of vets to promote herd health, and developing of business models to strengthen artificial insemination delivery for genetic improvement, and promote linkages between farmers and buyers, said X, at the workshop. Social behaviour change communication will be used to promote consumption of animal-source foods to improve nutrition.'



COMPLETE SCALING READINESS STUDY of the pig market arrangement famework in Uganda



SCALING READINESS REPORT AND SCALING PLAN for training and certification approach for small nosle pig feed producers in Uganda





Scaling Strategies (10s)

- Support CGIAR and partners in co-creating actionable and fundable scaling strategies to overcome bottlenecks for scaling
- Scaling tools and tactics team that offers expertise on how to (further) improve an enabling environment for scaling (sustainable finance, responsible scaling, advocacy, etc.)

BILL& MELINDA GATES foundation

Innovation package for scaling a agrifood system partner network approach







Scaling Strategies – MEL towards impact





Innovation Portfolio Management





<u>At Initiative level</u>





Compare Apples with Apples



<u>At CG centre level</u>



4 Innovation Portfolio Management









	INNOVATION	DEVELOPMENT DETAILS			
•	Short title	Contributing initiatives	Innovation Readiness	EelO	Evidence
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One of a kind innovation management system



CGIAR Results Dashboard



https://www.cgiar.org/food-securityimpact/new-results-dashboard/



Here is where we are...







~1000 innovations profiled



Open Source Innovation

100 scaling experts trained (and >2000 e-learning course)



30+ Innovation Packages designed



Diversification in East and Southern Africa

First Scaling Fund launched



Alignment with other innovation platforms



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Linkages exist and are at different levels of development/ maturity

Policy-makers and funder interest



Guide investment in healthy innovation portfolios, not just projects



Evidence-based tracking of innovation and scaling investment for prioritization and stage-gating Invest in levers that can unlock innovation and impact potential in certain target context





LAND-at-scale programme For just, inclusive and sustainable land governance globally

Introducing LAND-at-scale

- A land governance support programme from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands;
- Launched in March 2019, running up until 2026 with budget of 37,5 million Euros
- Objective to directly strengthen essential land governance components for men, women and youth that have the potential to contribute to structural, just, sustainable and inclusive change at scale.



- Three program pillars revolved around scaling:
 - Scaling pilot initiatives
 - Innovations with scaling potential
 - Knowledge management to (ao) better understand scaling and when it works and when it doesn't.

Working definition of scaling within LAND-at-scale



Increasing the application of the particular strategy. Leading to sustainable & structural change in which impact remains, or increases, after the project ends. Paying sufficient attention to the **enabling environment**, incl legal, env.. and socio-ec. factors Adding value to and **aligning with ongoing processes** rather than attempting to achieve impact in isolation.

Including inclusive and multistakeholder approaches; buy-in of other stakeholders is vital for success Following and adhering to global standards and best practices with regards to (corporate) social responsibility



Exploring the CGIAR/WUR's Scaling Readiness Approach

- Mindset of scaling for systems and behavior change resonates
- Why did we want to pilot SR:
 - More **systematically and efficiently** approach and (re-)assess bottlenecks and opportunities
 - Become more efficient in our interventions now (adaptive programming)
 - Integrate the approach in a potential second phase of LAND-at-scale
- Collaboration with WUR to pilot SR in two LAS cases + adapt approach (if needed) to land intervention





Piloting Scaling Readiness in LAND-at-scale

- Two pilots: first in Burundi in December 2023, second (Chad/Mali) in first half 2024.
- Overall feedback positive
 - Role and engagement of government
 - Insights into the bottlenecks enlightning
- Points identified to adjust SR to land gov interventions
 - Unclarity over innovation typology; technological association
 - Challenge to identify <u>core</u> innovation with systems approach
 - Discussion on 'use' barometer of enablers
 - Sometimes unclear as to the purpose of the exercise
 - Speciality topic- useful to have facilitator that knows land gov
- Next steps:
 - Second pilot in Chad or Mali
 - Design SR approach to a second phase of LAS -> integrated identification and monitoring tool.



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Thank you!