

Agriculture for Income Abstracts

Integrating savings-led microfinance and agroenterprise: Chickpea value chain in Tanzania Melita Sawyer

This presentation provides an example where CRS' agroenterprise and microfinance activities have come together to support chickpea farmer groups in Tanzania. In Tanzania, CRS' microfinance approach focuses on using savings-led methodologies to serve rural communities and improve farmers' access to financial services. CRS' Savings and Internal Lending Communities (SILC) groups help to provide secure savings mechanisms and access to credit to farming communities, strengthen farmer groups, and improve collective marketing. Efforts are underway to scale up the integration of microfinance and agroenterprise, and thereby strengthen and smooth the incomes of more smallholder farmers.

ACORDAR: Going to scale through a value chains GDA initiative Jefferson Shriver

This talk provides an overview of CRS' largest global development alliance (GDA) initiative to date to improve farmer competitiveness in formal markets. CRS leads a public-private sector consortium of twenty institutions in Nicaragua working with fruits and vegetables, cacao, coffee, beans, and roots and tubers. The presenter will analyze interventions in production, post-harvest management and commercialization, showing tangible impacts in income, employment, and value chain relationships.

Scaling up navy bean production and exports from Ethiopia Legesse Dadi, Shaun Ferris, Don Seville

The private sector is more receptive than ever to collaborating to create opportunities in agricultural supply chains that contribute to reducing poverty and meeting the millennium development goals while meeting their product quality and cost requirements. The Sustainable Food Lab has been a learning forum over the last four years for connecting NGOs and Companies to test new approaches together. Mr. Seville will share lessons from this experience.