



Space for Food Security: The Geodata for Agriculture and Water programme (G4AW)

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Since 2013, the Geodata for Agriculture and Water (G4AW) has improved food security in developing countries by promoting the creation of digital advisory and/or financial services based on use of satellite data.

- 4,5 mio farmers and (agro-)pastoralists farmers
- 25 projects & innovations
- 15 countries
- Commissioned by Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs









Examples of agtech/fintech services in G4AW

- More localized weather forecasts
- Yield forecasts / growth stages
- Pest & disease warnings
- Drought and flood warnings
- Index insurance
- Risk profiling supporting insurance and credits









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Drought insurance (localized)

Channels:

Local insurance companies Farmers cooperatives AIC, Planet Gaurantee

Results:

farmers insured 67,000 (2018) 289,000 (2021)

Insured versus Uninsured

Less selling assets at distress before drought windows (4% / 21%) Leaving farm for other work (4% / 15%) Lower own consumption (16% / 35%)













Services:

AgriCoach, Nutrition Coach, Online fertilizer and seeds savings, payment and credit, HealthCoach (Covid-19)

Channels:

G50 'Extension officers' Mobile device app

Results:

~170,000 smallholder families in Burundi 2021: scaling to 400,000 (2.3 mio people)

Impact:



227% Bean productivity (double)



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increase in application of GAP's

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Weather Impact

GAP4A (Burundi)





G4AW and the SDGs?





<u> 1887</u>

Theory of Change

- SDG-2: Zero hunger
- SDG-6: Clean water and sanitation
- SDG-12: Responsible consumption and production
- SDG-13: Climate action
- SDG-15: Life on land
- SDG 17: Partnerships for the goals





Lessons Learned G4AW

- Two stage project
- Implement user-centered approach & digital inclusion using active M&E
- Bundling of services provide benefits (e.g. free advisory with buying inputs)
- Education & trust remain crucial success factor (e.g. farmers are more risk taking rather than to pay for insurance)

Stimulating smallholders' access to emerging AgTech and FinTech markets, Part 1: Users and Services, Summary Report 2021



- Weather information and forecast crucial
- Better soil data needed for good fertilizer advice
- Develop service delivery to be flexible for adaptions and scaling



Inform and inspire a wide audience:

- (International) policy makers
- Providers of satellite data & services
- Financial institutions / impact investors
- NGOs
- More...



Outreach

Find G4AW resources



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G4AW Conference, 3-6 October 2022 Location: Utrecht, NL





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