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Pathways for sustainable agriculture intensification in East and Southern Africa- a focus on Conservation Agriculture

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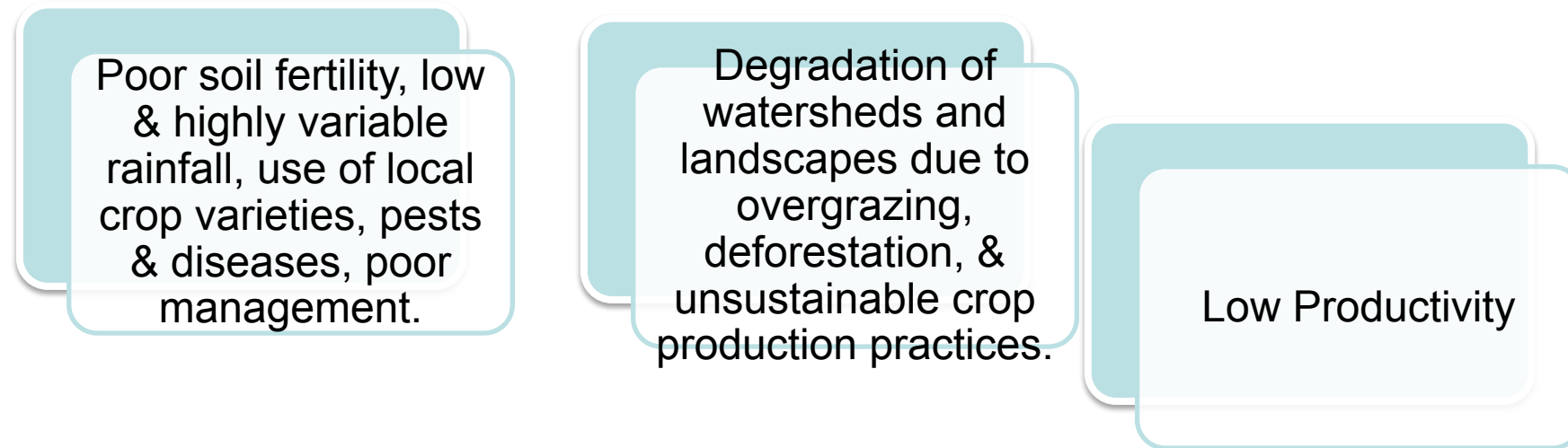
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Theme:

Building a Resilient Future in Africa
through Conservation Agriculture and Sustainable
Mechanization

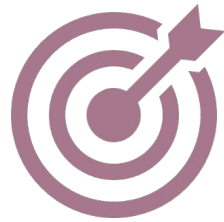


Background



IFAD-funded projects promote various SAI practices including CA to improve productivity on smallholder farms, reduce land degradation, adapt to climate change and protect the environment.

Objectives of the Assessment



Identify SAI promoted in ESA and assess the drivers and barriers for their uptake.



Recommend best bet SAI practices and pathways improving productivity through SAI promotion within the ESA portfolio.



Develop Policy recommendations for SAI promotion

Data collection

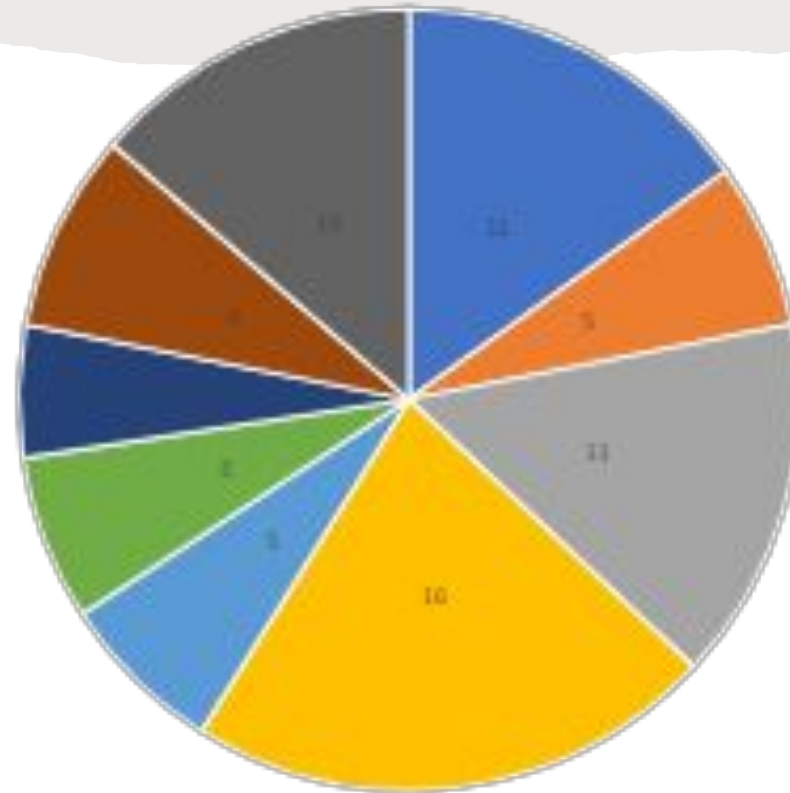
Desk study of 34 Loan and 10 Grant Projects from ESA.

34 loan projects from 17 ESA countries.

8 Impact Assessment Reports

Findings

of projects promoting Conservation Agriculture Practices



■ Crop diversification ■ Agroforestry ■ Manure & Compost ■ Inorganic fertilizer ■ Conservation Agriculture all principles ■ ISFM ■ Mulching ■ Minimum tillage ■ Pw

Drivers of uptake

- The right technologies driven by data and evidence
- Access to extension services- explored pluralistic extension services
- Access to Markets- inputs and outputs (Zambia and Kenya)
- Financial Services for investment
- Access to financial services
- Partnerships



Conclusions and Recommendations



Projects to integrate key enablers in design



Strengthen M&E for evidence based policy engagement



Policy engagement on improving access to extension services, access to inputs, input subsidies, access to output markets and private sector engagement will be key to providing an environment conducive to implementing CA practices

Thank you

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