

BTC Seminar 2009

Agriculture as a motor of pro-poor growth



**Development partners
and
support to pro-poor agricultural policies**

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Development partners and support to pro-poor agricultural policies

Is the aid effectiveness agenda helpful when it comes to addressing agriculture policy issues as part of the development cooperation ?



Agriculture in Mozambique



- Low population density and low productivity
- Land conflicts
- Infrastructure facilities destroyed during civil war
- Frequent droughts and floods
- Low level of education

Mozambique's national programme for agricultural development (ProAgri)

- From 2001
- +300 mio dollars
- 6-10 development partners and Ministry of Agriculture
- Successful as a swap
- Limited outcome
- Limited effects on policies



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Ownership

- Who has ownership ?
- Shared vision for the sector
- Building national coalitions for policy formulation
- Support to policy advocacy

Business Environment Strengthening for Tanzania

2008-13 USD 12 million (2nd phase)

Competitive grants for member based organisations

- Local taxes and levies rationalization on coffee
- Reform of the Business Activities Registration Act
- Rationalization administrative in the transfer of land and property



Business Environment Strengthening for Tanzania



Five steps to effective advocacy:

- Identifying the issues (from stakeholders)
- Understanding the issues (research and studies)
- Formulating evidence based policies
- Reaching appropriate people in Government
- Monitoring progress

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Alignment

- Use of country systems
- Alignment to non-public institutions
- Partner-government policy dialogue



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Harmonisation

- Fewer and larger donors in each sector
- Reduce project fragmentation, use swaps and PBAs
- One voice



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Diversity of policy issues:

- Legislation and regulatory framework
- Macro-economy and trade
- Access to finance
- Skills development
- Contract enforcement
- Transport and infrastructure
- Land ownership



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Accountability and management for results

- Results are key
- Focus is important
- Partner predictability



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Partners' opportunities in policy implementation:

- Focus on results
- Good governance
- Value for money
- Linkages between national and sector level budget, monitoring, reporting
- Organisational reforms, human resources management,...

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Conclusions – Challenges

"The bumpy road to aid effectiveness in agriculture" – ODI, April 2008

- Non-government partners, multi-sectors, decentralised government
- Too much focus on public expenditure and public institutions
- Policy advice at sector level vs. multi-sectoral level



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But

Swaps and alignment are important instruments for public sector development cooperation

Policy formulation processes:

- Inclusive processes for policy formulation and private sector advocacy
- Evidence-based policy making
- Policy coherence
- Technical policy aspects



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Policy Implementation processes:

- Focus on results in Joint donor dialogue with government
- Capacity strengthening of delivery mechanisms