Tipping the Balance – Risks and Rewards of Agricultural investment

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PARTNERSHIP, VISION AND SIZE?

Scale, vision and actors involved in Agricultural investment can differ greatly

Type of partnerships have differing risk and rewards

- Innovative partnerships and locally led sector transformation often shown high impact.

- But large-scale ‘mega’ PPPs are likely to be qualitatively different in terms of risks and benefits
Opportunity for sector transformation and innovation

a. Sector transformation
   - Price stability/producer share of value
   - Women visible, move into high value roles or own land

b. Innovation on market options, overcoming structural issues etc..
   - Sector itself, including smallholders invest in future
   - Women’s unpaid care recognised and redistributed

A RANGE OF RISKS

Strong and inclusive governance required to ensure the fair sharing of risks and benefits

Incomplete land reform processes poses acute risks to local communities land rights from investment

Powerful players can create the risk of monopoly, and pressure on government to change policy positions
POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION

• What type of partnership under what vision? Donors commitments nearly $6 billion for the New Alliance.

• Government and donor focus should be on unlocking the potential of locally led sector transformations.

• Have we applied learning from development initiatives in other sectors working at scale?

• Urgent need for accountability and transparency on poverty eradication or food security?’