



Global Donor Platform
for Rural Development

DONOR ENGAGEMENT WITH RURAL YOUTH



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G20 Rural Youth Employment Initiative

‘to create job opportunities for at least 30 % of the youth in agricultural value chains by 2025’





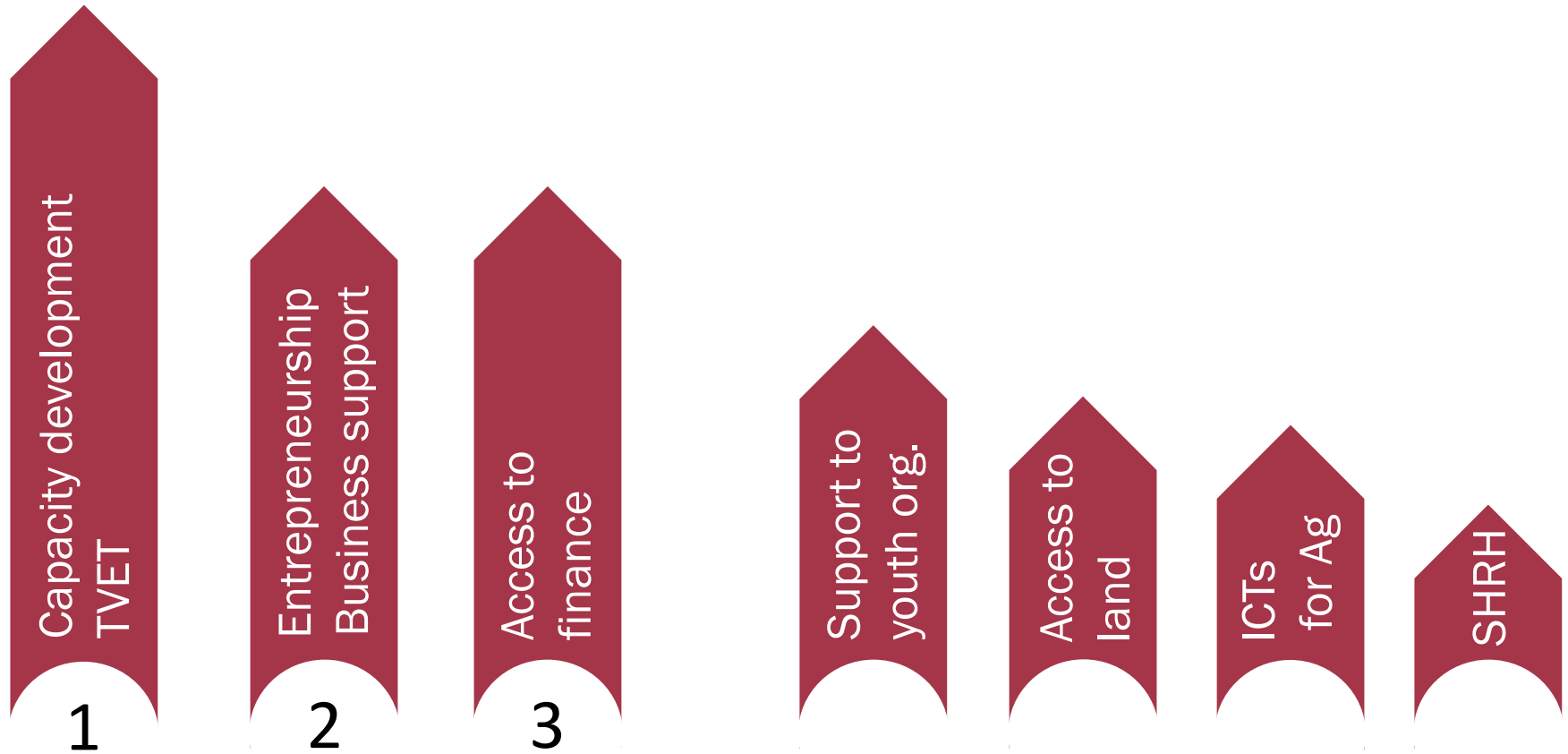
**Future of
agriculture
&
Rural
development**

**Decent
Employment
Decent Lives**





Multiple ways of engaging with rural youth





What has been changing in the way donors engage with youth / rural youth

Youth is diverse and can play different roles beyond just beneficiaries



- **Contracting agreements [youth as advisors]**
- **Youth Think Tank**
- **Linking students with farmers**

From farmers to agripreneurs

Agriculture as a business



- **Land:** leasing, intergenerational transfer
- **Finance:** tailored & non-financial support
- **Entrepreneurship:** clear targeting, mentoring & follow-up support, linkages to markets



Widening the spectrum of employment opportunities

VALUE
CHAIN

TERRITORIES



Rethinking the provision of skills & information



- **Matching demand & supply**
- **Results-based mechanisms**
- **Proximity services & Incubation models**
- **Digital opportunities**

Designing policies that are youth responsive



- **Integrated approach, cross-sectoral**
- **Building capacity of governments**
- **Building capacity of rural youth / org.**



Common lessons learned & remaining questions

1

Nothing can happen without the active engagement of youth [*How to leave no one behind?*]

2

Intentionally applying a youth lens into programmes

3

What is measured becomes visible- [*How to measure progress in quantity and quality?*]



4

Unprecedented need for public and private

Coordination

Sharing information

about interventions at national level

Collaboration

Co-design of interventions

Combining **resources**

Linking youth, private sector, gvts.



‘Just imagine what solutions might be found if young people are given the space and encouragement to participate and lead’.

Kofi Annan