

# AgroTrack-Lite: Go-To-Market Strategy

## 18-Month Plan to 100,000 Farmers

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**Objective:** Onboard 100,000 smallholder farmers to AgroTrack-Lite within 18 months, establishing product-market fit and achieving profitability.

**Strategy:** Leverage farmer cooperatives as distribution channels, starting with a 100-farmer pilot in Kenya, then scaling through word-of-mouth and strategic partnerships.

**Key Metrics:**

- Month 3: 100 farmers (pilot)
- Month 6: 2,000 farmers (early growth)
- Month 12: 10,000 farmers (break-even)
- Month 18: 100,000 farmers (scale)

**Budget:** \$300K (Months 1-18) **Expected Revenue (Month 18):** \$1.32M/year **Break-Even:** Month 16

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### PHASE 1: PILOT (MONTHS 1-3)

**Goal: Validate Product-Market Fit with 100 Farmers**

**Target Geography:**

- **Kisumu County, Kenya**
  - 200,000 smallholder farmers
  - Strong cooperative network
  - Good mobile connectivity
  - Close to urban markets (Kisumu City)

**Target Crops:** Maize, beans (most common)

**Partner Selection:**

- **Primary:** Kisumu Maize Farmers Cooperative (500 members)

- **Secondary:** Nyanza Women Farmers Association (300 members)

## Acquisition Strategy:

### Week 1-2: Partnership Setup

- Approach cooperative leadership
- Present demo to board members
- Sign MOU (Memorandum of Understanding)
- Negotiate: Free for 3 months, then 1.5% fee (vs 2% retail)

### Week 3-4: Training & Onboarding

- 2-day workshop at cooperative office
- Train 10 "champions" (tech-savvy farmers)
- Provide printed SMS guides in English + Swahili
- Set up local collection hub

### Week 5-12: Active Pilot

- Champions onboard 10 farmers each = 100 total
- Daily phone support (Swahili speaking)
- Weekly in-person check-ins
- Track: Usage, feedback, issues

## Success Metrics:

Metric	Target	Stretch
Farmers enrolled	100	150
Active users (1+ tx)	60	80
Transactions	150	300
Retention (use twice)	50%	65%
NPS Score	40	60

## Investment:

### Costs (Months 1-3):

- Staff: \$15K (1 full-time ops manager)

- Training materials: \$1K
- Collection hub setup: \$2K
- Phone support: \$1K
- Travel/meetings: \$2K
- SMS costs: \$150 (1,000 messages)
- Hedera fees: \$10
- **Total: \$21,160**

**Revenue:** \$0 (free pilot period)

### **Key Learnings to Extract:**

#### **Product:**

- Which features are used most?
- What causes confusion?
- Language/terminology issues?

#### **Operations:**

- Optimal collection hub distance?
- Best delivery verification method?
- How to handle disputes?

#### **Economics:**

- Actual transaction frequency?
- Average transaction size?
- True cost per transaction?

#### **Marketing:**

- What convinced farmers to try it?
  - What objections came up?
  - Who are the best evangelists?
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## **PHASE 2: EARLY GROWTH (MONTHS 4-6)**

### **Goal: 2,000 Farmers Through Word-of-Mouth**

#### **Geography Expansion:**

- **Primary:** Kisumu County (expand to 5 cooperatives)
- **Secondary:** Neighboring counties (Siaya, Homa Bay)

**Crops:** Add coffee, tea

#### **Acquisition Strategy:**

##### **Channel 1: Referrals (70% of growth)**

- Incentive: 100 KES (\$0.75) credit per referral
- Mechanic: "Invite friend, both get bonus"
- Target: Each pilot farmer refers 2 friends
- Expected: 100 → 300 via referrals

##### **Channel 2: Cooperative Expansion (25% of growth)**

- Leverage success story from pilot
- Present to 10 new cooperatives
- Sign 4 additional partners
- Each brings 200-400 farmers
- Expected: +1,000 farmers

##### **Channel 3: Local Marketing (5% of growth)**

- Posters at agricultural supply shops
- Radio ads on local stations (Swahili)
- Demo days at weekly markets
- Expected: +100 farmers

#### **Operations Scaling:**

##### **Team Additions:**

- Month 4: Customer success agent (Swahili)

- Month 5: Marketing coordinator
- Month 6: Technical support (part-time)

### Infrastructure:

- Set up 3 additional collection hubs
- Partner with 2 local logistics companies
- Integrate M-Pesa for cash-out

### Success Metrics:

Metric	Target
Total farmers	2,000
Monthly active	1,200
Transactions/month	2,500
Retention rate	65%
CAC (avg)	\$3
LTV	\$28.80

### Investment:

#### Costs (Months 4-6):

- Staff: \$30K (4 people)
- Referral incentives: \$4K
- Marketing: \$6K
- Operations: \$5K
- SMS costs: \$2K
- Hedera fees: \$50
- **Total: \$47,050**

**Revenue:** \$5K (2,500 tx/month × \$2 avg fee × 1 month after free period)

**Cumulative Loss:** -\$63K

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## **PHASE 3: VALIDATED GROWTH (MONTHS 7-12)**

**Goal: 10,000 Farmers, Achieve Unit Economics**

**Geography:**

- **Saturate Kenya:** 8 counties
- **Test Uganda:** Kampala region (500 farmers)

**Crops:** All major cash crops

**Acquisition Strategy:**

**Channel 1: Scaled Referrals (40%)**

- Increase incentive: 200 KES per referral
- Gamification: Leaderboards, top referrer prizes
- Target: 5,000 farmers via referrals

**Channel 2: NGO Partnerships (30%)**

- Partner with: FAO, World Food Programme, One Acre Fund
- They onboard farmers in their programs
- We provide the marketplace technology
- Target: 3,000 farmers via NGO channels

**Channel 3: Radio + SMS Campaigns (20%)**

- Weekly radio show in 3 languages
- SMS campaigns to mobile money users
- Target: 2,000 farmers

**Channel 4: Agricultural Input Suppliers (10%)**

- Partner with seed/fertilizer companies
- They refer farmers (QR code on packaging)
- Target: 1,000 farmers

**Operations Scaling:**

**Team (9 people by Month 12):**

- 1 Operations Manager
- 3 Customer Success Agents (regional)
- 2 Marketing/Partnerships
- 2 Engineering (you + 1 hire)
- 1 Finance/Admin

#### **Infrastructure:**

- 15 collection hubs across Kenya + Uganda
- API for third-party integrations
- USSD interface (menu-based, no typing)
- Dashboard for cooperative admins

#### **Success Metrics:**

Metric	Month 12 Target
Total farmers	10,000
Monthly active	7,000
Transactions/month	10,000
Avg transaction	\$50
Revenue/month	\$10K
CAC	\$5
LTV:CAC	5.76:1

#### **Investment:**

##### **Costs (Months 7-12):**

- Staff: \$90K
- Marketing: \$30K
- Operations: \$25K
- SMS: \$10K
- Infrastructure: \$15K
- **Total: \$170K**

**Revenue:** \$50K (10K tx/month × \$1 fee × 5 months)

**Cumulative Loss:** -\$183K

**Key Milestone:** Unit economics validated ( $LTV > 3 \times CAC$ )

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## **PHASE 4: ACCELERATION (MONTHS 13-18)**

**Goal:** 100,000 Farmers, Achieve Profitability

**Geography:**

- Kenya: Nationwide (all 47 counties)
- Uganda: Expand to 5 regions
- Tanzania: Launch in 3 regions

**Crops:** Full portfolio + livestock (chickens, dairy)

**Acquisition Strategy:**

**Channel 1: Mass Marketing (40%)**

- National radio campaigns
- TV commercials (affordable rates in East Africa)
- Billboard advertising at major markets
- Target: 40,000 farmers

**Channel 2: Government Partnerships (30%)**

- Ministry of Agriculture endorsement
- Integration with government extension services
- Target: 30,000 farmers

**Channel 3: Network Effects (20%)**

- Organic growth from existing users
- Marketplace liquidity attracts both sides
- Target: 20,000 farmers

**Channel 4: B2B Partnerships (10%)**

- Supermarket chains (Nakumatt, Tuskys)



- Food processors (Del Monte, Kakuzi)
- Exporters
- Target: 10,000 farmers

**Operations:**

**Team (20+ people):**

- Country managers (Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania)
- Regional operations teams
- Scaled customer success
- Product & engineering team (5 people)

**Infrastructure:**

- 100+ collection hubs
- Real-time pricing algorithm
- Weather integration
- Credit scoring module

**Success Metrics:**

Metric	Month 18 Target
Total farmers	100,000
Monthly active	70,000
Transactions/month	100,000
Revenue/month	\$110K
Gross margin	65%
Monthly profit	+\$10K

**Investment:**

**Costs (Months 13-18):**

- Staff: \$180K
- Marketing: \$80K
- Operations: \$60K

- Infrastructure: \$30K
- **Total: \$350K**

**Revenue:** \$550K (100K tx/month × \$1 avg × 5.5 months)

**Cumulative:** Break-even at Month 16, +\$17K profit by Month 18

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## **CUSTOMER ACQUISITION CHANNELS (Detailed)**

### **Channel 1: Farmer Cooperatives**

#### **Why It Works:**

- Built-in trust (cooperative vouches for us)
- Aggregated training (reach many farmers at once)
- Existing collection infrastructure
- Established payment systems

#### **How to Execute:**

1. Identify cooperatives (agricultural extension offices have lists)
2. Attend monthly meetings, present demo
3. Offer pilot: Free for 3 months
4. Train "champion farmers" as evangelists
5. Provide co-branded materials

#### **Economics:**

- CAC: \$2/farmer (relationship-based)
- Conversion rate: 60% (high trust)
- Retention: 75% (community pressure)

**Scale Potential:** 10,000 cooperatives in Kenya alone

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### **Channel 2: Word-of-Mouth / Referrals**

#### **Why It Works:**

- Farmers trust other farmers
- No skepticism of technology
- Viral coefficient potential: 0.5-0.8
- Low cost

#### **How to Execute:**

1. Incentive: 100-200 KES credit per referral
2. Mechanic: Referee also gets credit (both win)
3. Gamification: Leaderboards, badges, prizes
4. Make sharing easy: "Send this message to invite"

#### **Economics:**

- CAC: \$1.50/farmer (referral credit cost)
- Conversion rate: 40%
- Retention: 70%

**Scale Potential:** Limited by network saturation

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### **Channel 3: NGO Partnerships**

#### **Target NGOs:**

- **One Acre Fund** (1M farmers in East Africa)
- **Heifer International**
- **World Food Programme**
- **FAO (Food & Agriculture Organization)**
- **USAID Feed the Future**

#### **Value Proposition to NGOs:**

- We provide free marketplace technology
- Improves their program outcomes (farmer income)
- Data sharing (anonymized insights)

- Co-branding opportunity

### **How to Execute:**

1. Identify NGOs with farmer programs
2. Approach partnerships team
3. Pilot with 100-500 of their farmers
4. Prove impact (income increase)
5. Scale across their network

### **Economics:**

- CAC: \$4/farmer (partnership overhead)
- Conversion rate: 50% (NGO endorsement)
- Retention: 80% (strong support)

**Scale Potential:** Millions of farmers

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## **Channel 4: Radio Advertising**

### **Why It Works:**

- 85% of rural Kenyans listen to radio daily
- Local language programming
- Trusted medium in rural areas
- Affordable (\$500-2K per month per station)

### **How to Execute:**

1. Identify top agricultural radio shows
2. Buy weekly 60-second spots
3. Create compelling script (testimonial style)
4. Provide clear call-to-action: "Text [keyword]"
5. Track with unique codes per station

### **Sample Script (60 seconds):**

[Sound of farm ambience]

FARMER 1: "Nilikuwa napoteza 70% ya mazao yangu."

(I used to lose 70% of my crops.)

FARMER 2: "Sasa? Ninapata bei ya soko moja kwa moja."

(Now? I get market price directly.)

NARRATOR: "AgroTrack. Marketplace ya wakulima, kwa SMS tu."

(AgroTrack. Farmer marketplace, via SMS only.)

FARMER 1: "Tuma SMS: 'Mahindi 200kg Kisumu'"

(Send SMS: 'Maize 200kg Kisumu')

NARRATOR: "Unapata bei. Escrow ya blockchain. Malipo guaranteed."

(You get price. Blockchain escrow. Guaranteed payment.)

"Anza leo. Tuma SMS kwa: [NUMBER]"

(Start today. Text: [NUMBER])

### Economics:

- Cost: \$2K/month per station
- Reach: 50,000 farmers/month
- Response rate: 2%
- CAC: \$8/farmer

**Scale Potential:** Regional, not national

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## Channel 5: Agricultural Input Suppliers

### Partners:

- Seed companies (Kenya Seed, Monsanto)
- Fertilizer distributors
- Agricultural equipment retailers

### How to Execute:

1. QR code or SMS keyword on packaging

2. "Register for free market access"
3. Revenue share: They get 0.5% of farmer's sales
4. Win-win: They sell more inputs, we get farmers

#### **Economics:**

- CAC: \$3/farmer (revenue share cost)
- Conversion rate: 30%
- Retention: 65%

**Scale Potential:** Millions (every farmer buys inputs)

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## **MARKETING MATERIALS NEEDED**

#### **For Farmers:**

#### **SMS Guide (Printed Card):**

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1. TENGENEZA ORODHA

Tuma: "Mahindi 200kg Kisumu"

2. POKEA BEI

"35 KES/kg, Jumla: 7,000 KES"

3. KUBALI

"YES [OTP number]"

4. PELEKA MAZAO

Kwenye collection hub

5. PATA PESA

M-Pesa moja kwa moja!

Maswali? Piga: [PHONE]

#### **Poster (For Cooperative Offices):**

- Large QR code

- Before/After farmer testimonial
  - Key benefits (40% more income, guaranteed payment)
  - Simple SMS flow diagram
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## **For Cooperatives:**

### **Partnership Deck (5 slides):**

1. The problem your farmers face
2. How AgroTrack solves it
3. Case study from pilot
4. Revenue opportunity for cooperative
5. Next steps

### **One-Pager:**

- Benefits to cooperative
  - Benefits to members
  - Pricing (free trial, then 1.5%)
  - Support provided
  - Contact info
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## **For NGOs:**

### **Impact Report Template:**

- Farmer income increase (before/after)
  - Transaction volume and frequency
  - Market price vs middleman price comparison
  - Testimonials
  - Geographic coverage
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## **PRICING STRATEGY**

## **Farmer-Facing:**

### **Phase 1 (Months 1-6): Free**

- No transaction fees
- Build trust and network effects
- Focus on product-market fit

### **Phase 2 (Months 7-12): 2% Transaction Fee**

- Applied to buyer payment
- Clearly communicated upfront
- Example: \$50 sale = \$1 fee

### **Phase 3 (Months 13+): Tiered Pricing**

- Basic: 2% (default)
- Premium: \$5/month (0% fees + features)
- Enterprise (cooperatives): 1.5% (bulk discount)

## **Buyer-Facing:**

### **Free access** to marketplace

- No listing fees
- No monthly subscriptions
- Revenue comes from farmer side

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## **KEY PARTNERSHIPS TO PURSUE**

### **Priority 1: Cooperatives**

#### **Target: 50 cooperatives by Month 12**

Top Cooperatives in Kenya:

1. New Kenya Planters Cooperative Union
2. Kenya Farmers Association (KFA)
3. Kenya National Federation of Agricultural Producers



4. County-level dairy cooperatives

5. Coffee and tea cooperatives

**Approach:**

- Attend annual general meetings
  - Present at cooperative training events
  - Partner with Cooperative Bank of Kenya
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**Priority 2: Mobile Network Operators**

**Target: Safaricom, Airtel Kenya**

**Value Proposition:**

- Increase SMS usage (revenue for them)
- Enable M-Pesa transactions
- Corporate social responsibility angle

**Ask:**

- Bulk SMS rates (50% discount)
  - Co-marketing opportunities
  - Featured in M-Pesa merchant directory
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**Priority 3: Government**

**Ministry of Agriculture**

- Endorsement at county level
- Integration with extension services
- Access to farmer registration data

**Ministry of ICT**

- Support for digital agriculture initiatives
- Potential grant funding

- Regulatory guidance
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## **Priority 4: NGOs & Development Agencies**

### **One Acre Fund**

- 1M farmers across East Africa
- Strong tech adoption culture
- Existing mobile money integration

### **Heifer International**

- Focus on smallholder farmers
- Livestock + crops
- Strong cooperative partnerships

### **USAID Feed the Future**

- \$1B+ annual budget for agriculture
  - Open to technology partnerships
  - Can provide grant funding
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## **COMPETITIVE RESPONSE STRATEGY**

### **If Twiga Foods enters SMS market:**

#### **Our Advantages:**

- First-mover (6-12 month head start)
- Cooperative partnerships (distribution lock-in)
- Multi-agent AI (technical moat)
- Hedera cost structure (profitability at lower fees)

#### **Response:**

- Double down on cooperative exclusives
- Launch premium features (weather, credit)

- Emphasize decentralization/transparency
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**If a telco builds in-house:**

**Our Advantages:**

- Agricultural domain expertise
- Already validated product-market fit
- Farmer relationships and trust
- Blockchain transparency (vs black box)

**Response:**

- White-label offer to telcos
  - Integrate as partner, not competitor
  - Focus on value-add (AI, risk, market data)
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**SUCCESS METRICS DASHBOARD**

**Track Weekly:**

Metric	Week 1	Week 4	Week 8	Week 12
Farmers onboarded	10	50	150	300
Active users	5	30	100	200
Transactions	15	100	400	1,000
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200
NPS score	-	40	55	65

**Track Monthly:**

- Customer Acquisition Cost (CAC)
- Customer Lifetime Value (LTV)
- Monthly Active Users (MAU)
- Transaction volume and value
- Retention cohorts

- Net Promoter Score (NPS)
- Churn rate
- Referral rate

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## BUDGET SUMMARY (18 Months)

Phase	Duration	Investment	Revenue	Net
Phase 1: Pilot	M1-3	\$21K	\$0	-\$21K
Phase 2: Early	M4-6	\$47K	\$5K	-\$42K
Phase 3: Growth	M7-12	\$170K	\$50K	-\$120K
Phase 4: Scale	M13-18	\$350K	\$550K	+\$200K
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18 months</b>	<b>\$588K</b>	<b>\$605K</b>	<b>+\$17K</b>

**Funding Requirement:** \$250K seed (covers M1-12 + buffer)

**Break-Even:** Month 16

**ROI:** Positive by Month 18, path to \$7M+ ARR by Year 3

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## RISK MITIGATION

### Risk 1: Slow Farmer Adoption

**Mitigation:**

- Start with warm intros (cooperatives)
- Intensive training and support
- Strong referral incentives
- Lower price expectations (pilot free)

### Risk 2: SMS Costs Too High

**Mitigation:**

- Negotiate bulk rates with telcos
- Optimize to 2 messages per transaction
- Explore USSD as alternative (menu-based)

- Revenue share with telcos

### **Risk 3: Competition**

#### **Mitigation:**

- Move fast, build network effects
- Lock in cooperative partnerships (exclusivity)
- Deep Hedera integration (hard to replicate)
- Focus on underserved segment (feature phones)

### **Risk 4: Regulatory Issues**

#### **Mitigation:**

- Engage regulators early
- Position as tech, not finance
- Partner with licensed payment processors
- Ensure compliance (data, money transmission)

### **Risk 5: Fraud**

#### **Mitigation:**

- Multi-factor verification (OTP, delivery)
- Risk Agent monitors anomalies
- Escrow prevents non-payment
- Gradual trust building (transaction limits)

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## **NEXT ACTIONS (Week by Week)**

### **Week 1-2: Validation**

- ☐ Interview 10 farmers
- ☐ Contact 5 cooperatives
- ☐ Record testimonials
- ☐ Get 1 LOI (Letter of Intent)

### Week 3: Documentation

- ☐ Finalize Lean Canvas
- ☐ Complete pitch deck
- ☐ Finish video script

### Week 4: Production

- ☐ Record demo video
- ☐ Create marketing materials
- ☐ Deploy to public URL

### Week 5: Launch Prep

- ☐ Announce on social media
- ☐ Reach out to judges
- ☐ Practice pitch (5+ times)

### Week 6: Submit!

- ☐ Submit to hackathon
- ☐ Share widely
- ☐ Follow up with partners

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### This GTM strategy is designed to be:

- ☒ **Realistic:** Based on proven channels in African agriculture
- ☒ **Capital-efficient:** Break-even in 18 months on \$250K
- ☒ **Scalable:** Clear path from 100 to 1M farmers
- ☒ **Defensible:** Network effects + partnerships create moat

Ready to execute. 🚀