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The State of Agriculture in Africa

In 2010, we partnered with the government to establish the Agricultural Transformation Agency, which provides government ministries with evidence-based solutions and implementation support to improve farm productivity and profitability nationwide. These zones range from the heavy rain-forest vegetation with bi-annual rainfall to relatively sparse, dry and arid vegetation with low uni-modal rainfall.

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In other words, women in Africa have the potential to feed as much as 150 million people. In fact, the annual average agricultural GDP growth rate decreased slightly. We also learned that farmers were well aware of the qualities of different brands in these areas.

African Agriculture

The Integration body of work focuses on thoughtfully integrating gender into all AgDev investment portfolios, including seed systems, livestock health, digital extension, and policy advice, while doubling down on reducing the gender gaps in smallholder farm households through our partnerships with AGRA, CGIAR and others. We have seen the emergence of smaller pack sizes for inputs to address more modest land sizes and to make it more affordable for farmers who cannot purchase larger packs. One successful seed company in East Africa deployed networks of part-time promoters during planting season, model farmers with demonstration plots, promotions at market days, and simple branded giveaways, such as T-shirts.

One of Africa's Most Fertile Lands Is Struggling to Feed Its Own People

We invest heavily in research on how agricultural policies and practices affect nutrition and how interventions at the farm and market levels can improve diets.

Agricultural Development

The incidence of such insect pests as the also discourages mixed farming in many areas.

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