



Agricultural Finance Markets Scoping Survey (AgFiMS)

The Agricultural Finance Markets Scoping (AgFiMS) measures the demand for and supply of financial services in the agricultural sector.

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AgFiMS is a country by country diagnostic tool which researches, collects and presents data about the demand for and supply of financial services in the agricultural sector. Its aim is to boost the supply of, and enhance the access to agricultural finance through market led innovation and policy change. Funded by the Financial Sector Deepening Trust (FSDT), the Gatsby Charitable Foundation (GCF) and Rockefeller Foundation, DPC project managed the study and was responsible for disseminating the information to both public and private sectors, including the development of the AgFiMS website (www.agfims.org)

The first AgFiMS took place in Tanzania between April and September 2011. The research design, methodology and approach are likely to be replicated in other countries. It will then form the basis of a cross-country benchmark of progress in developing agricultural financial markets, allowing stakeholders to learn from successes and challenges in other places.

Analysis from AgFiMS bridges the information gap about the extent and type of need for financial services in the agricultural sector. It also examines the best distribution channels for financial services at different points along the supply chain. AgFiMS can identify potential markets and areas for targeted investment. The data provides both the means and motive for government, donors, the financial industry, civil society organizations and other public and private sector stakeholders to design collaborative interventions to encourage agricultural finance on a market-led basis.