

Economics of HGSF Procurement

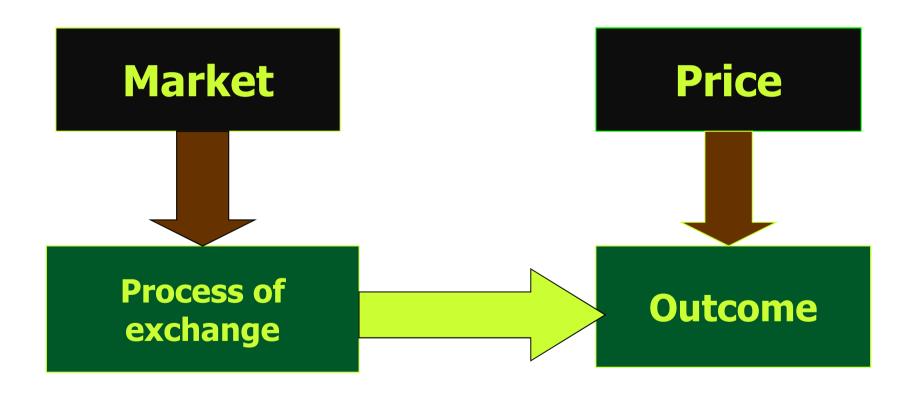
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Understanding market

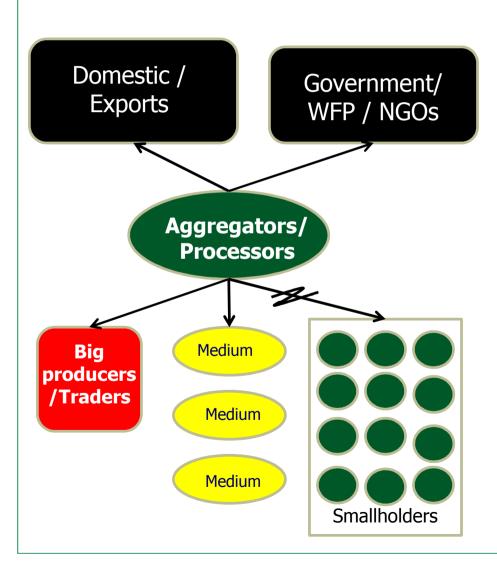




The objectives

- Un-interrupted Supply of Quality Food (USQP)
- Link smallholders to market

Procurement Model – 1



A. Ingredients of success:

- I. Legal and regulatory environment
 - Contract enforcement
 - Dispute settlement
- II. Risk management institutions and polices
 - Weather risks
 - Macro policy induced risks

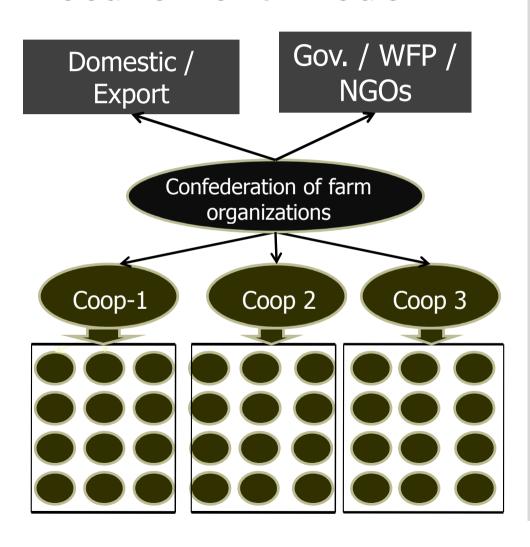
C. Advantages

- Higher likelihood of success because of the linkages with large and medium producers
- Higher social capital and policy advocacy

D. Disadvantages

 Smallholders gets excluded; and hence limited impacts in terms of poverty reduction

Procurement Model - 2



A. Ingredients of success:

- I. Legal and regulatory environment
 - Contract enforcement
 - Dispute settlement
- II. Risk management institutions and polices
 - Weather risks
 - Macro policy induced risks

C. Advantages

- Better linkages with smallholders
- Higher poverty alleviation impacts

D. Disadvantages

- Management difficulties and inadequacy of necessary skills in most poor economies
- Higher transactions costs of doing business



Challenges

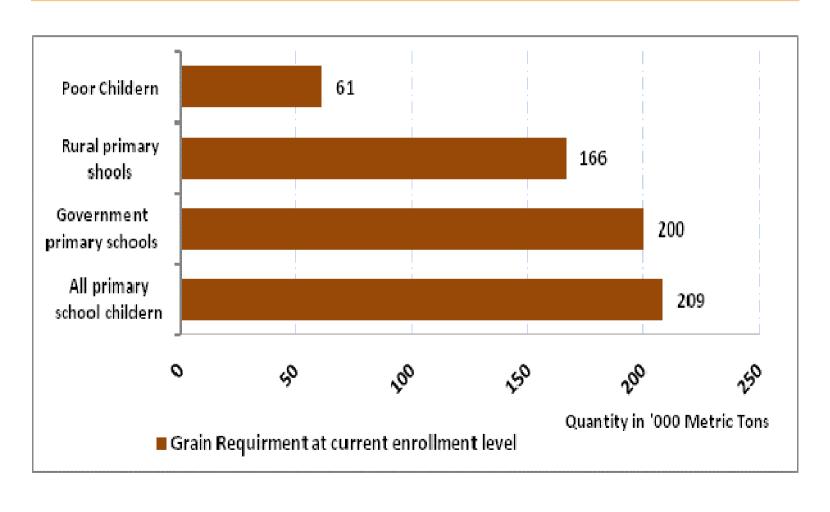
- Effective farmers organizations (or good cooks to buy from markets)
- Geographic locations
 - Food insecure locations may not have comparative advantages to supply USQF
- Scale of HGSF operation (Long run view)
 - Size and design of the program matter

Market potentials from HGSF: Ethiopia Example

Region	Total Food Distributed		
	2008	2009	Total
		Metric Tons	
Tigray	1,403	1,924	1,663
Afar	521	951	736
Amhara	1,353	2,536	1,945
Oromiya	485	1,006	745
Somali	644	769	707
SNNPR	580	1,008	794
National	4,986.0	8,194.2	6,590.1

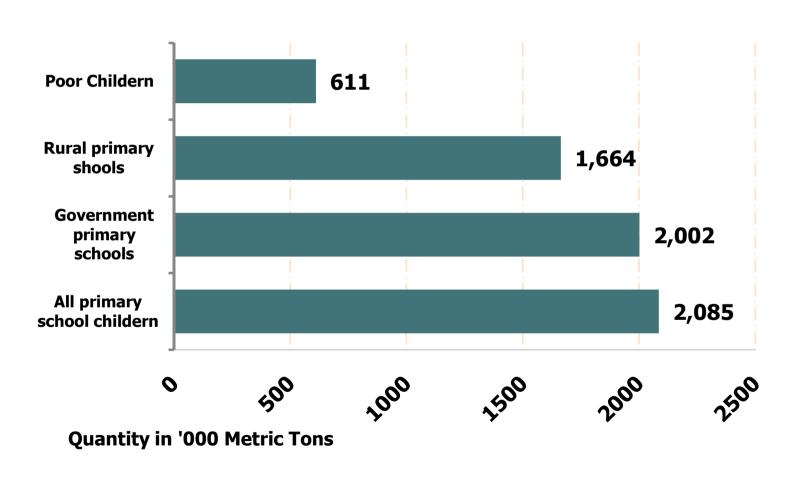
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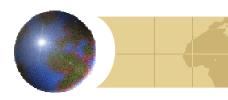






Potential demand: Ethiopia case





Why is scaling up important (long run)

- At current level of coverage, playing field will not be level (most children will go to school hungry!).
- At current level of coverage, an efficient smallholder-led market is not likely to emerge and sustain.

What proc model will ensure USQF?

- Through local coops / farm organization?
- How about association of small traders (if food is not available locally)?
- Procurement through cooks?
- Is it okay to have large market actors supply USQF, if food safety is the concerned?