## SMART WATER For AGRICULTURE PROJECT

# **KENYA**

Innovation and investment funds to *facilitate* 

Dutch-Kenya private sector Business Linkages













## PROJECT PROFILE IN BRIEF

#### **Duration and implementation**

- April 2016 to December, 2019
- Consortium partners: SNV (lead), MetaMeta, Practica, A4A and KIT

#### Funding (6 million Euros)

- EKN, Embassy of the Netherlands in Kenya
- 750 000 Euros for innovation and investment fund

#### Target group

- SME farmers in Kenya (0.25 acre to 12.5 acre), entrepreneurial mind-set
- Dutch and Kenyan private sector suppliers of smart water solutions products and services

## KEY PROJECT DESIRED RESULTS

#### **Target**

- Agricultural water productivity and income of 20,000 SME farmers increased by 20%
- SWA promotes water productivity improvement interventions that only result in improved income of SME farmers

#### Through

- Improved use and access to smart water solutions
- Improved access to finance
- Increased access to SWS-related knowledge and demand created
- Facilitating business linkages between Dutch and Kenya private companies
- Functioning Irrigation Acceleration Platforms

## **SMART WATER SOLUTIONS**

### Wide range of options at the abstraction, delivery and field level

- Various forms of water harvesting systems
- Drip/sprinkler irrigation, subsurface irrigation
- Greenhouses, low-cost solar pumps
- Bio-degradable plastic mulch, products that improve soil moisture retention
- Products that enhance plant water uptake efficiency and yield (both biomass and grain)



Solar pump by Future Pump Ltd. Eldoret, Kenya Trade Fair

## **BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES - PROJECT IMPACT AREAS**

#### Kenya

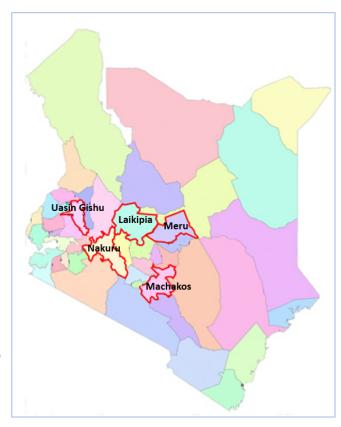
- Among 10 countries with notable improvement in DBI (Doing Business Indicators)
- Netherlands Business Hub
- Close to 8 million irrigating small-scale farmers

#### **Target counties**

- 62 000 SMF farmers
- 36,000 SME in 137 high potential clusters
- Land and water availability not critical
- Cooperative county governments

#### **Project facilitation for Dutch-Kenya business linkages**

- 750 000 Euros innovation and investment fund
- Trade Fair at the end of 2017



### **Innovation**



## **Promoting and profiling SWS's**

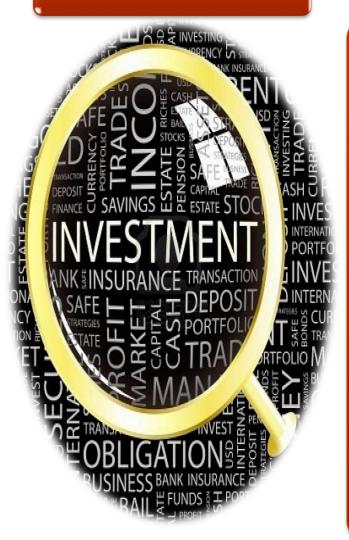
Trial /
Proof of
Concept

- New products development
- New mechanism
- Pilots and demonstration
- Assess commercial potential
- Market development

Long-term results not assured



### **Co-Investment**



Expansion / Growth

- Market Penetration
- Market Expansion
- Product expansion / development
- Studies; market
- Seed Funding
- Supply chain Development
- Distribution channel

Outcome:

Improvements at farmers' level







### **KEY CRITERIA**



**Evidence – value of money** 

Scalability – Out scaling

Financially affordable

Management capacity

**Additionality** 



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# HOW TO INITIATE COLLABORATION

#### Send an e-mail to:

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Email: <u>amuriu@snvworld.org</u>

- Ask for the innovation or investment intake forms
- Attach a brief profile of your organization
- Attach a brief description of your product SWS you want to promote

Please note this is not standard proposal application, it is a co-creation



## **FOLLOW-UP MEETING**

Bilateral meeting with interested organizations in the Netherlands

Mr. Alphonce Muriu will be visiting the Netherlands from 7 to 11 March, 2017

Thank you for your attention

