Improving linkages between Ag PERs and accountability mechanisms

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Accountability in the CAADP framework

PLEDGES & COMMITMENTS

RESOURCES
(money, time, etc.)

allocated

utilized

ACTIONS & OUTCOMES
Joint Sector Reviews (JSRs) are mutual accountability mechanisms within the CAADP mutual accountability (MA) framework, where:

- **Stakeholders** account for roles and responsibilities.
- Resources (money, time, etc.) are allocated and utilized.
- Pledges & commitments lead to actions & outcomes.
Objectives of JSRs in sample countries

• Ghana 2014 JSR: TOR
  • Assess extent of progress of implementation of the:
    • Work programs towards the achievement of expected [2013/15] outputs and outcomes of the agricultural sector;
    • 2013 JSR recommendations.

• Rwanda 2015 forward-looking JSR: news brief
  • Validate next fiscal year’s [2015/16] sectorial targets and related policy actions;
  • Assess progress towards the implementation of this year’s [2014/15] policy actions;
  • Assess relevance of a Strategic Vision for the Transformation of Rwandan Agriculture (PSTAIII) mid-term review.
Specific AgPER outputs to support JSRs: Ghana

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<th>Area/Specific Objective of 2014 JSR</th>
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<td><strong>Overall</strong>: review sector performance in 2013</td>
<td>General AgPER outputs</td>
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<td><strong>Value chain (VC)</strong>: overview of VCs and roles of different actors for efficient VCs and improved productivity</td>
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<td><strong>Technology Adoption</strong>: identify factors affecting adoption of improved technologies and develop strategies to increase their adoption</td>
<td>Share of ag. sector budget and expenditure on R&amp;D and extension by key technologies</td>
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<td>Reflect on different <strong>stakeholders’ contributions</strong> in implementing sector priorities (e.g. fertilizer subsidy, mechanization, youth in agriculture)</td>
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Specific AgPER outputs to support JSRs: Rwanda

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<td>Assessment of the impact and perception of the Crop Intensification Programme (CIP)</td>
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<td>Review of the post-harvest, storage and handling strategy</td>
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<td>Assessment of the impact of the dairy development program (RDCP II) in reducing stunting (malnutrition)</td>
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<td>Exit strategies from input subsidies and its implications for growth and development</td>
<td>Cost of subsidies and amount of different inputs subsidized</td>
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Some observations on gaps: 2012 Uganda JASAR

• Statement in report on progress in a major sub-program:

“... In the financial year under review, the agricultural sector developed budgets for the subprogramme and the following achievements were made under the objective of improved agricultural research and technology development and delivery of advisory services ...”

• Then, provide 3-page list of things achieved, e.g. technologies developed, technologies and inputs distributed, etc.

• Then, inadequate financial resources listed as a major challenge; without information on budget allocated or actual amounts spent.
Overall implications for AgPERs and content

- **Frequency**: need some form of AgPER as regular as the JSRs; thus AgPER-lite seems laudable

- **Flexibility**: accommodate different special topics that focus on critical, emerging issues of the time:
  - E.g. subsectors in main AgPER and programs in AgPER-lite

- **Analyses**: need more efficiency and effectiveness analyses:
  - **Effectiveness**: extent to which target or objective is achieved
  - **Efficiency**: cost of achieving what was achieved, relative to e.g. achievement in different places or through other means
Major gap that AgPERs do not address

• “Mutual” or “Joint” aspect of JSRs

• For comprehensive analysis of effectiveness and efficiency of implementation of sector priorities and achievement of objectives:
  • need reliable data on expenditures of all major or key stakeholders involved in the agricultural sector—not only government or public;
  • having data for one or few stakeholders only is not that useful.