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The Hand-in-Hand Initiative

Progress Update

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Presentation for LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS

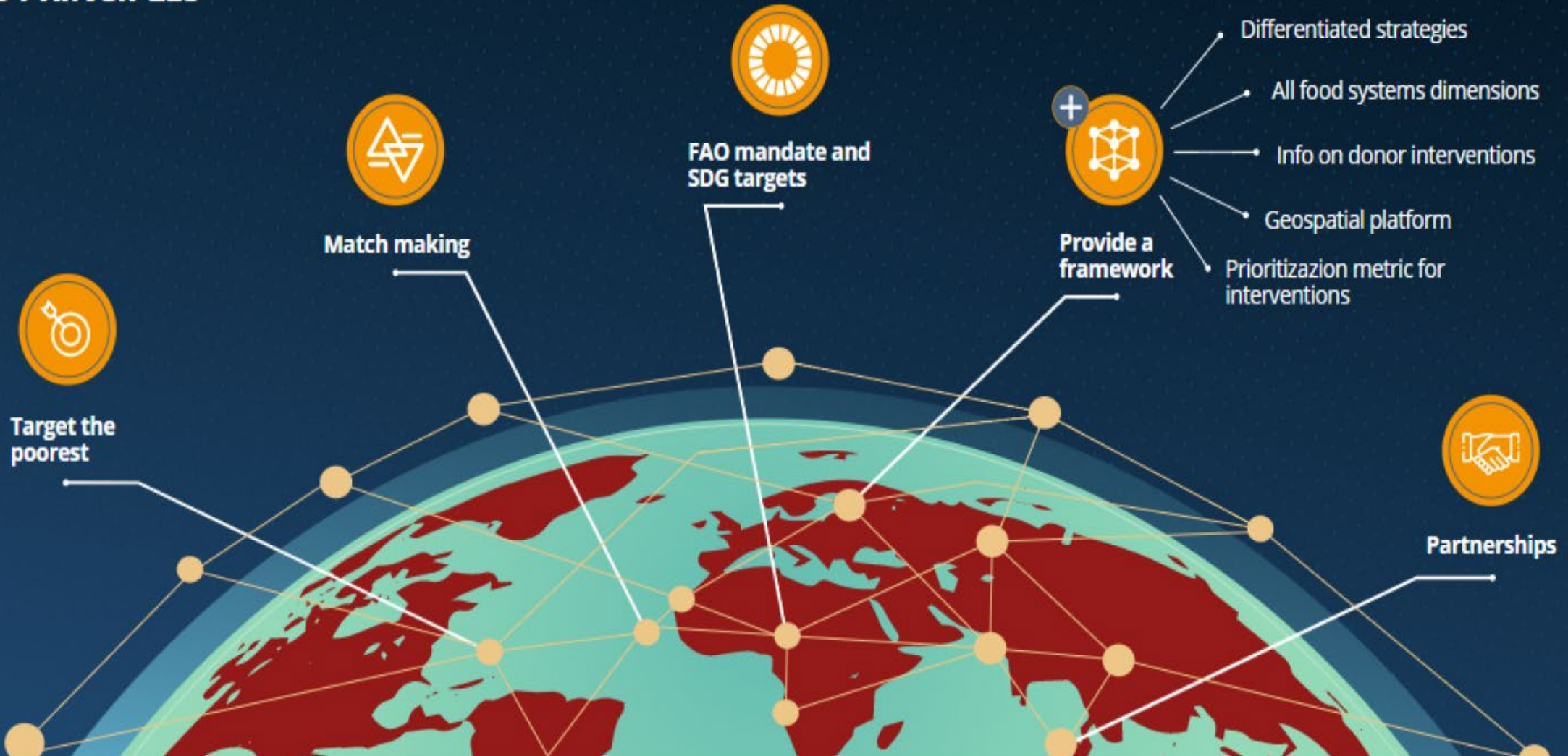
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Hand-in-Hand Initiative

**A new, holistic approach to support
food and agriculture development**

Guiding principles of the Initiative

5 PRINCIPLES



Framework

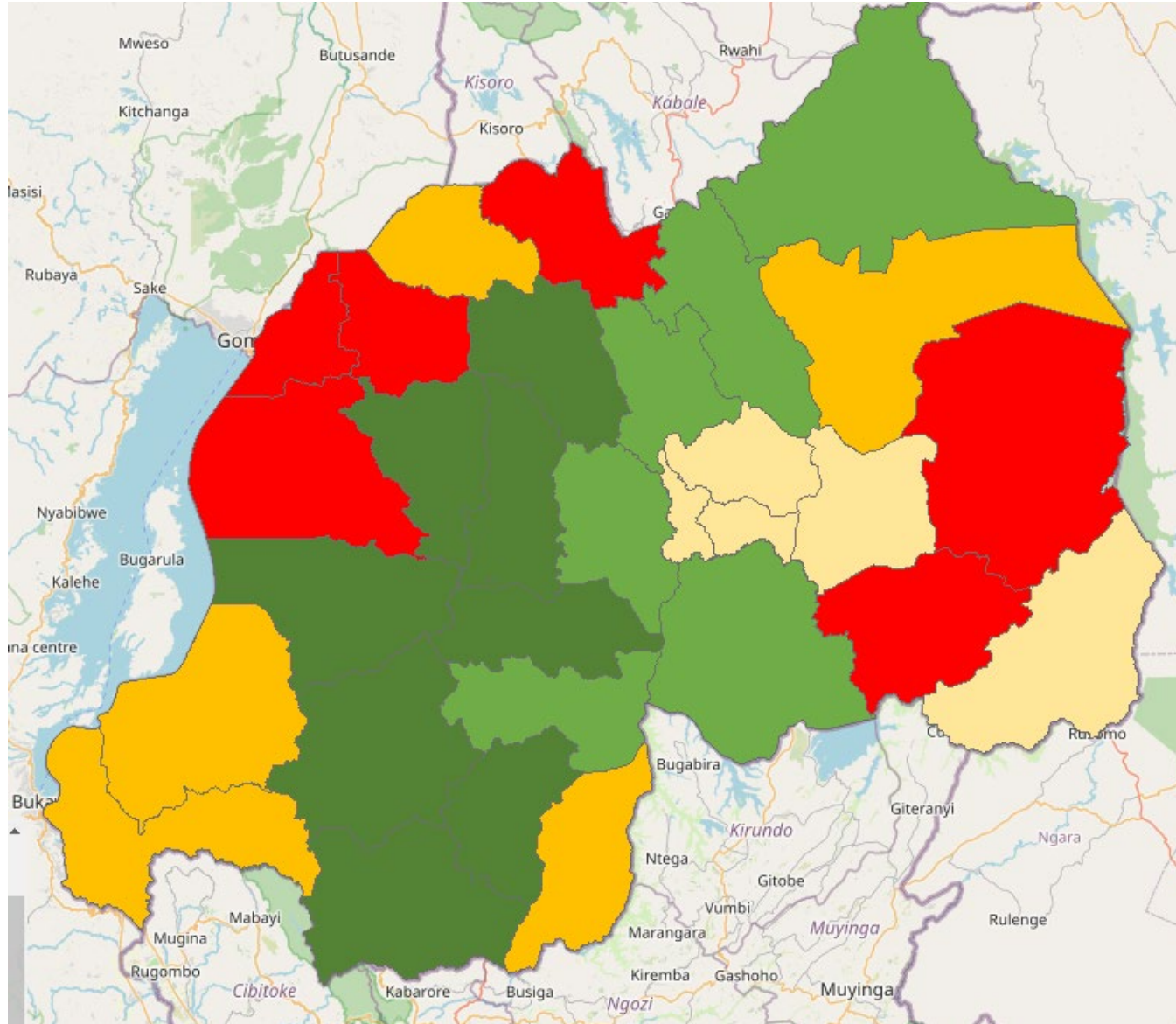
Recall the initial objective

Low-potential and
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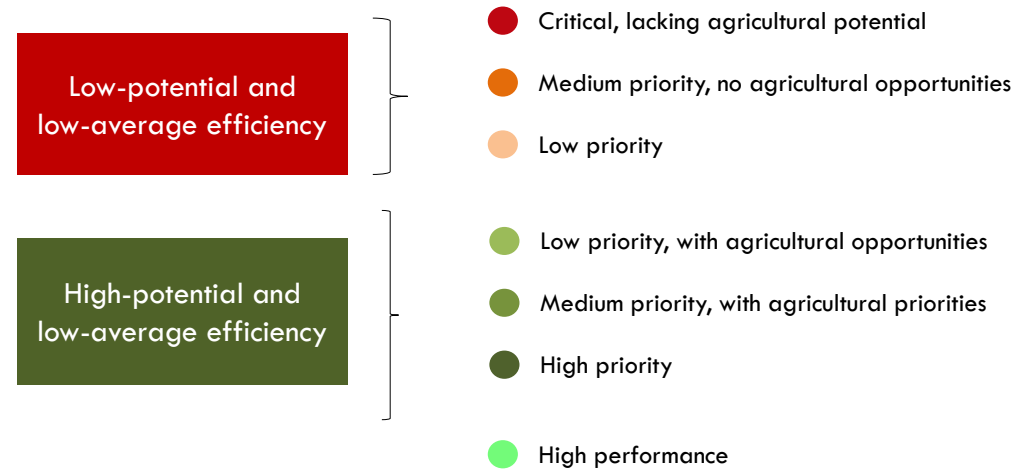
High-potential and
low-average efficiency

- Critical, lacking agricultural potential
- Medium priority, no agricultural opportunities
- Low priority
- Low priority, with agricultural opportunities
- Medium priority, with agricultural priorities
- High priority
- High performance

Framework



Grouping diverse criteria into 7 micro-regions



Framework

High priority



Framework

Opportunities to drive transformation

Efficient Supply Chains

- 1. Inclusive supply chains.** Improve rural livelihoods for commercial smallholder farmers, SMEs.
- 2. Food chain improvement.** Efficiently process, store, transport food. Reduce losses, enhance nutrition.
- 3. Enabling policies.** Improve policies reducing distortions; improve incentives for private sector participation.

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Opportunities to drive transformation

Sustainability Standards & Practices

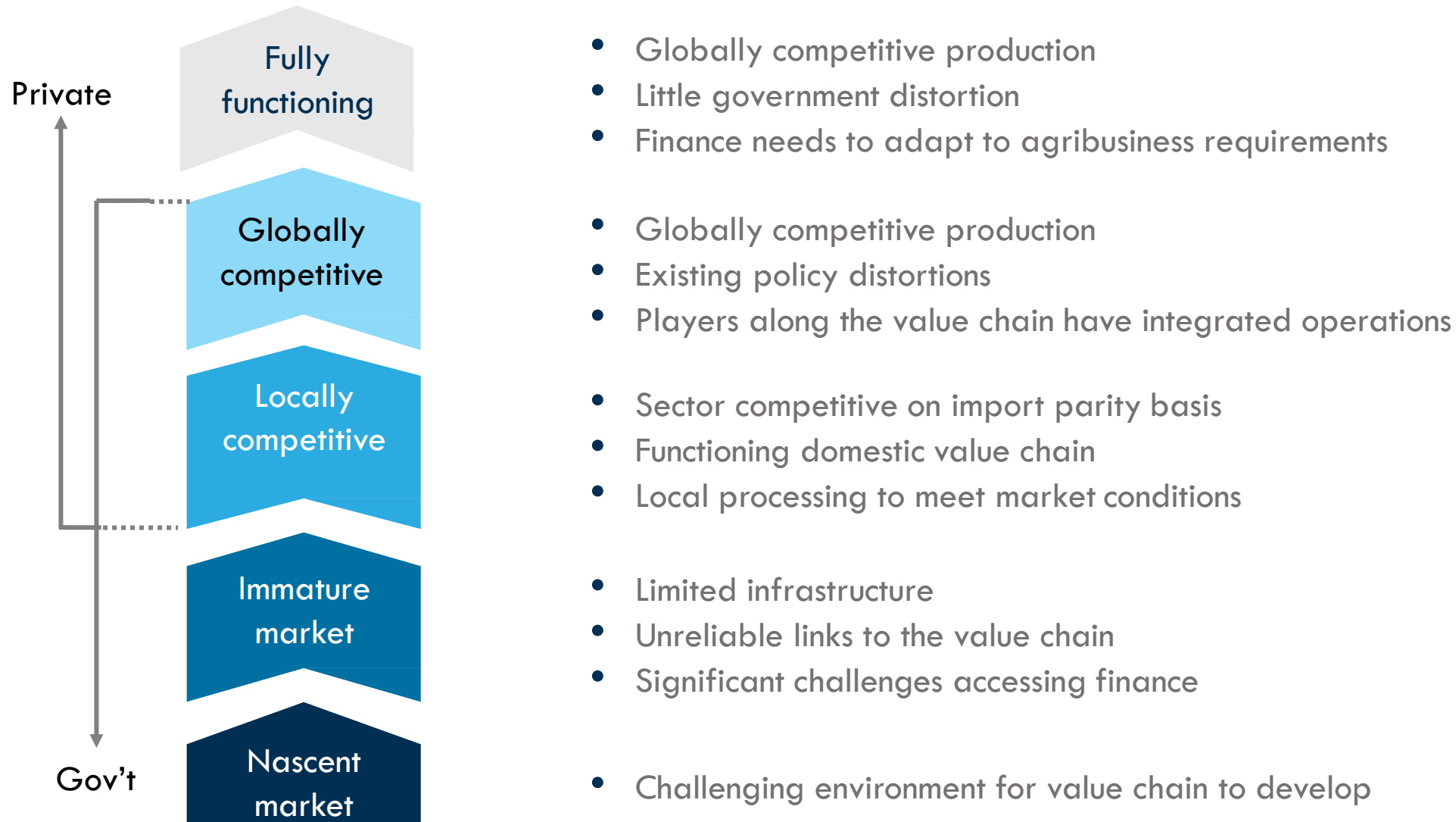
- 4. Climate-smart agriculture practices.** Ease pressure on natural resources.
- 5. Clear global standards.** Ensure efficient use of land, water, labor.

Innovation & Technology

- 6. Technology improvements.** Increase yield, resource productivity, nutrition, traceability, disease control.
- 7. Business and financial model innovations.** Provide better products, services to farmers and value chain actors.

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Market segmentation model for identifying interventions



Beneficiary countries

(as of 7 April 2021)

	Afghanistan 1		Ecuador 9		Lao PDR 19		Rwanda 29
	Angola 2		El Salvador 10		Malawi 20		São Tomé and Príncipe 30
	Bangladesh 3		Eritrea 11		Mali 21		Solomon Islands 31
	Burkina Faso 4		Ethiopia 12		Mozambique 22		Syria 32
	Cameroon 5		Gabon 13		Nepal 23		Tajikistan 33
	Cape Verde 6		Guatemala 14		Niger 24		Tuvalu 34
	Chad 7		Guinea-Bissau 15		Nigeria 25		Yemen 35
	Congo 8		Haiti 16		Pakistan 26		Zimbabwe 36
			Honduras 17		Papua New Guinea 27		
			Kiribati 18		Peru 28		



The Hand-in-Hand Initiative Phase I



Handshake

- ☐ Government request received
- ☐ FAO Country Support Task Force formed
- ☐ FAOR has spoken to UNRC



Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP)

- ☐ Funds available
- ☐ TCP formulated
- ☐ TCP approved

DATA ASSESSMENT

- ☐ Poverty/hunger maps collected
- ☐ Additional data layers for typologies selected
- ☐ Mapping of territories completed



Dialogue with Gov't

- ☐ Presentation given to the the Government and endorsement received
- ☐ The proposal is used to begin the process of developing the Program Investment Plan



Executive Roundtable Consultations

- ☐ Plan for executive roundtable(s) agreed with the Government and partners
- ☐ Executive roundtable(s) completed



Country Teams

- ☐ FAOR
- ☐ Country focal point
- ☐ Sub-regional
- ☐ Regional
- ☐ HQ
- ☐ Investment Centre
- ☐ OER
- ☐ Additional country support



Situation Analysis

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- ☐ Reports collected
- ☐ IFI project loan reports collected

DONOR MAPPING

- ☐ List of donors compiled
- ☐ Information on how and where the donors are active gathered
- ☐ Geospatially referenced donor mapping complete

TYPOLOGIES ANALYSIS

- ☐ Market assessment conducted
- ☐ Stochastic profitability frontier analysis conducted
- ☐ Typologies created



Initial Assessment

- ☐ Target regions identified
- ☐ Field mission conducted
- ☐ Presentation given to FAO HIH core group



Partner Matchmaking

NATIONAL, LOCAL

- ☐ Local government
- ☐ Producers, farmers' orgs, SMEs and others
- ☐ Local private sector
- ☐ Local financial institutions
- ☐ Civil society

INTERNATIONAL

- ☐ Donors
- ☐ International financial institutions
- ☐ Private sector
- ☐ Civil society
- ☐ Research institutes
- ☐ UN agencies



Program Investment Plan (PIP)

- ☐ Draft comprehensive PIP completed — with funding, financing and in-kind commitments from all actors included
- ☐ PIP endorsed by the Government and all actors



United Nations

- ☐ Presentation to UNRC given
- ☐ Presentation to UNCT given



Dashboard Implementation

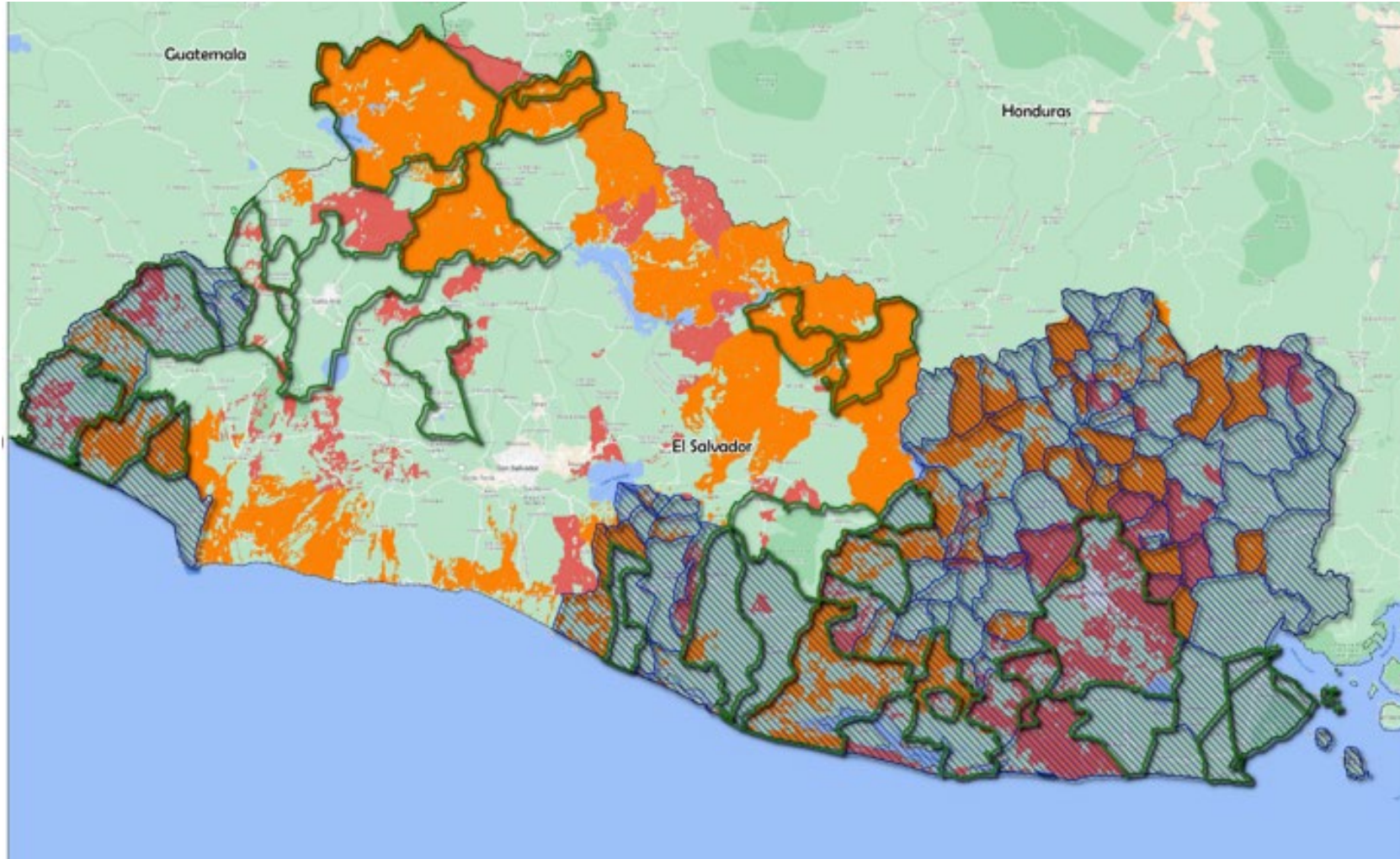
- ☐ Dashboard designed on basis of PIP
- ☐ Dashboard implemented on basis of PIP

El Salvador

HHH combines the efforts of stakeholders (like IFIs and the central bank) to support the government's RECLIMA project and its development framework

- Officially known as “Territorial Rural Development Strategy 2019-2020,” RECLIMA points to high- and medium-priority areas with agricultural opportunities
 - Maps layering economic, social and environmental criteria, HHH typologies, and prioritization of municipalities are ready
 - The first round of stakeholder consultations have taken place
- Part of the Government’s “Agricultural Transformation Plan for Food and Nutritional Security (SAN)”
 - To accelerate post-COVID-19 recovery
 - Transform the country from a net importer of food to a self-sufficient producer using territorial-based approach

El Salvador



-  Prioritized Municipalities
By Ministry of Ag and
Livestock
-  RECLIMA Municipalities
-  HIH High Priority
-  HIH Medium Priority
with agricultural
opportunities

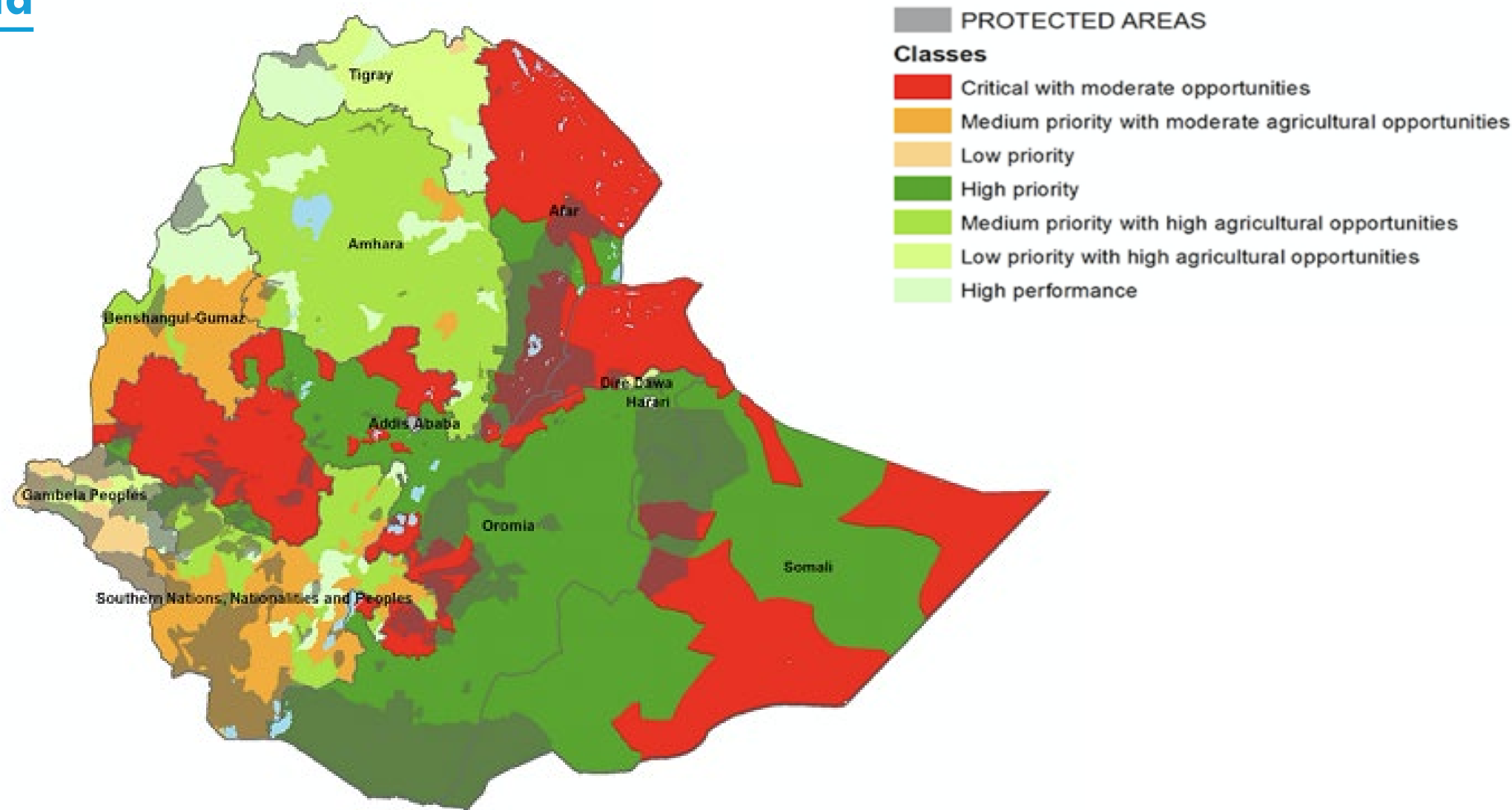
Agro-industrial strategy: key to transforming the agriculture sector and boosting the economy

- Selection of 4 agro-industrial parks (AIP), along with development framework and investment plans



- strengthen agricultural supply chains
 - attract investment in food, agriculture
 - stimulate small and medium enterprises
 - create off-farm employment
- Partnership with Agricultural Transformation Agency helps to scale up innovation and agricultural investment
 - Mobilization of technical experts to review the investment plan and conduct analyses for transforming prioritized territories and increasing inclusiveness there

Ethiopia



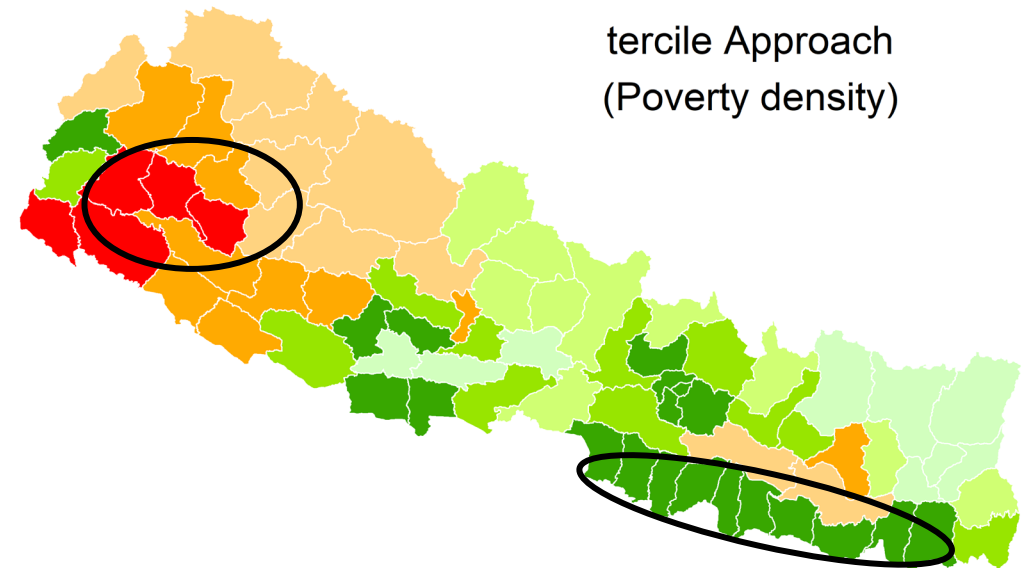
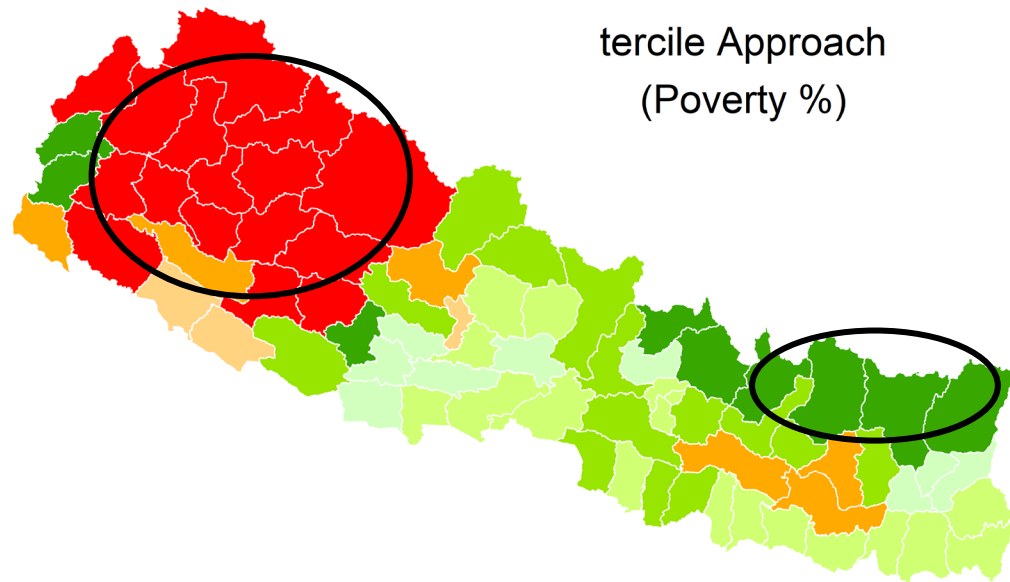
(Source: Analysis FAO-HIH team)

Nepal

The HH framework supports the implementation of “Climate-Smart Agriculture Investment Plan” (CSAIP) to build an inclusive, resilient agriculture sector

- The Government, the World Bank and FAO are preparing a CSAIP study
- In progress: agricultural zones mapping, welfare maps and data for defining priority investments
- A subsector analysis links to a climate-resilient agriculture GCF project preparation
- Stakeholder consultations link to an EU-funded food systems assessment initiative
- 7 investment packages identified by the Gov’t, including staple crops, horticulture, irrigation, agroforestry, aquaculture

Stochastic Frontier Analysis



Typology classes

- Critical with moderate opportunities
- Medium priority with moderate agricultural opportunities
- Low priority
- High priority
- Medium priority with high agricultural opportunities
- Low priority with high agricultural opportunities
- High performance

(Source: Based on SFA, Torero et al., 2018)

Nigeria

Commodity value chains development and agro-processing units in regions with high potential

Red dots indicate optimal locations to invest in cold storage units:

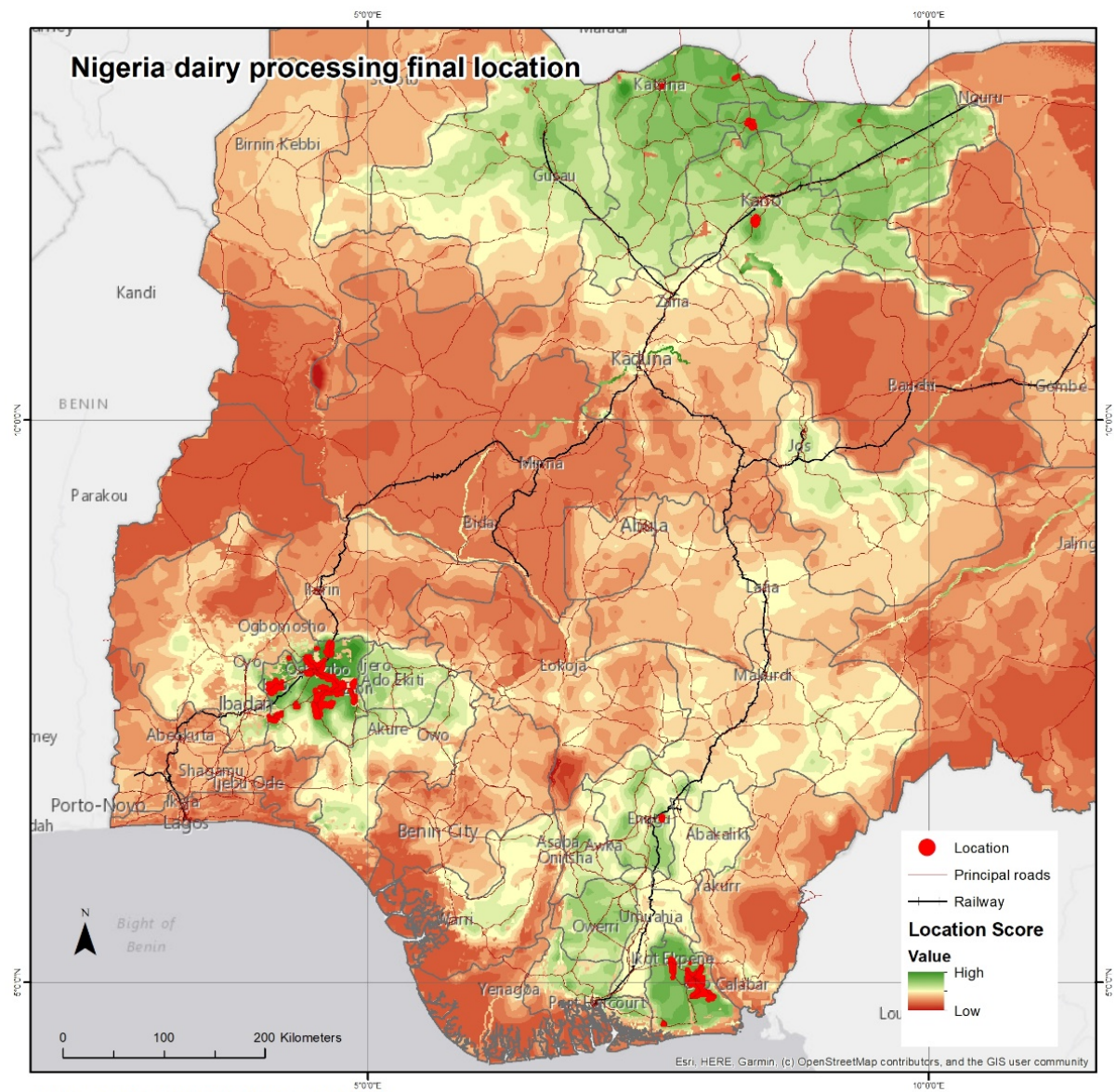
- ✓ available energy-ICT infrastructure
- ✓ financial services
- ✓ supply & demand availability
- ✓ trade corridor

Ongoing work for:

- dairy
- fisheries
- horticulture

Nigeria

Example: ● Locations for Dairy



Sources: GADM, GLW, OSM, World Bank, WorldPop

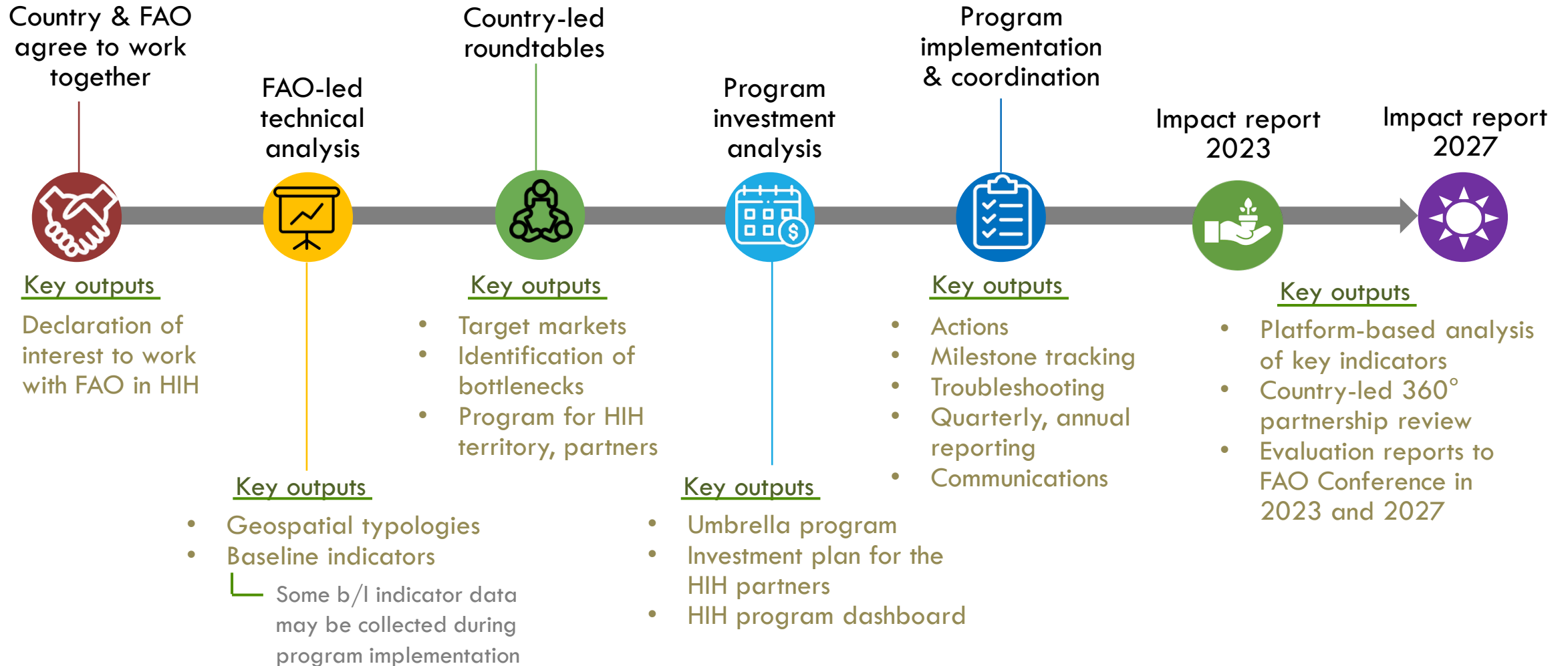
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Stocktaking after 18 months

- 36 countries signed on, nearly all after COVID
- Each engagement conforms to the Initiative's principles
 - ✓ Focus on the poorest to achieve SDG 1 and 2
 - ✓ Programme design is informed by evidence-based platform and analysis
 - ✓ Differentiation of territories
 - ✓ Partnership as source of dynamism and innovation
 - ✓ National ownership strengthened through dashboards (in progress)
- Diverse entry points, objectives, metrics
- 24 countries at stage of finalizing programme, donor matchmaking
- Financing identified in 12 countries, to be completed by 30 June

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Milestones





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Thanks!