

Guiding principles Insurance for smallholder farmers and vulnerable households against catastrophic events







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- 1. Project Preparation selection of promising projects
- 2. Definition of succes and outcome monitoring
- 3. Key assessment questions

Project preparation

Key characteristics Agricultural & Catastrophe Insurance

- 1. Insurance is a risk management tool it is a means to an end only and not a goal in itself
 - → difficulties to show ultimate direct & indirect effects from being insured
 - → Necessity to have clear result chain & plausible hypothesis on outcome
- 2. There is little spontaneous demand in low-income population segment
 - → Demonstration of customer value to generate demand
 - → Efforts into financial literacy campaigns, educational marketing
- 3. Insurance is an intangible service; direct benefits can only be measured in event of loss
 - → Linking project input to result is challenging

Rational for supporting

 Increase productivity => generation of income and employment

Social protection of low-income populations hit by disasters

Approaches

1. Comprehensive Risk Management

Prevention, adaptation, mitigation, transfer

- → protection against set-backs & help farmers to get back on feet
- enable farmers to engage in more risky farming activities



Developing insurance market as part of the financial sector



3. Social Protection

As one component in extending social protection



Preconditions

- 1. Regulatory framework
- 2. Receptive policy framework
- 3. Reinsurance
- 4. Historical data
- 5. Distribution network
- Disincentive through ex-post interventions
- Subsidies







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Definition of Success & Monitoring

- Deepening the financial sector
 - number of companies active



- Improved agricultural risk management
 - → overall productivity and resilience of the agricultural sector



- Provision of social safety nets
 - → response activities in case of major calamities and long-term impact







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Key assessment questions

Questions related to ...

- **■** ... rationale for supporting ACI Projects
- ... essential preconditions for successful ACI projects
- ... smart subsidies in agriculture
- ... sustainability in ACI projects
- ... complementary approaches
- ... definition of success and outcome monitoring

Unks

Guidelines:

http://www.sdc-employmentincome.ch/en/Home/Financial_Sector/FSD_Main_Topics_and Resources/Microinsurance_Agriculture_and_Catastrophe_In surance

e+i network - Webplatform for Practitioners:

http://www.sdc-employment-income.ch/en/Home