



# A third of the world's food is either lost or wasted

## The Global Problem Is Significant



470M smallholder  
experience **15% income  
reduction**



**1.6B could be fed**  
with food lost each  
year



**25% of freshwater and  
20% farmland wasted**  
on unconsumed food

## Post-Harvest Loss Is Particularly Acute in Sub-Saharan Africa



**50%**

of fruits and vegetables



**40%**

of roots and tubers



**20%**

of cereals

## Opportunity

Market dynamism in the food system coupled with changing consumer preferences and rising incomes is leading large buyers to seek ways to **responsibly source** from local SHFs



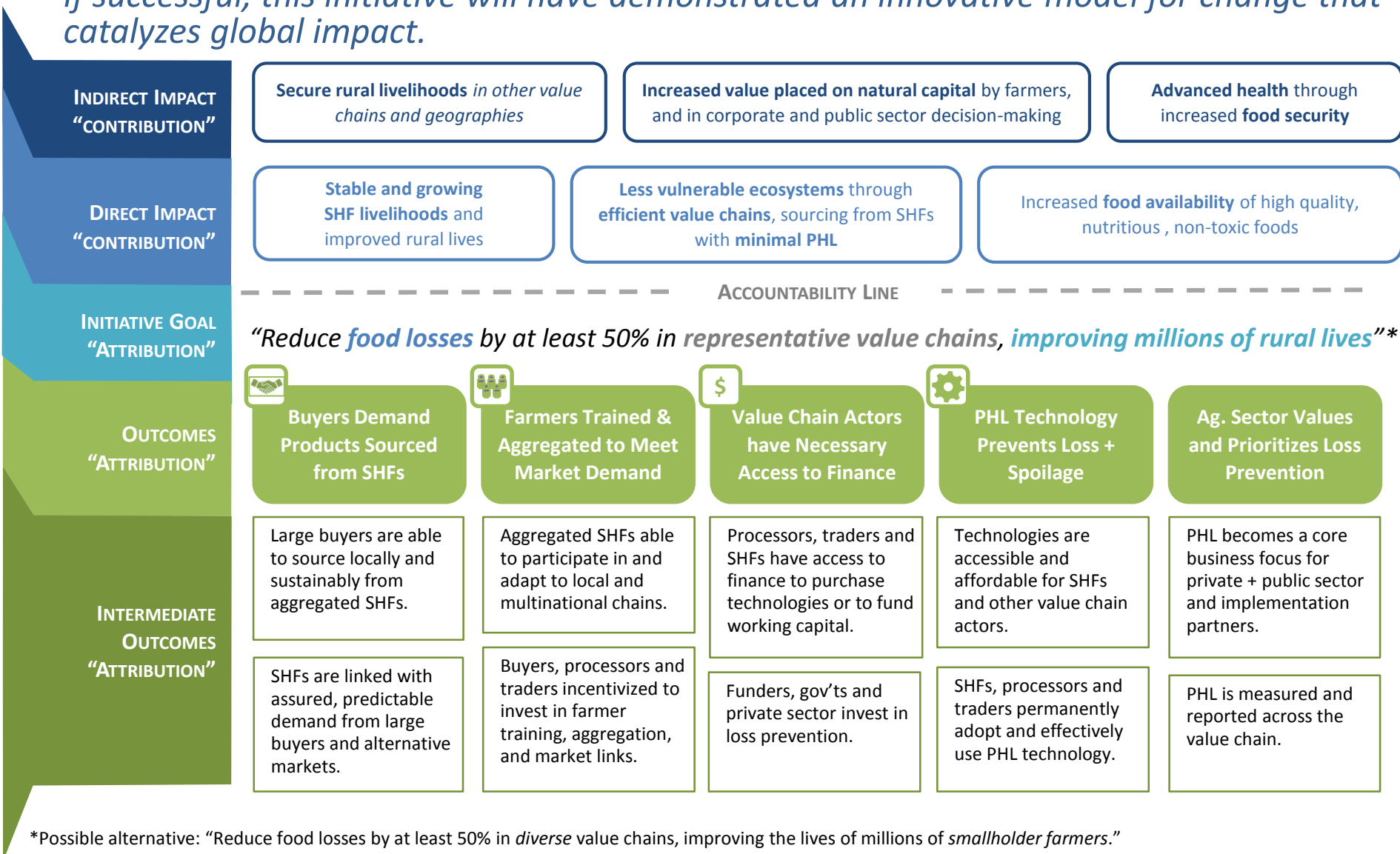
- Large food buyers will likely increase local sourcing to improve access to supply
- Catalyse the process by including SHFs in supply chains **while addressing PHL and maximizing positive impacts for rural lives, food security and natural resources**
- RF will intervene in a representative set of value chains to demonstrate the value proposition of the model in catalysing system change

# Two sides of the same coin: Loss & Waste



# Reduce the amount of good food going into waste

*If successful, this initiative will have demonstrated an innovative model for change that catalyzes global impact.*



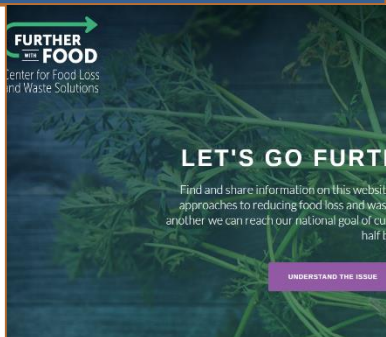
\*Possible alternative: "Reduce food losses by at least 50% in *diverse* value chains, improving the lives of millions of *smallholder farmers*."



# Food Waste: Toolkit, Awareness & Networks

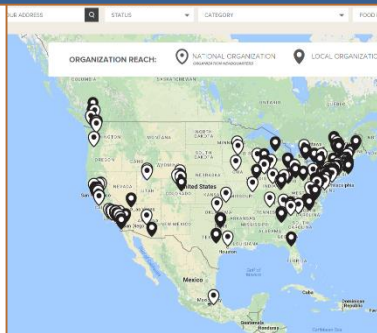
## KEYSTONE POLICY CENTER: *Further with Food* *Center for Food Loss and Waste Solutions*

Online hub that aggregates a range of food waste research, tools and case studies for the U.S.



## ReFED: *Food Waste Innovator Database*

Database of non-profit and for-profit innovators by sector and geography



## ARABELLA ADVISORS: *Reducing Food Waste by Changing the Way Consumers Interact with Food*

For packaging, retail & home kitchens sector leaders to understand waste solutions that need to be piloted, validated or scaled



## ZERO POINT ZERO: *WASTED!* *The Story of Food Waste*

To raise consumer awareness about the global problem of food waste and the solutions that exist to address it



## FEEDBACK GLOBAL: *Feeding the 5000 Toolkit*

For localities/orgs to host Feeding the 5000 events to engage their communities and tackle food waste



## UNIVERSITIES FIGHTING WORLD HUNGER & CAMPUS KITCHENS PROJECT: *Trash Hunger, Not Food: A Guide to End Food Waste on Campus*

To mobilize student leaders to fight food waste and hunger on campus and in surrounding communities



Also completed (or nearing completion): NRDC's Municipal Food Policy Toolkit for cities,

# Food Loss: Structuring Value Chains

*Bringing structure and making value chains more predictable to give smallholder farmers—and other actors—access to finance and PHL-reducing technology*



## STRUCTURING MARKET DEMAND

- Linking **large anchor buyers** demand for fresh and processed crops to smallholder supply and local **alternative markets** to excess crops
- Linkages can include traditional market relationships or newer procurement and sourcing arrangements.



## SHF TRAINING & AGGREGATION

- **Aggregation of SHFs** into farmer groups is essential to meet the quantity, quality and consistency of requirements of buyers
- **Capacity-building and other adoption measures** are important to ensure SHFs uptake technology and other interventions.



## TECHNOLOGIES

- Distribution and utilization of loss-reducing **technologies** for improving handling, storage and processing of crops (many of which exist today).
- In some instances, we see opportunities for supporting targeted **breakthrough innovative technologies** in specific value chains (e.g., cold storage).

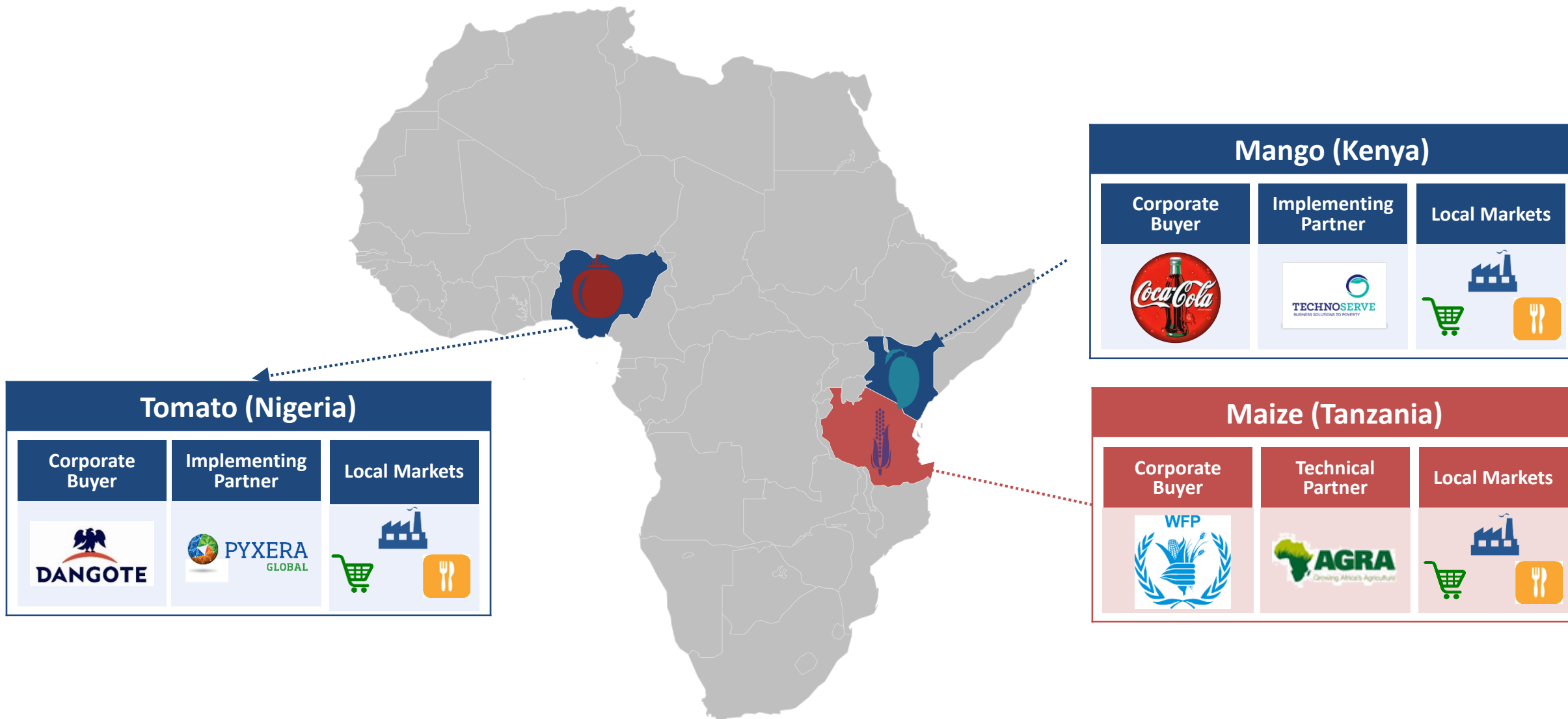


## FINANCING

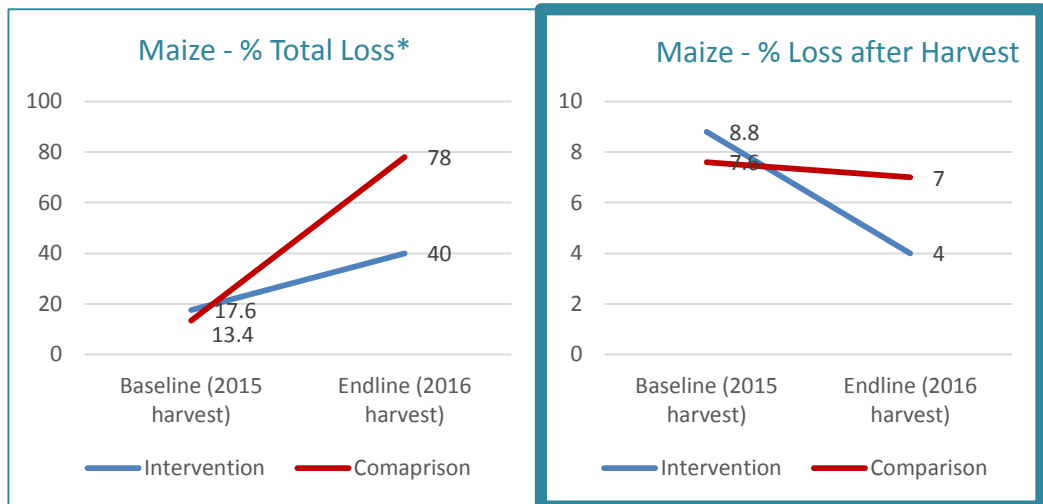
- **Financing** will generally be required to facilitate manufacturing, distribution and acquisition and adoption of technologies e.g. loans and leasing models.
- **Investment capital** is also required to fund the scale-up of promising technologies and innovative distribution models.

*Prior post-harvest loss interventions have failed by only deploying one or two of these components in isolation. This process innovation is a unique approach which recombines existing elements to generate outsized impact.*

# Demonstrate an innovative model that catalyzes global impact

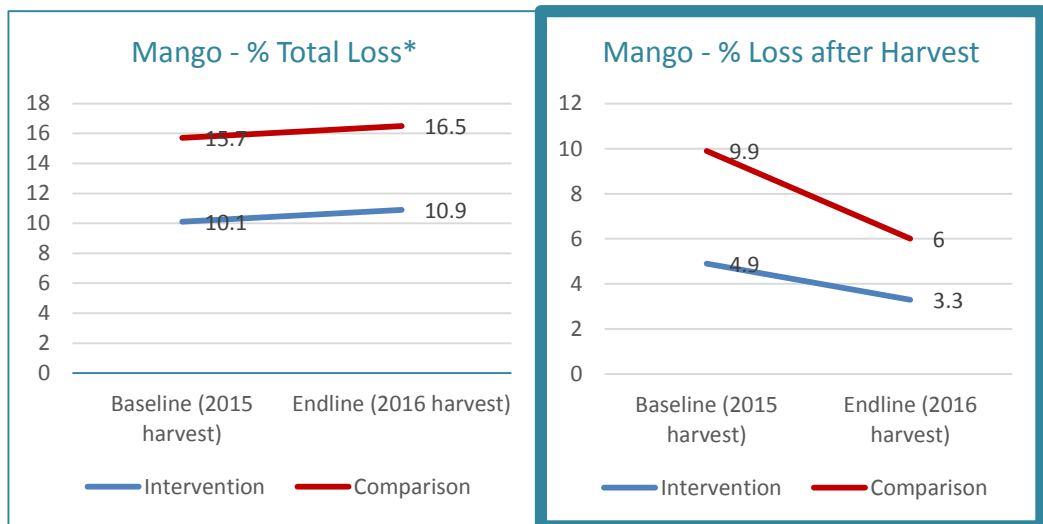


## Early signs of PHL reduction in catalytic demonstrations\*



### Maize

- When compared with comparison group, the Initiative drastically **slowed down total production losses**.
- There is a **54% reduction in post-harvest losses** in the intervention areas
- Adverse weather conditions account for about half of the pre-harvest losses



### Mango

- These are results for the short-season—high domestic mango demand & lower expected losses—and for 2 production areas: (1) Coast (high volume), & (2) Lower Eastern (low volume).
- While comparison group have higher total loss rates, results indicate **no change in terms of loss rates** in intervention areas.
- There is a **32% decrease in post-harvest losses** in intervention areas.
- Positive externalities might exist** as post-harvest losses are being reduced in comparison areas.

\* Total Loss = Pre + Post-harvest Losses

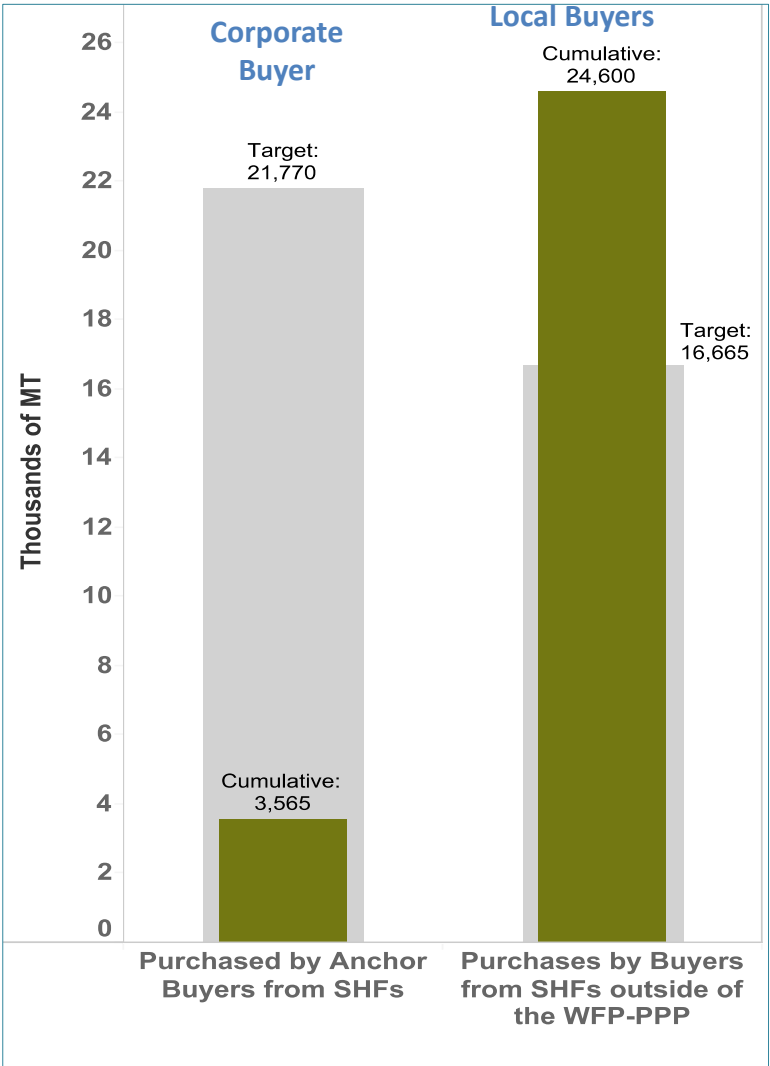
\* Preliminary Results-YieldWise team undertaking further analysis



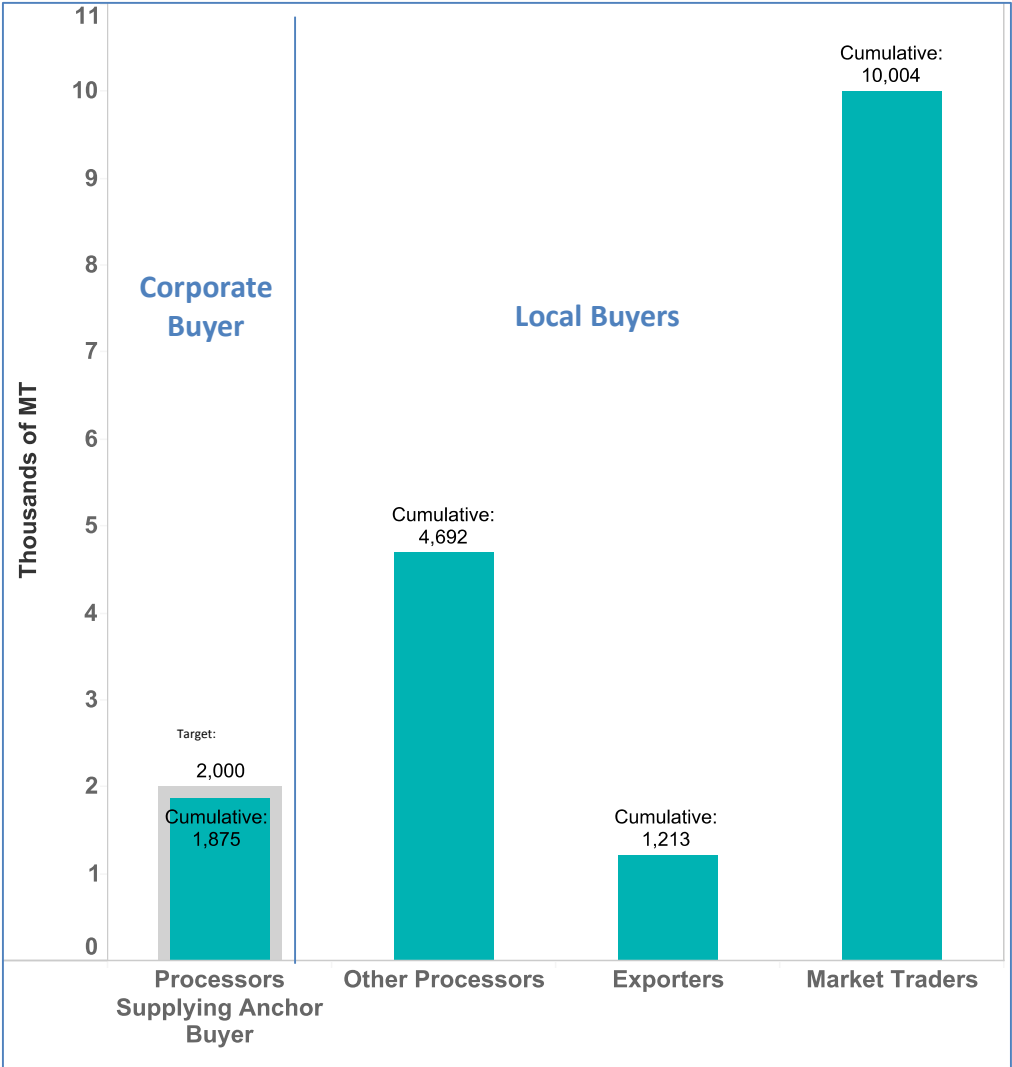
# Markets: Local & Regional Markets are Dynamic



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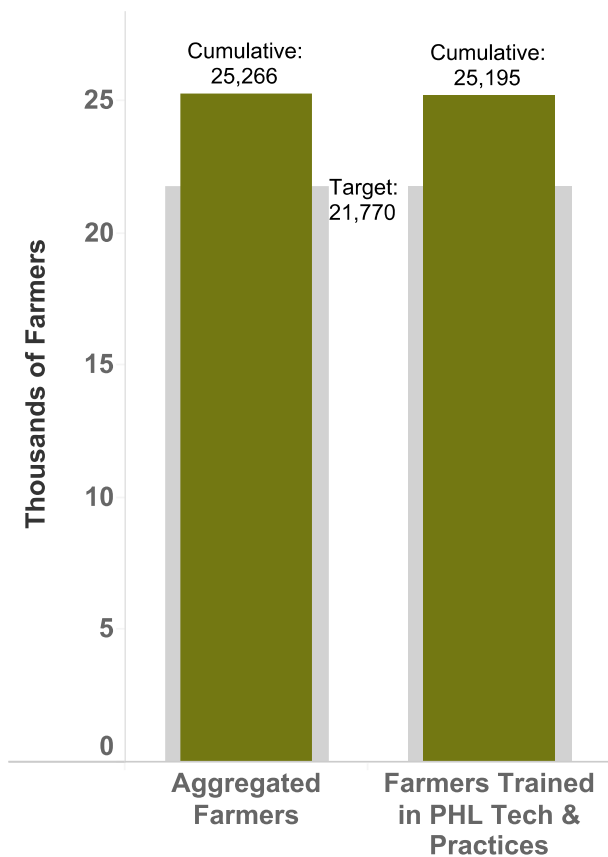
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# Farmer Aggregation: High Demand for Training & Aggregation



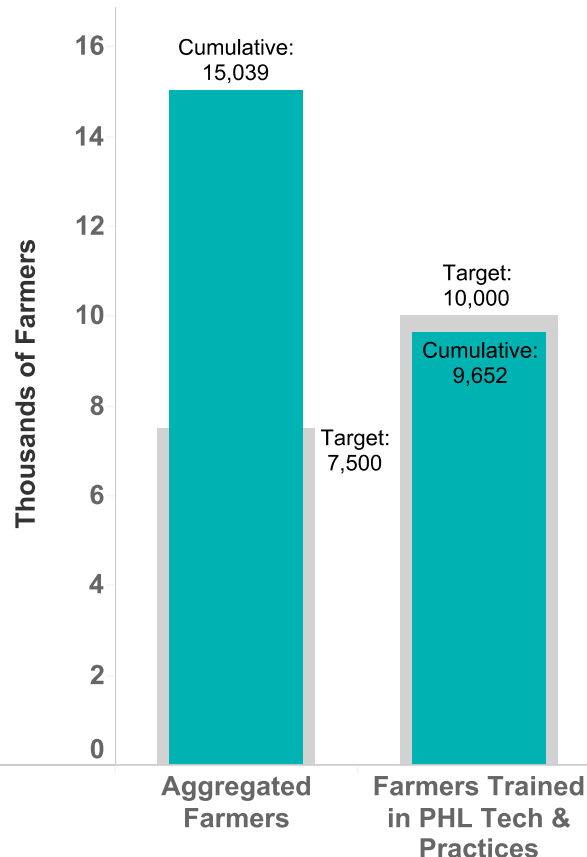
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■ End of 2016



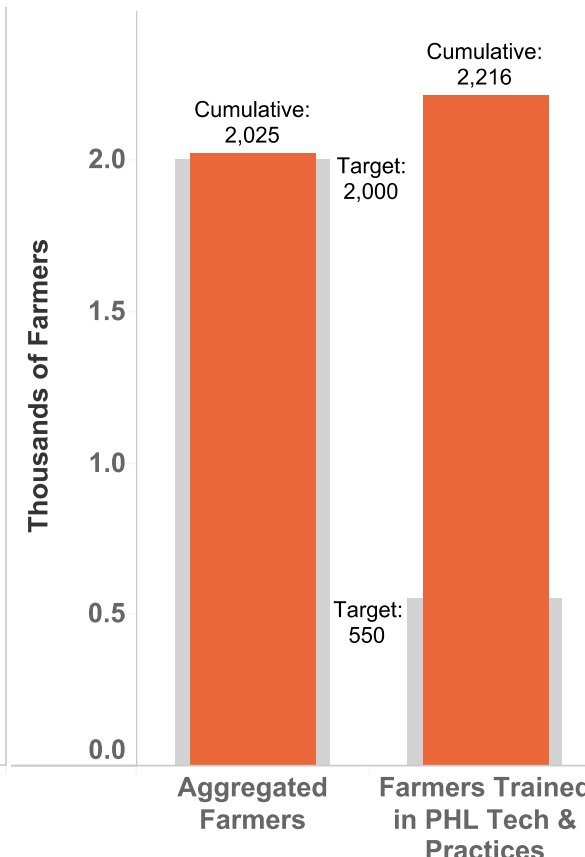
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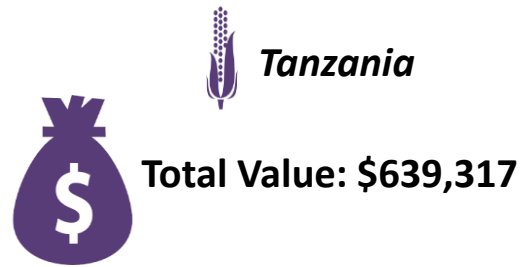


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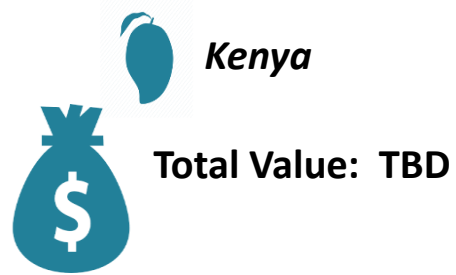


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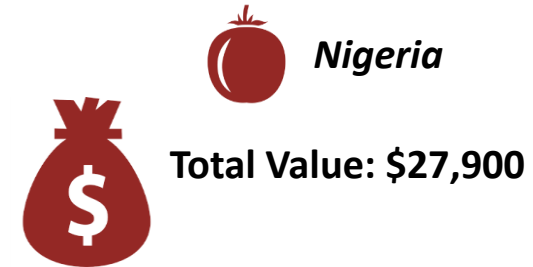
# Finance: Mismatch between demand and supply



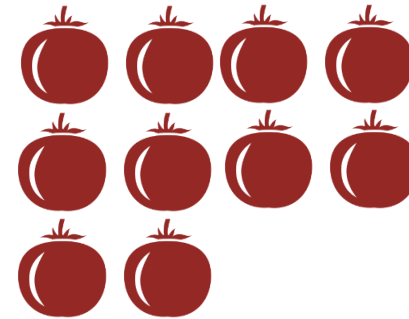
**6,497 Farmers Receiving  
Finance**



**797 Farmers Receiving  
Finance**



**100 FBOs Receiving  
Finance**



# Tech: High uptake of PHL-reducing techs & practices



**~39K hard-working SHF**  
accessing PHL reducing techs  
& practices

Hermetic bags:  
141,950 orders



Metal silos:  
191 orders

Hermetic cocoons:  
8 orders



**~21k hard-working SHF**  
accessing PHL reducing techs  
& practices

Fruit fly traps:  
1,594 orders



Tarps:  
1,514

Harvesting tools:  
215 orders



**~17k hard-working SHF**  
accessing PHL reducing  
techs & practices

Aggregation center:  
91 SHF farmers selling  
through 5 of them

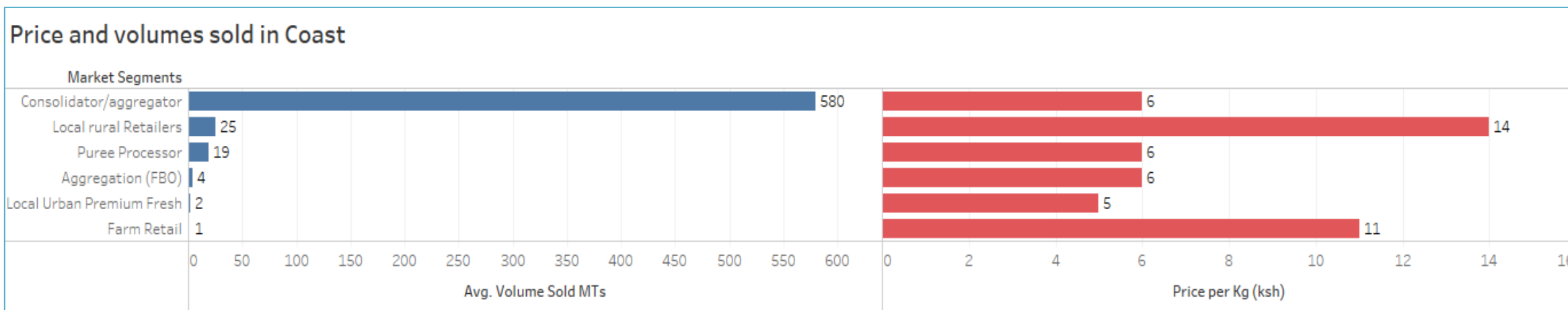
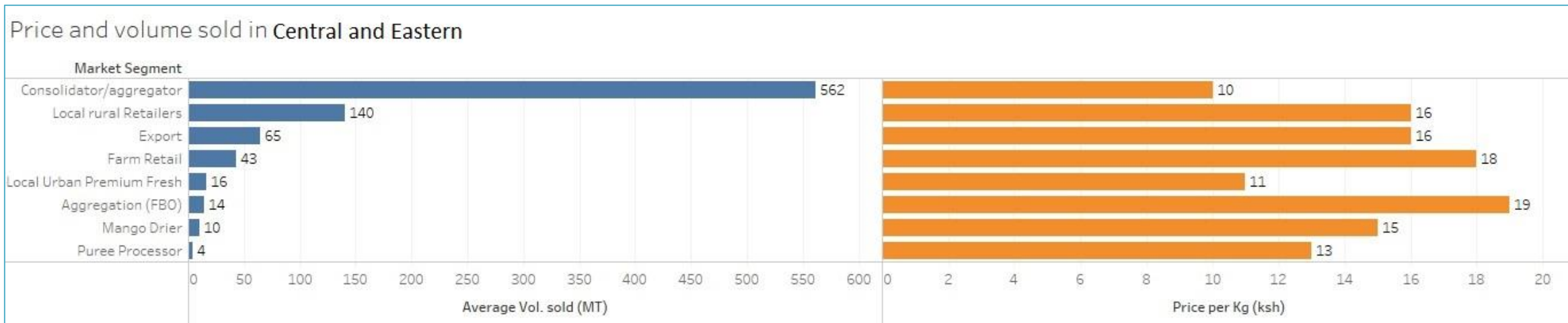


Plastic crates:  
10 piloted





## Actors: Consolidators/aggregators procured 70-90%



1. Global food systems need to cater for post-harvest loss reduction and sustainability – but don't
2. Influencing behaviors and lifestyles will bring the change we want to see
3. Post-harvest loss is a symptom of an inefficient value chain. Understanding how farmers' define "crop loss" is key to both targeting interventions and measurement of crop loss reduction
4. It will take multi-stakeholder partnerships for greater impact (e.g. private sector, government, FBOs, NGOs)
5. The kind of market systems innovation that will help will take time to mature