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CDI-Rwanda – Capacity Development for Innovation in Rwanda:
*strengthening innovation partnerships in six districts: Burera, Rutsiro,
Gatsibo, Nyagatare, Bugesera, and Ruhango.*

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Impact: Climate-relevant and sustainable transformation of agriculture systems in Rwanda to reduce poverty and ensure food and nutrition security

Overall objective:

Strengthen agricultural innovation partnerships and processes that support climate-relevant and sustainable transformation of agriculture systems in Rwanda

Outcome: improved capacities for climate-smart innovation among actors engaged in local innovation partnerships in six districts and at the national level

Output 1.

Innovation partnerships established, facilitated and strengthened to streamline climate-smart agriculture best practices
(Lead: FAO)

Output 2. Technical capacity needs and functional knowledge gaps on climate-smart agriculture are addressed
(Lead: UR/ ISTOM)

Output 3. Climate smart agricultural best practices are adopted and endorsed by the policies for their scaling up
(Lead: RAB)

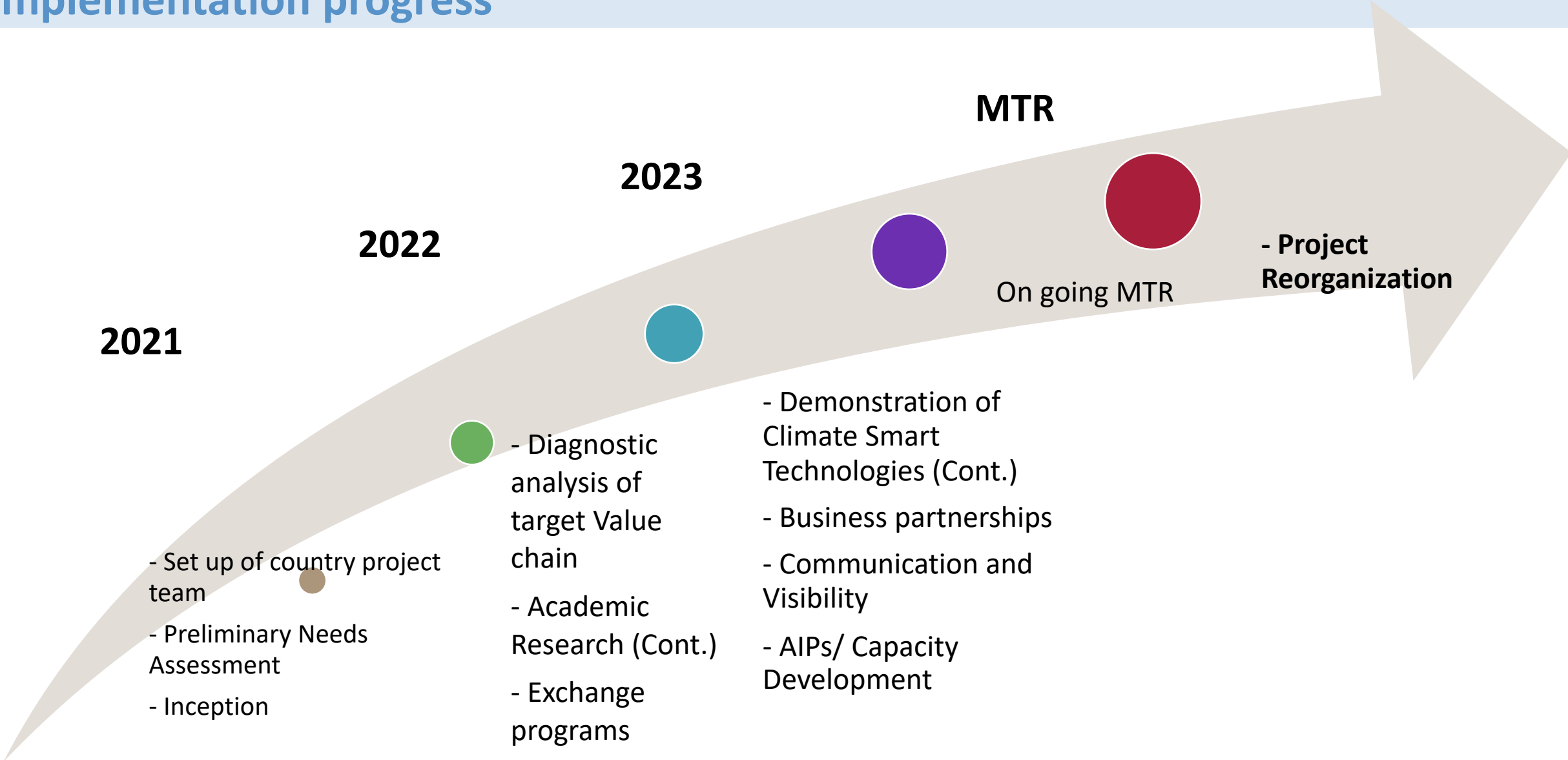
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Intervention areas



Implementation progress



Innovation agenda

The project strengthens capacities for agricultural innovation in six districts, to address outstanding climate related challenges, expand and promote best practices in identified thematic areas.

■ Selection of Innovation Agenda:

- a) The project applies a multisector and interdisciplinary approach to improve capacities for climate-smart innovation in eight local innovation partnerships in six districts and at the national level
- b) The intervention is fueled by action research to address challenges in combination with capacity building and policies, in an innovation systems approach
- c) There is a need for agrifood value chain actors to strengthen ~~ed~~ their partnerships
- d) An overall innovation framework for climate-smart innovation partnerships

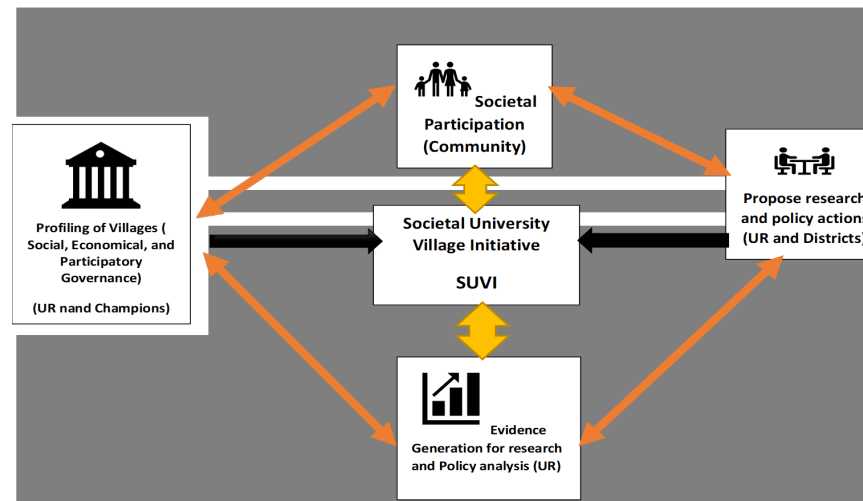
• Innovation agenda and the needs of the context:

- a) Before the kick-off of the project, beneficiaries and members of AIP were mapped and consulted
- b) MINAGRI and RAB as well as the University of Rwanda (project partners) were consulted
- c) The Chair person of the steering committee is the Director General of Planning at MINAGRI
- d) The innovation agenda entails the demonstration of climate-smart crops and technologies for animal resources development

Innovation agenda (Cont'd)

Agri Innovation Partnerships

12 Innovation facilitators



4. Implementation and contextual implications

Main actors supporting the innovation agenda

- **Public sector:** MINAGRI, RAB, the leadership of six districts of intervention and the University of Rwanda?
- **Private sector:** Market operators (local markets, industries, financial institutions,
- **Actors from civil society:** NGOs, Farmers organizations, Youth and Women.

Actors engagement

- Engagement workshops to build on actors' interests
- Steering committees that lead each AIP
- Innovation partnership meetings to reflect on the issues
- Validation workshops
- Policy dialogue (to be organized)

Specific role in the setting and/or development of this innovation agenda

- **FAO:** Developing capacities for functional skills
- **UR & ISTOM:** Changing the ways science is used (climate-smart agriculture)
- **RAB:** provide scientific endorsement and scale up innovations

3. Trade offs and managerial implications

- Delayed project start due to late project counter-signature and COVID-19 imposed restrictions.
- Delays in operational processes due to internal procedures of different partners
- Currently, a mid-term review of the project is in its final stage
- Changes will be informed by the MTR report

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