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# THE ICT4D REVOLUTION IN AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION





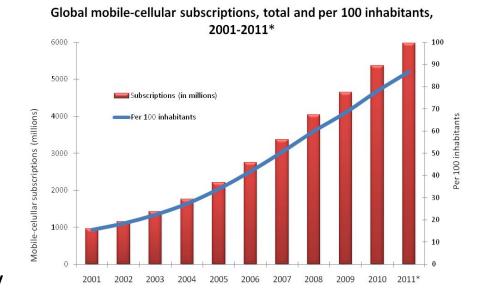




#### The ICT Revolution

- Technology is affordable & accessible
  - Mobile phone usage has exploded across the world
  - Huge amounts of information are now digitized
  - New mobile services emerge daily
- Global ICT firms are seeking new growth markets
- Developing communities are becoming new sources innovation

Feedback loop from is unprecedented we now have "the voice of the farmer"



\*Estimate Source: ITU World Telecommunication /ICT Indicators database



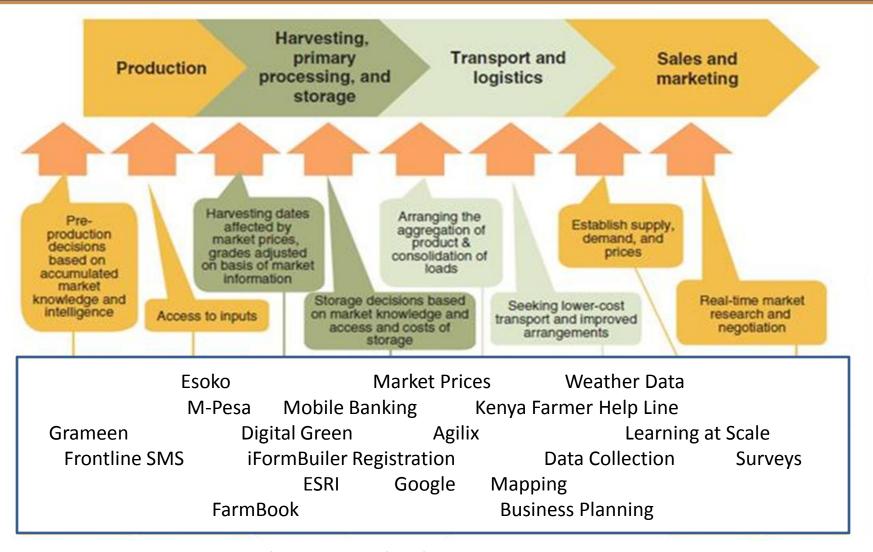
## The Role of Extension



- Providers farmers with access to new technologies
- Recommendations on technology use
- Training in new methods, production, organization, savings and loans, marketing etc...
- Linkage to other service providers
- Market support



# ICT applications are being used throughout the agricultural food system



Source: G. Dixie ICT in Agriculture Sourcebook

# Distance Learning Improves the Efficiency of Extension Worker Training Programs



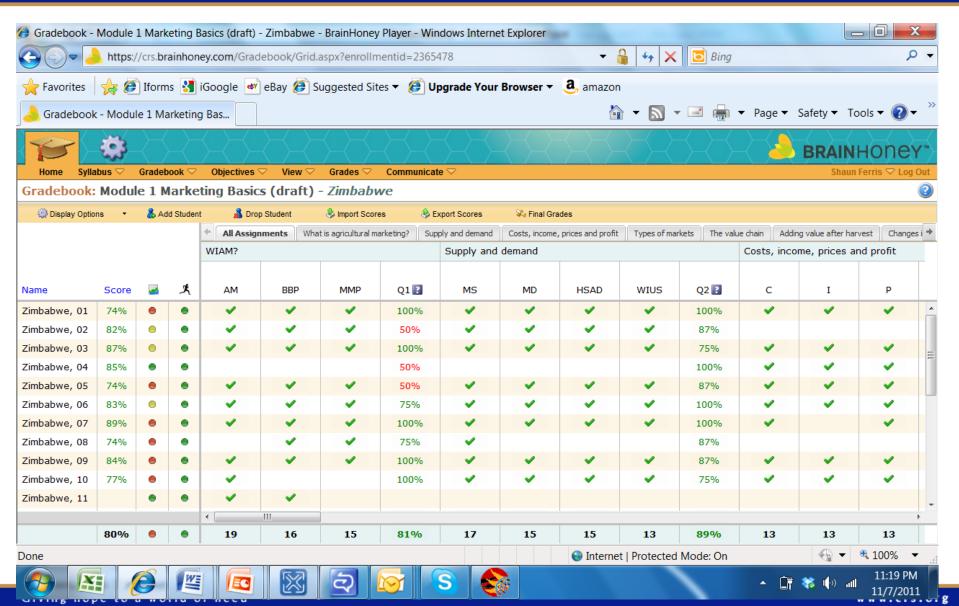
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# Distance Learning Allows Real Time Evaluation of Learning Programs

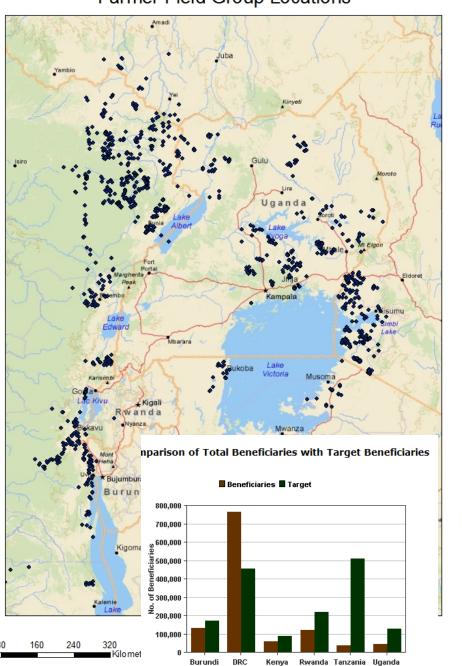


# A critical feature of future extension work will be the ability to map and track activities

#### Great Lakes Cassava Initiative

- 1,116,651 farmers
- 3023 farmer groups
- Click on for data
  - By year
  - By M&E points

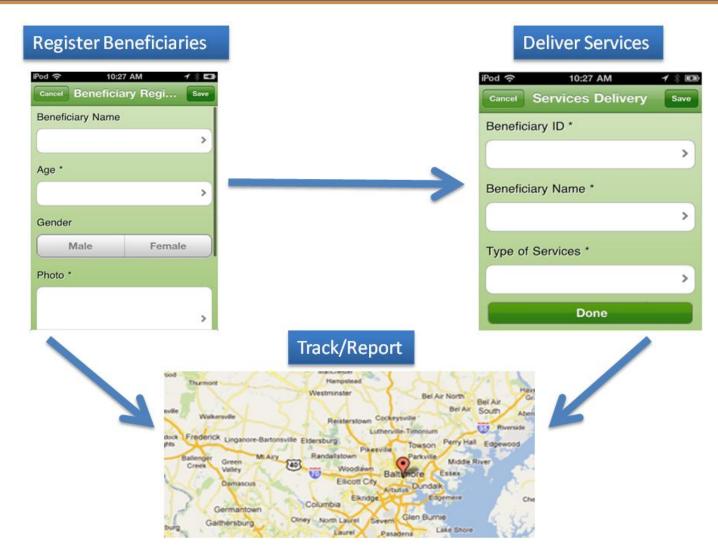
#### Farmer Field Group Locations





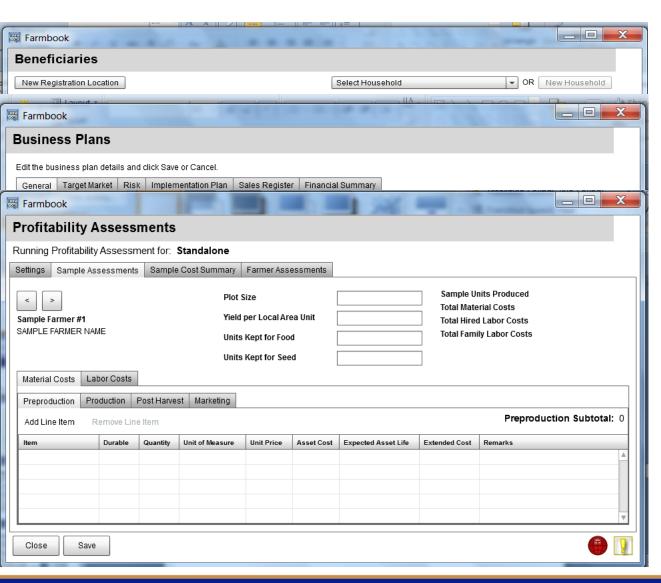


# RS Data Collection and Mapping





### **On Farm Calculators**



**Register clients** 

**Develop business plan** 

**Profit analysis** 

**Production schedule** 

Farm visit log



Farmbook



## **The ICT Enabled Extension Worker**

IFormBuilder Digital forms

Project set up

Baseline / impact

Distance learning / training materials

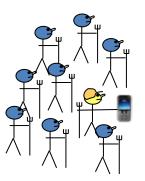
MEAS Learning products

Brainhoney LMS Platform



Crop monitoring

Map and Track







Farmer registration



Farmbook

**Business** planning

Profitability analysis







# Considerations

- What is the impact of ICT-enabled approaches and effectiveness compared to other approaches?
- What is the best fit between traditional delivery channels and ICT-enabled channels – for different types of learning, advice and performance monitoring?
- How do we go to scale with effective tools?
- How do mainstream their use in extension services?
- How can we foster the public-private partnerships needed to sustain ICT-enabled approaches?