

# ICT for Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services

On the example of GISB eAgriculture Solutions

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# Who we are: Grameen Intel Social Business Ltd.

## ICT solutions for the world's social problems

- Founded by Intel Capital and Grameen Trust
- Developing technology solutions to improve livelihood at the base of the pyramid
- Partnering with Govts and NGOs to enable the use of ICT in agricultural programs
- Goal: Scale social impact through a self sustaining business model - a Social Business
- Performance measures: solution penetration, social benefit/impact and cost recovery

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# ICT empowered extension enables access to agriculture expert know how and best practices on a grassroots level

## Challenges of smallholder farming

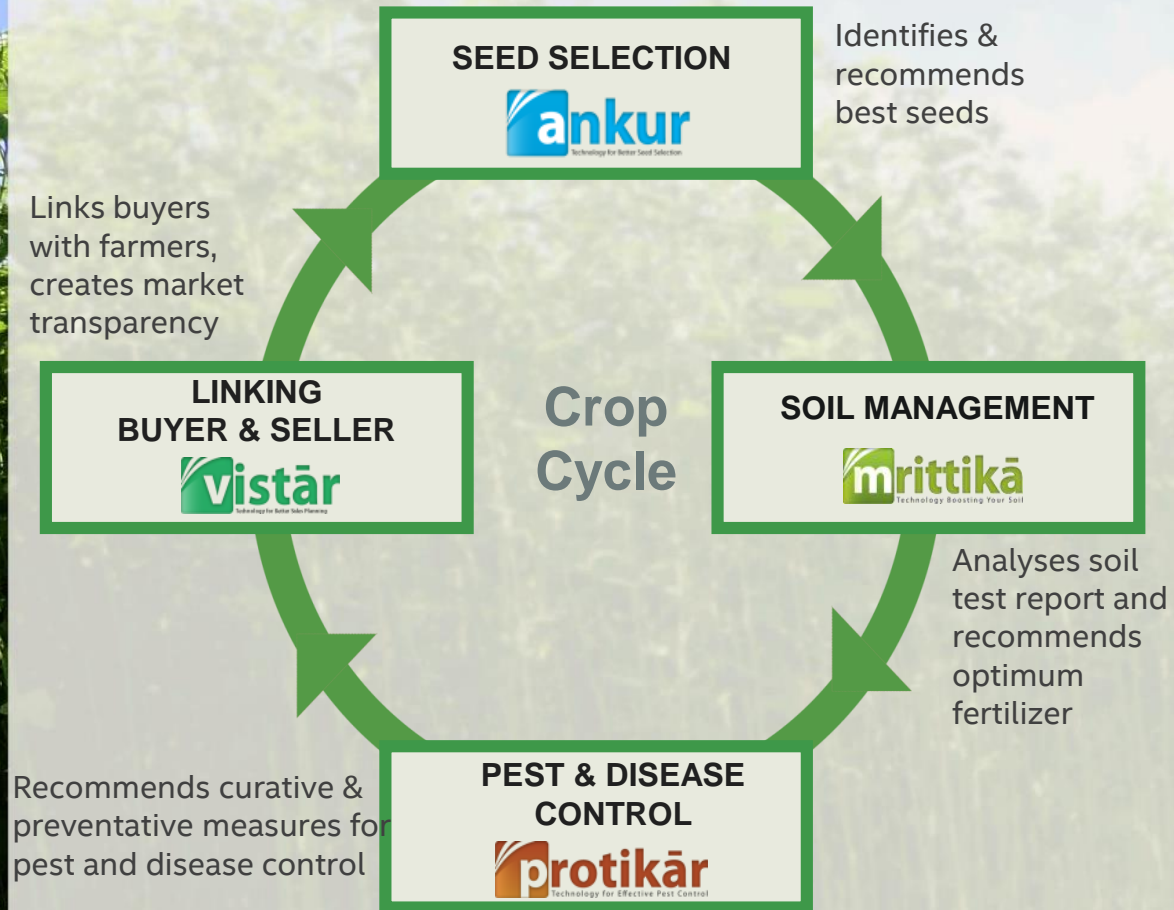
- Low efficiency of traditional, rain-fed farming practices
- Live-threatening risk of harvest loss due to pests, diseases and weather
- Lack of market transparency (prices, demand for crops, etc.)
- Agriculture practices highly regional and crop specific

## Impact of ICT to agriculture extension

- Higher yield and lower input cost through tailored recommendations
- Risk management through access to agricultural expertise and information
- Connect farmers with market: Crop decision, price transparency
- Localization of tools and agriculture recommendations to local conditions



# Mobile solutions driving sustainable impact to farming efficiency, livelihood and job creation at the BoP



## GISB eAgriculture for ag extensions

- Empower agriculture extension programs
- Create rural jobs and income for micro entrepreneurs
- Improved, sustainable livelihood of small-holder farmers through increased yield (up to ~30%)
- Drive food security & reduce environmental impact
- New insights and small business opportunities along agriculture value chain through data & analytics
- Support ICT capacity building in rural areas



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## a soil analysis solution to identify optimum fertilizer application, improve input costs and increase yield

**Land Details**

- Characteristics of plot
- Size of plot

**Harvest Details**

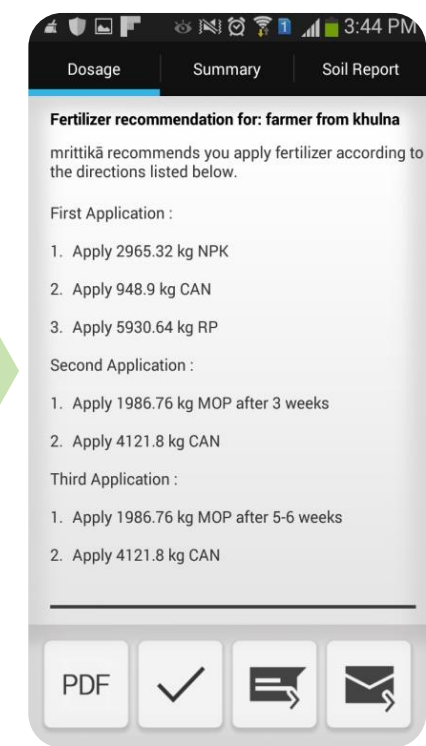
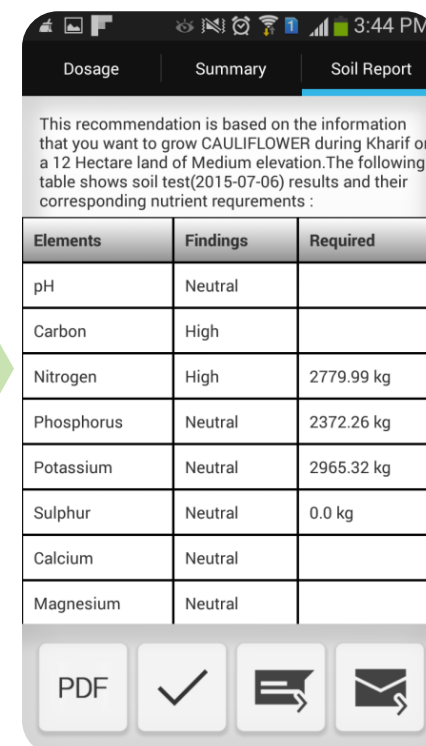
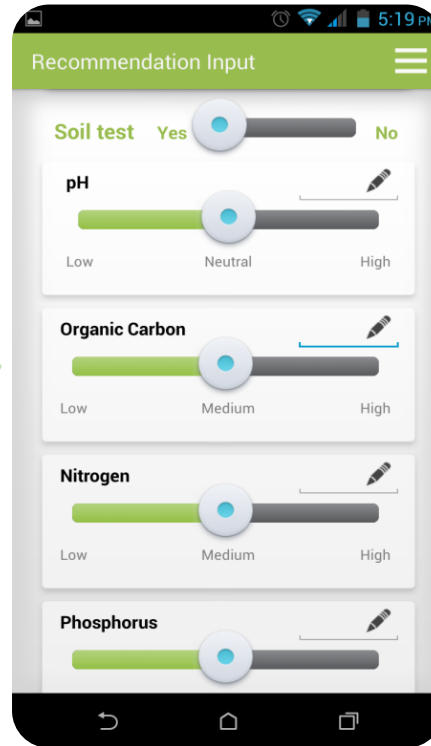
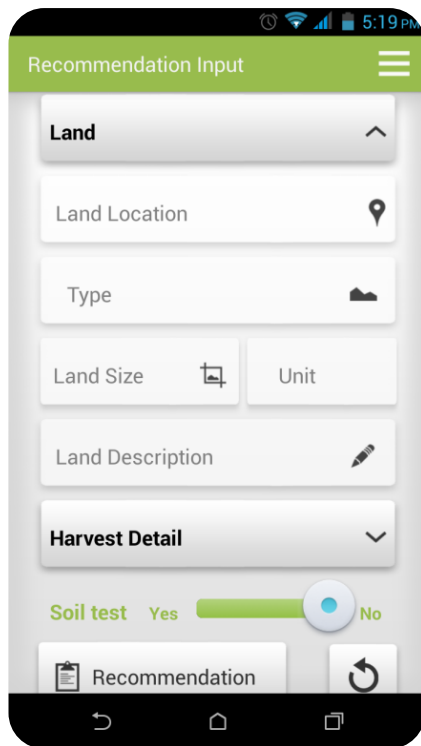
- Type of Crop
- Irrigation source

**Soil and Seasonality**

- Crop season and cycle
- Soil test to identify characteristics of soil (PH, N, P, K, OC)

**Recommendation**

- Best combination of right fertilizers; Optimal quantity and cost
- Guidance on how and when to apply





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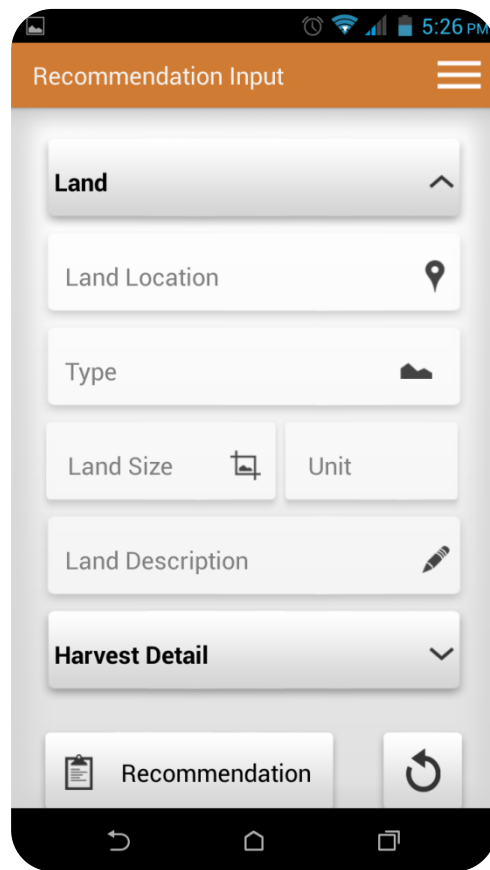
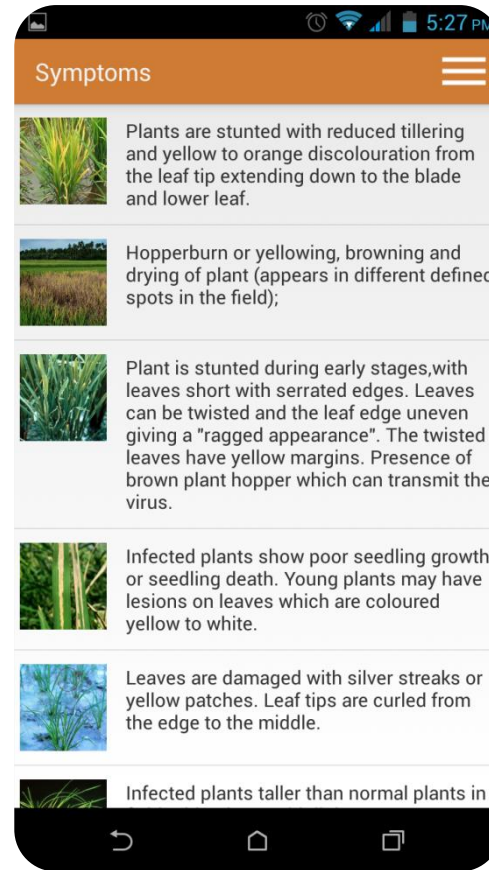
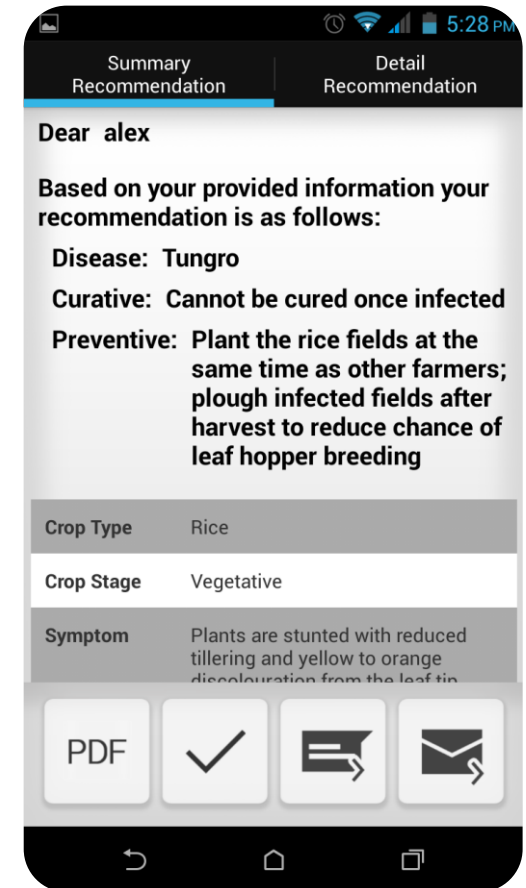
## a solution to help farmers preventing, controlling and fighting plant diseases, weeds and pests based on best practices

**Details on Pest**

- Identify crop symptom by guided diagnosis
- Localized database describing most pests

**Recommendation**

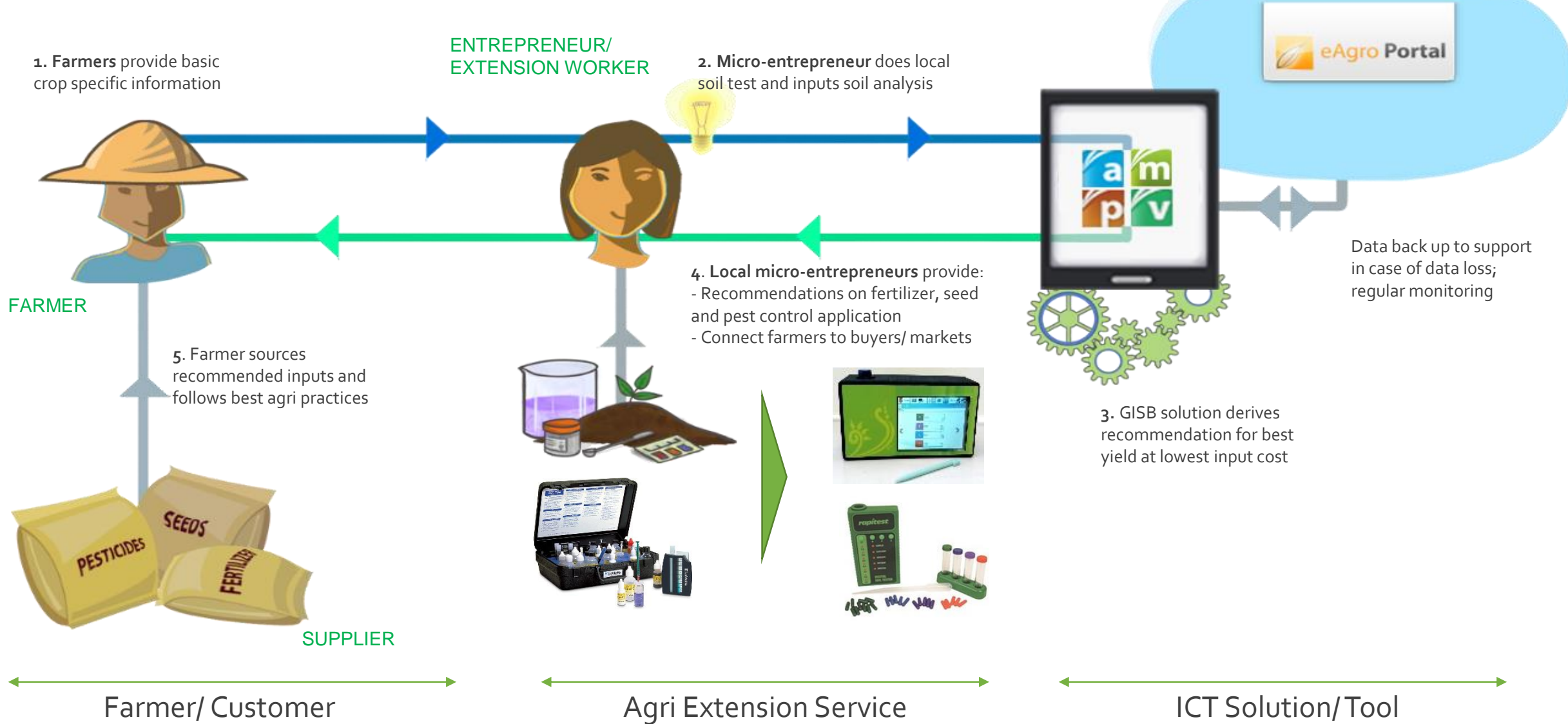
- Best practices to prevent and fight pests and diseases
- Optimal application of curative measures (organic or chemical)

Crop Type	Rice
Crop Stage	Vegetative
Symptom	Plants are stunted with reduced tillering and yellow to orange discoloration from the leaf tip



# Integrated working model as part of a sustainable extension services and data access for further insights



# Partnership and collaboration with int. organizations and governments for sustainable agriculture development





# GISB e-Agro impact assessment: ePADEE CASE STUDY Cambodia

## Impact highlights of GISB solutions



32% Higher Yield



47% increase in pot. gross margin



1650 farmers served



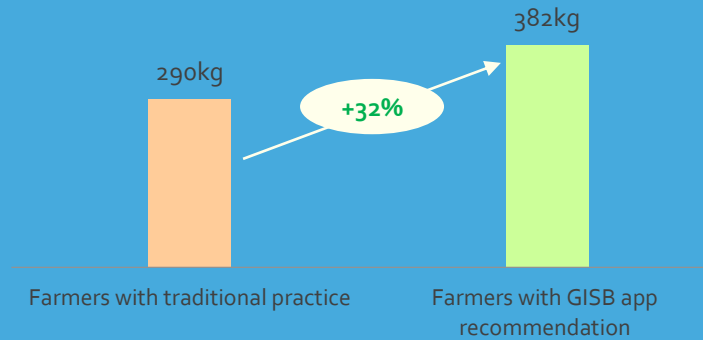
~170 trained extension agents



>90% acceptance

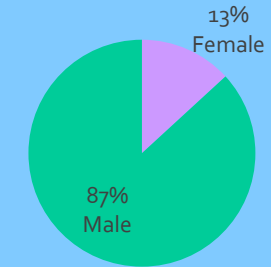
Comparative picture between the farmers who received recommendations vs those who did not:

### USERS OF GISB APPS ACHIEVE HIGHER YIELD

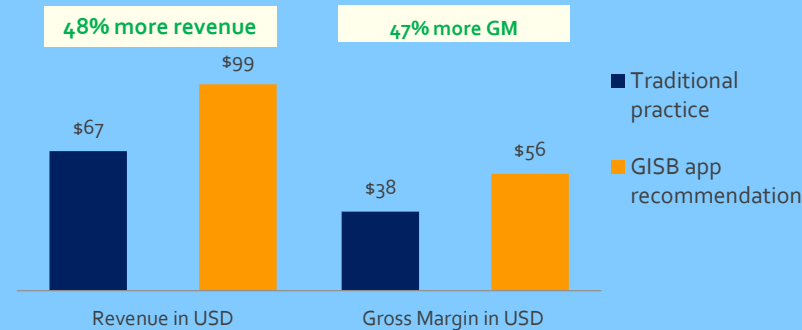


### SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Trained extension workers - female and male



### FARMERS USING GISB APPS WITH OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGHER REVENUE & GROSS MARGIN



### BENEFICIARIES



Farmers applied ICT recommendation

# Outlook: Integrated smart food programs to address priorities of Governments across the agriculture and food value chain



## Government Challenges

**Fraud at distribution of subsidized inputs**  
**Low quality inputs**  
**Tax/VAT fraud**

**High rural unemployment**  
**Low yield and high risk** traditional farming practices  
**No mapping of farmers**

**Fraud at weighing of farmer produce**  
**Compensation of farmers below market value**

**Loss of produce** through theft or perishing  
**Low efficiency** due to lack of infrastructure, logistics, innovation

**Risk of market exclusion** - EU 'track & trace regulation; pesticide contamination  
**Tax fraud**

## Digital transformation and smart solutions to tackle challenges in agriculture and food value chain

- Job creation for rural youth & less urbanization
- Better livelihood for small holder farm families
- Ensure food security on a national level
- Insights on farmers, produce, climate impact...

- Limit fraud across the value chain
- E2E tracking and tracing across the value chain
- Ensure fair pricing
- Fiscal compliance

# Solution in Development: Digital Test Kit



## Current State – Manual Test Kit

- Not easily portable
- Results can be difficult to interpret
- Time and labor intensive process



## Future State – Digital Test Kit

- Portable
- Electronic reading of results
- Faster processing



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