Monitoring & Evaluation, Learning and Communications.
Outline

• M&E progress and plans for 2012-13
• Research questions
• Benchmarking Data analysis
• Cassava value chain development and household decision making
• Communications
## M&E activities

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RESEARCH QUESTIONS

Q1: Household impacts of staple crop value chain development
Q2: Spill-over benefits of HQCF value chain development

- In depth analysis of household decision making and food security and livelihood impacts in Nigeria and Malawi.
- Comparison of baseline data with end of project evaluation survey
- Monitoring of sales of FCR and farm level income associated with SMEs with retrofitted flash dryers, Nigeria
Q 3: Coordination and advocacy that empowers smallholders in market development, research agenda-setting, and supportive policy change

- Information on development of cassava associations
- Value chain actors and linkages monitored
  - social network analysis
- C:AVA activities in policy arenas reported
- To do - synthesis of learning and updating of social network analysis.
Q4: Effective Strategies for value chain development creating sustainable supply & demand

• Increased knowledge of comparative costs and profit margins along the value chain through benchmarking.
  – allows cross country comparison of production costs and highlights the main factors affecting profitability;
  – Information on market demand.

• Update benchmark data and do further analyses.
Q5 - effective strategies for provision of business and financial services along the staple crop value chain?

- Documentation of delivery of business and financial services.
  - Documentation of experience of LPG fund, Ghana
  - Evaluation of provision of business services in final evaluation
Q 6 - How can you learn rapidly about successes and failures and adapt?

• Process documentation - documenting lessons, report 2008-2010
• Report on project processes and lessons 2010-2013
• Sharing and communicating lessons