Agricultural Extension systems

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Functions

- Training,
- Technical advice,
- Linking farmers to markets & services

Models

- Public (government-led)
- Private/agribusiness-led
- NGOs & farmer organizations
- ICT/digital platforms (SMS, apps, radio, TV)

Key players

Researchers, extension agents, and farmers in a two-way flow of information, communication.
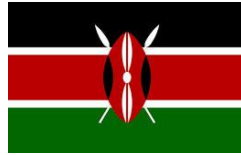
Extension Model: Examples

Ethiopia Rwanda Kenya Nigeria Zambia **Senegal**

- Strong extension system in terms of human resourcing (~70,000 people)

- Extension system **well-structured**

- Training program for extension well-defined and formalized (ATVET colleges)

- Weak extension system in terms of human resourcing (156 people across 15 regions in official extension body)

- Extension system **fragmented, decentralized**

o Nonprofits/NGOs, producer organizations, private sector, universities contracted to fill in the human resourcing gap

- No/nascent stage ATVET program, ad hoc trainings

Thank you !

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