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## EX-ACT VC

EX-Ante Carbon-balance Tool for Value Chains

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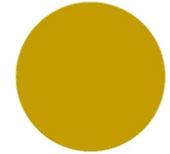
# Tool Objectives



A tool to provide a holistic assessment of agri-food value chains projects

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# Objectives



Standardized, transparent, cost-effective tool for decision-makers to:

**Quantify** performance across environmental and socio-economic dimensions

**Identify** drivers of sustainability through comparing two scenarios

**Determine** investment entry points

**Evaluate** whether objectives are met

**Design** sustainable agri-food value chains

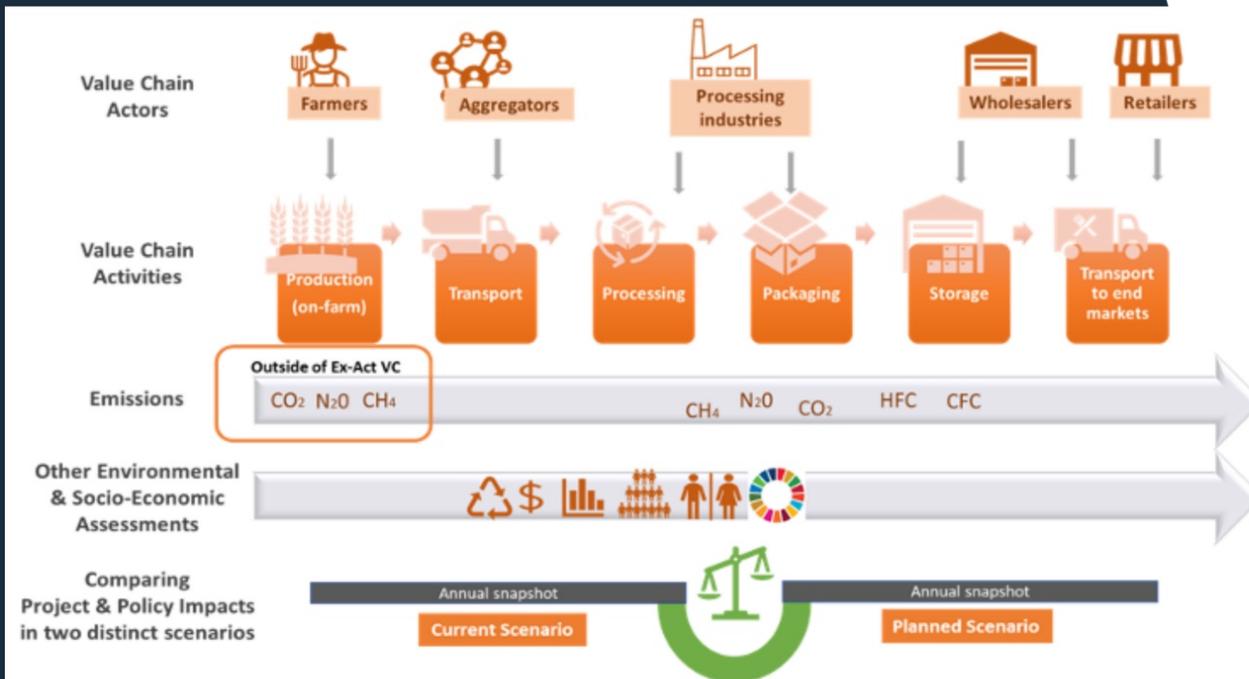
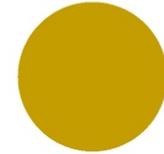


# About EX-ACT VC

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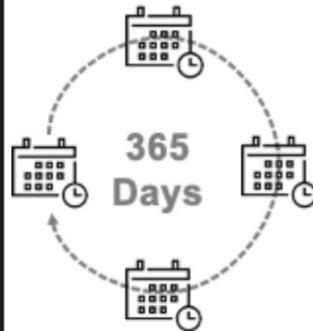
# Logical Framework



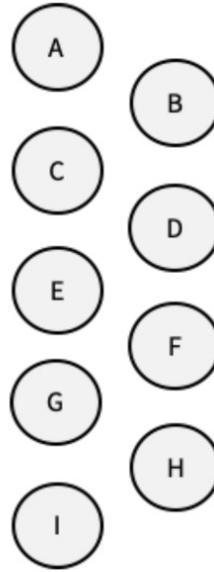
# Scope of EX-ACT VC



Five categories of commodities



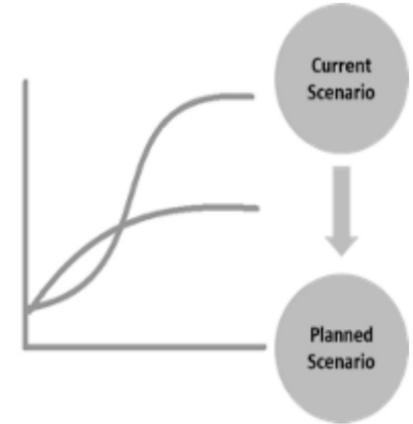
Annual snapshot of the value chain



Up to nine unique categories of actors



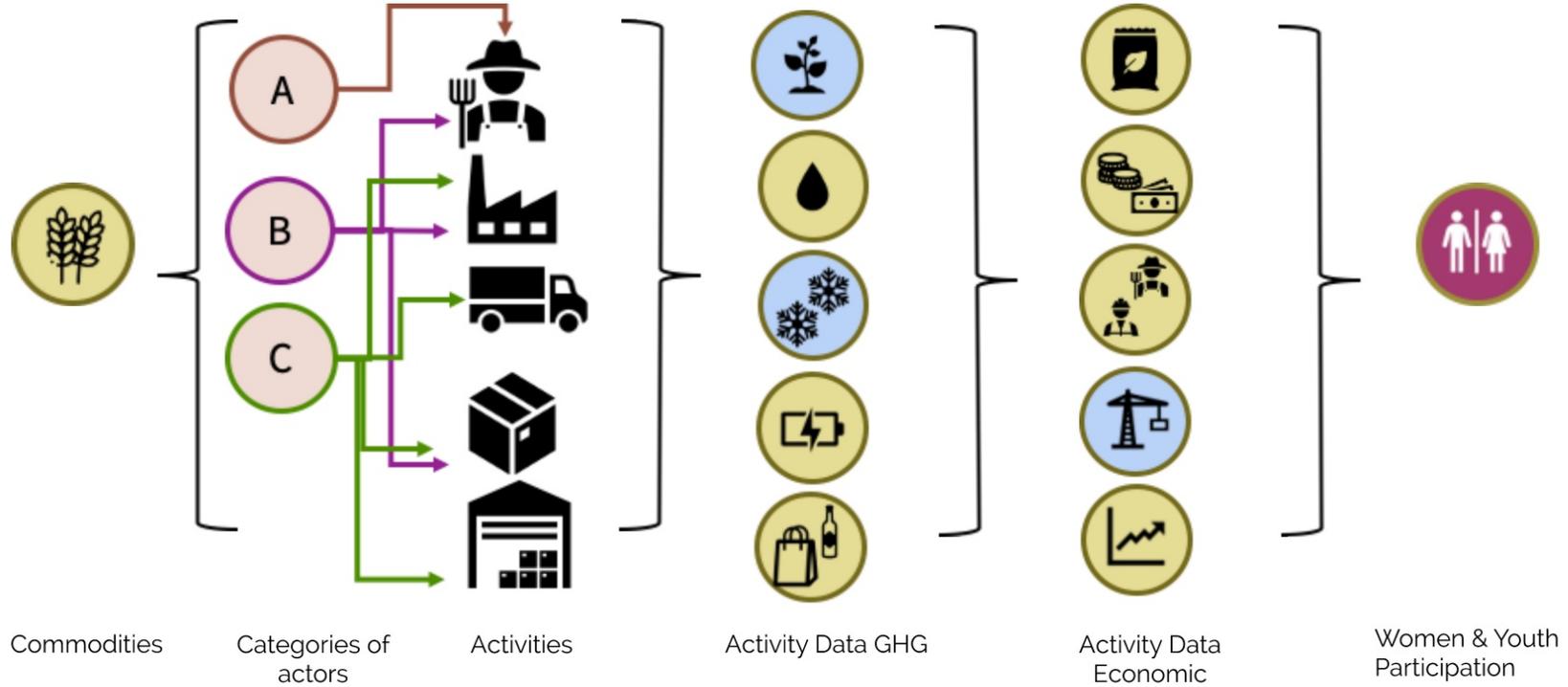
Five possible activities for each category of actor



Current scenario vs. planned scenario



# Approach of EX-ACT VC



# Main changes in the new version

## Revised Methodology

- Wastewater (IPCC, 2019 refinement)
- Storage (GWP of refrigerants)
- Optional inclusion of fixed capital cost

## New GHG Emission Factors

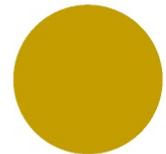
- Transportation (Intensity EF)
- Energy

## Included modules

- Functional analysis
- Quantitative gender and youth assessment
- SDG's

## Removed modules

- Qualitative system resilience assessment
- Land-based emissions calculation





# Exploring EX-ACT VC

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Commodity tracker



Off-farm GHG assessment



Socio-economic assessment



Results



**Step 1 - Description of Project**

User Name:

Date:

Project Name:

Project Code:

Project Budget (USD):

Funding Agency:

Implementing Agency:

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**Global Warming Potential 100-year**  
(with Assessment Report (AR5))

CO2	1
CH4	34
N2O	298

**Step 2 - Description of Value Chain**

Value Chain Commodity:

Type of Value Chain:

Location of Value Chain:

Country:

Region / Municipality:

Exchange rate (USD / local currency):

### Step 3 - Mapping out the Value Chain

Category of Actor	Please Name Category	Please Describe Category	Number of Actors within Category		Describe Commodity Sold	Purchases Commodity From:		Sells Commodity To:		Please identify activities performed (either current or planned)								Is the commodity sold at retail level?	Location of Category of Actor			
			Current	Planned		Current	Planned	Current	Planned	Primary Production	Storage (Pre-Processing)	Processing	Water Used (Processing)	Packaging	Storage / Display	Transportation: Pick Up	Transportation: Delivery		Country	Exchange rate (1 USD = ...)	Local Currency	
Example: Small Scale Producers	Small-scale vegetable growers	Small-scale vegetable growers	20	30	Fresh Tomatoes	N/A	N/A	Local Coop	Aggregators	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	N/A	Yes		Please select		Please select
Actor(s) A:	Maize Producers	Small-scale Maize Producers - Improved	47,636	47,636	Maize Grain	N/A	N/A	Local Coop	Aggregators	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	N/A	Yes		Please select		Please select
Actor(s) B:	Aggregators	Maize grain aggregator and traders	1	1	Maize Grain	Maize Producers	Maize Producers	Maize Processors	Maize Processors	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes		Please select		Please select
Actor(s) C:	Maize Processors	Processors producing Maize Flour	10	10	Maize Flour	Aggregators	Aggregators	Wholesalers	Wholesalers	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Please select		Please select
Actor(s) D:	Wholesalers	Wholesalers distributing Maize Flour	1	1	Maize Flour	Maize Processors	Maize Processors	Other Actor	Other Actor	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No		Please select		Please select

### STEP 4 - Description of On-Farm Activities

For the SDG Tracker, can this category of actor be defined as "small-scale"?

No  Yes

	Maize Producers		
	Current	Planned	
Total Amount Harvested	153188.1	160847.5	Tonnes
Total Land used for Production	56912.0	56912.0	Ha
Average Yield	2.7	2.8	Tonnes/Ha
Total Emissions Associated with Production			TCO <sub>2</sub> e / yr

	Individual (Micro) Level Data		
	Current	Planned	
Total Amount Harvested	0.3	0.3	Tonnes
Total Land used for Production	0.1	0.1	Ha

**Flow of Commodity**

For the entire category of actors:	Absolute (tonnes)		Percentage	
	Current	Planned	Current	Planned
Amount harvested	153,188	160,848		
Amount left unharvested	-	-	0%	0%
Amount lost during harvest	32,935	18,514	22%	11.5%
Amount consumed	27,267	28,631	18%	18%
Amount put in storage, before processing	92,985	113,703		
Amount lost during storage, before processing	-	-		
Amount packaged	92,985	113,703		
Amount lost during transport (delivery)	-	-	0%	0.0%
Amount of Maize Grain sold to Aggregators (current)	92,985		100%	
Amount of Maize Grain sold to Aggregators (planned)		113,703		100%
Amount sold to Aggregators - Individual Level	0.30	0.34		

**Transportation Details**

Type of fuel	Type of transport used		E of km		Type of condition		Total Fuel Used (litres)			
	Current	Planned	Current	Planned	Current	Planned	Current	Planned		
None	None	Animals	Animals	Animals	15	15	Non-refrigerated	Non-refrigerated	0	0



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Commodity  
tracker



Off-farm GH  
assessment

Step 1 - Description of Project

User Name	Sravya Mamidanna
Date	27/05/21
Project Name	Commercialization and De-risking for Agricultural Transformation Project
Project Code	P171462
Project Budget (USD)	300 Million
Funding Agency	World Bank
Implementing Agency	
Project Status	Implementation

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FOR  
VALUE CHAIN ANALYSIS

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Step 2 - Description of Value Chain

Value Chain Commodity	Annual Crop
Type of Value Chain	Domestic value chain
Location of Value Chain:	Continent: Eastern Africa
	Country: Rwanda
	Region / Municipality:
Exchange rate (USD / local currency)	1 USD = 1002.04 RWF

Global Warming Potential 100-year	
Risk Assessment Report (ARS)	
CO2	1
CH4	34
N2O	298

Step 3 - Mapping out the Value Chain

Category of Actor	Please Name Category	Please Describe Category	Number of Actors within Category		Describe Commodity Sold	Purchases Commodity From:		Sells Commodity To:		Pri Proc
			Current	Planned		Current	Planned	Current	Planned	

## Step 3 - Mapping out the Value Chain

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**Category of Actor**

**Please Name Category**

**Please Describe Category**

**Example:**

***Small Scale Producers***

***Small-scale vegetable growers***

Actor(s) A:	Maize Producers	Small-scale Maize Producers - Improved
Actor(s) B:		
Actor(s) C:		
Actor(s) D:	Aggregators	Maize grain aggregators and traders
Actor(s) E:	Maize Processors	Processors producing Maize Flour
Actor(s) F:	Wholesalers	Wholesalers distributing Maize Flour
Actor(s) G:		
Actor(s) H:		
Actor(s) I:		

Rwanda	
1002.04	RWF

Fifth Assessment Report (AR5)	
CO2	1
CH4	34
N2O	298

Number of Actors within Category		Describe Commodity Sold	Purchases Commodity From:		Sells Commodity To:	
Current	Planned		Current	Planned	Current	Planned
20	30	<i>Fresh Tomatoes</i>			<i>Local Coop</i>	
474266	474266	Maize Grain	N/A	N/A	Aggregators	Aggregators
1	1	Maize Grain	Maize Producers	Maize Producers	Maize Processors	Maize Processors
10	10	Maize Flour	Aggregators	Aggregators	Wholesalers	Wholesalers
1	1	Maize Flour	Maize Processors	Maize Processors	Other Actor	Other Actor

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Flow

**Please identify activities performed ?  
(either current or planned)**

Primary Production	Storage (Pre-Processing)	Processing	Water Used (Processing)	Packaging	Storage / Display	Transportation: Pick Up	Transportation: Delivery
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	N.A	Yes
Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No

**How of Commodity ?**

<u>Absolute (tonnes)</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Type of fuel</u>	<u>Type of tran</u>
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<u>Is the commodity sold at retail level?</u>	Location of Category of Actor <span style="color: green; border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">?</span>		
	Country	Exchange rate (1 USD = ___ )	Local Currency
	Please select		Please select
No	Please select		Please select
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No	Please select		Please select



**Transportation Details**

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**Tier 2**

<u>Type of fuel</u>		<u>Type of transport used</u>		<u># of km</u>		<u>Type of conditioning</u>		<u>Total Fuel Used (Litres)</u>	
Current	Planned	Current	Planned	Current	Planned	Current	Planned	Current	Planned
None	None	Animals	Animals	15	15	Non-refrigerated	Non-refrigerated	0	0



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### Maize Producers

Yes

Value-Chain  
(Meso) Level  
Data

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Total Amount Harvested

153188.1

160847.5

Tonnes

Total Land used for Production

56912.0

56912.0

Ha

Average Yield

2.7

2.8

Tonnes/Ha

Total Emissions Associated with  
Production

tCO<sub>2</sub>e / yr

Individual  
(Micro) Level  
Data

Total Amount Harvested

0.3

0.3

Tonnes

Total Land used for Production

0.1

0.1

Ha



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Results

Step 1 - Description of Project

User Name: Savya Mamiadama  
 Date: 27/03/21  
 Project Name: Commercialization and Scaling for Agricultural Transformation Project  
 Project Code: 11111111  
 Project Budget (USD): 500 Million  
 Funding Agency: World Bank  
 Implementing Agency: Implementation  
 Project Status: Implementation

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Step 2 - Description of Value Chain

Value Chain Commodity: Annual Crop  
 Type of Value Chain: Domestic value chain  
 Location of Value Chain: Country: Eastern Africa, Region / Municipality: Rwanda  
 Exchange rate (USD / local currency): 1 USD = 1062.84 RWF

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Actor(s) B: Aggregators	Maize grain aggregators and traders		1	1	Maize Grain	Maize Producers	Maize Producers	Maize Processors	Maize Processors		Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Please select	Please select	Please select
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(Micro) Level  
Data

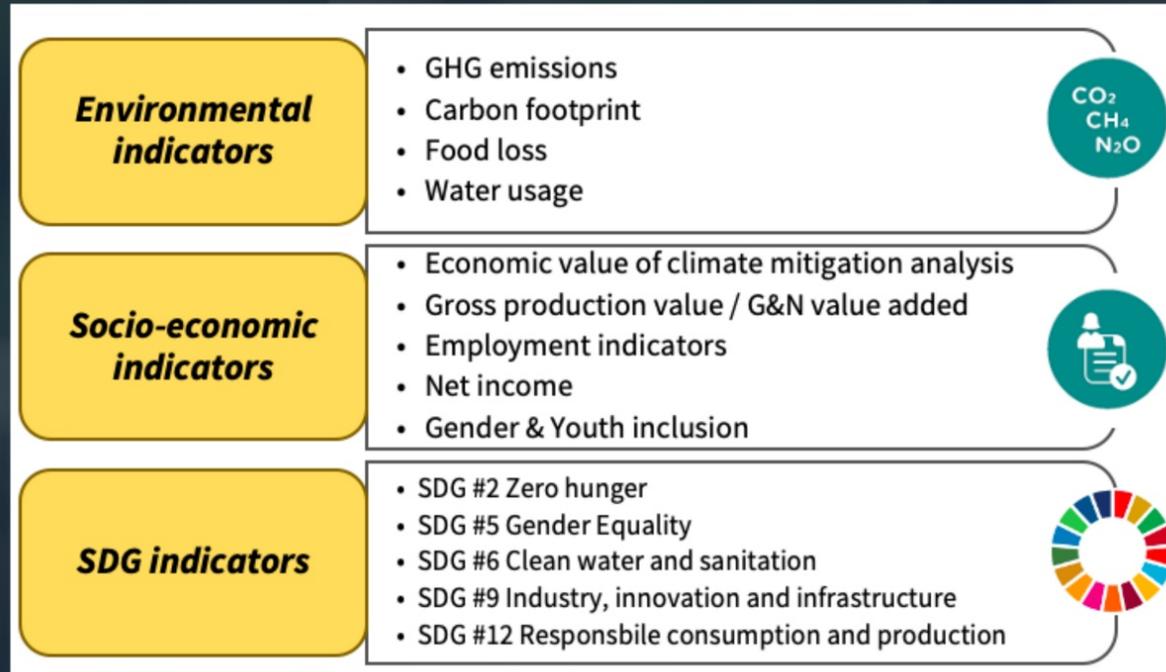
Total Land used for Production

0.1



Results

# EX-ACT VC - OUTPUTS



**Thank you!**

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