



**Sustainable food systems through diversification
and indigenous vegetables**

AN ANALYSIS OF THE SOUTHERN NAKURU COUNTY

Ice skating between concepts and practice: Food system approach in Kenya and Tanzania

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ECDPM/SASS Food systems governance

SASS project's goal

Could diversification - through promoting indigenous vegetables - contribute to the sustainability of food systems in Nakuru, Kenya & Arusha, Tanzania?

Delimitation: territorial, topic*

1. 'map' food system, policies, actors ft indigenous veg*
2. Chart pathways to improve sustainability ft indigenous veg
3. => build coalition to develop pathways

Food systems governance

ECDPM's expertise with political economy/governance analysis

=> Multiple and competing objectives with trade-offs

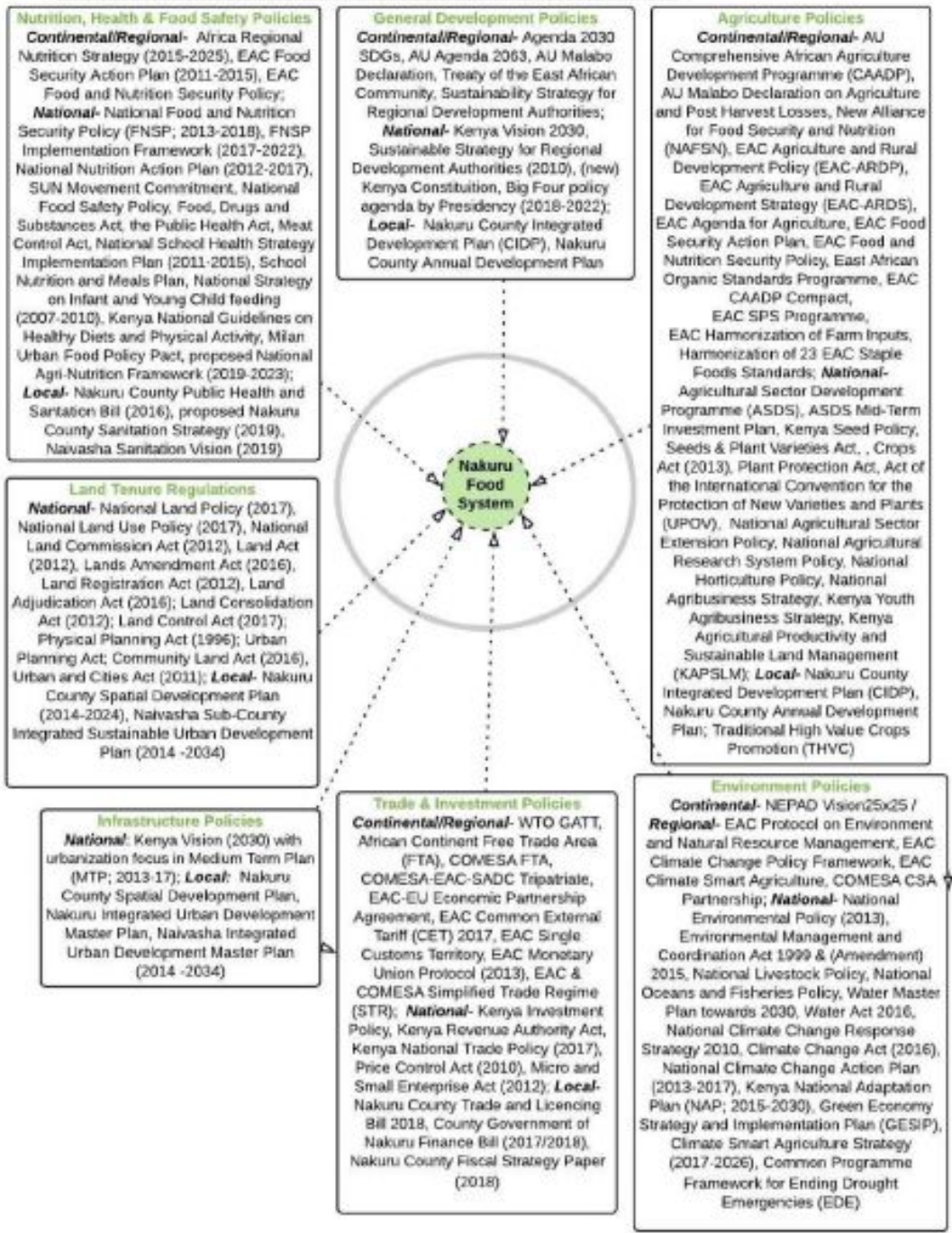
=> Different interests/priorities/possibilities

Food system governance - results from Nakuru

- Policy analysis (THINK work):
 - mapping policies and institutional frameworks
- Actor analysis
 - mapping key actors
 - analysing institutional arrangements between actors
- Light political economy analysis
 - Identification system bias in policies & institutional frameworks
 - Analysis of agendas, arenas, & alliances, incentives and interests
- **Participatory charting of pathways (DO work)**
 - Trade-off discussion with stakeholders guided by causal loop diagramming
 - Driven by previous analyses

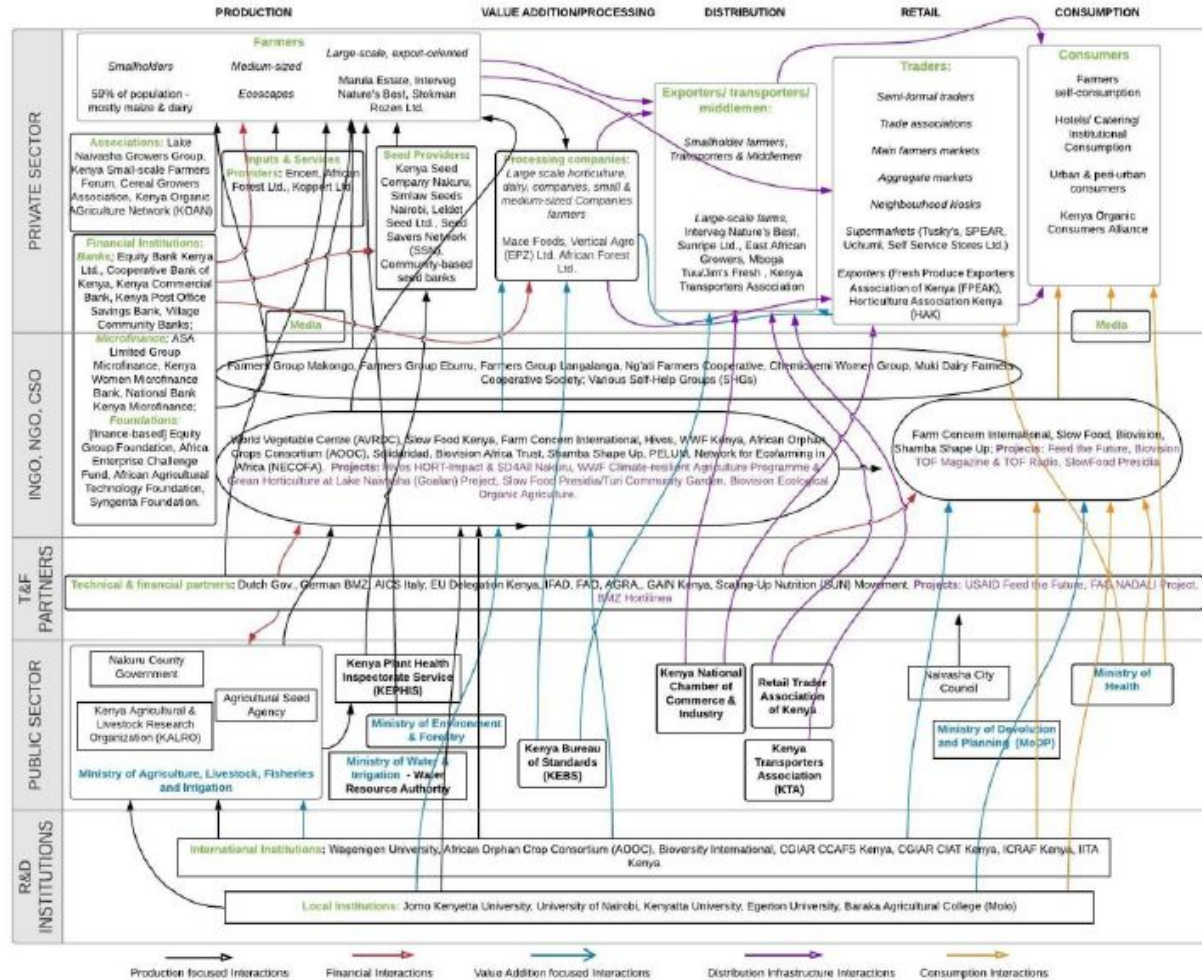
Food system - policy mapping

Eg, bias against indigenous vegetables through penalising small-scale seed producers - overwhelming majority of indigenous vegetable seeds.



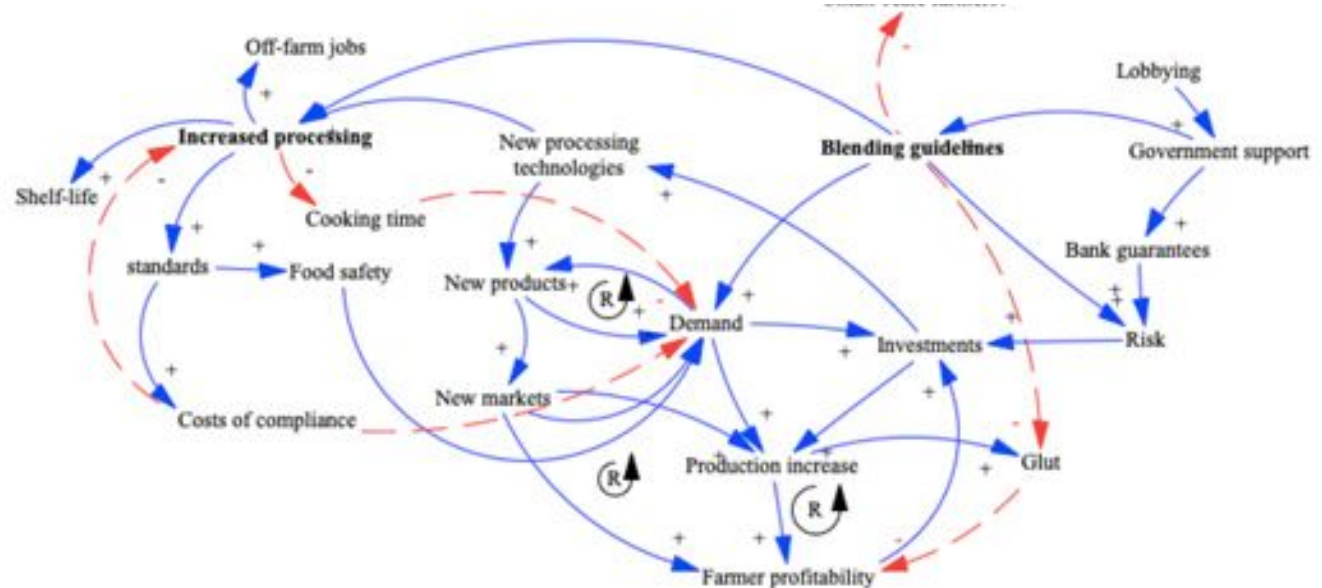
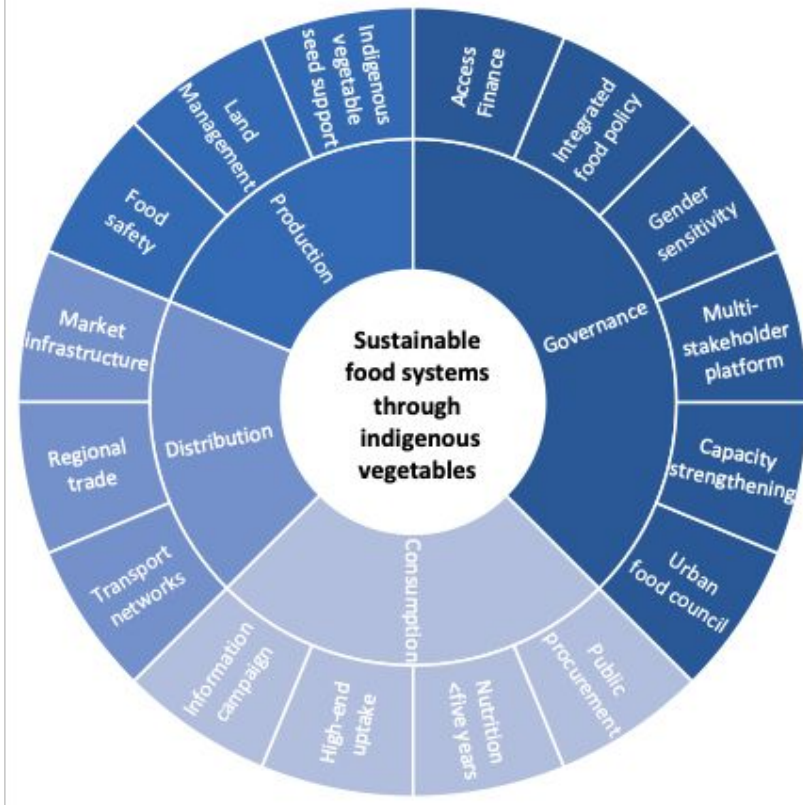
Food system - actor mapping

Eg, female farmers more part of invisible value chains - producing indigenous vegetables ignored by extension officers



Pathways

Helped facilitate participatory pathway-building, including trade-offs, synergy, strategic partners, priorities, and overall strategy



Reflections through ice skating

- Challenges of navigating complexity and actionability of food system approach
- Iterative approach between concept, analysis and practice
- Development of conceptual brief on food system approach - bridging concept to practice
- Connecting with other domains - including within ECDPM
 - Trade & finance
 - African institutions and regional integration
 - Policy Coherence for (Sustainable) Development
 - Private sector engagement
 - EU and MS external action and EU trade policy

Dialogue teasers

1. Partnerships in complexity
 - a. Emerging task division in the Dutch knowledge landscape regarding food system governance and food system approach?
 - b. Inter-institutional? (eg, WUR?)
 - c. Increased coordination to approach opportunities, eg the Food System Summit 2021?
2. How to use food system approach to increase development partners coordination, esp. local-national level

Thank you!

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