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The U.S. Government's Global Hunger & Food Security Initiative

RURAL RESILIENCE ACTIVITY

YEAR FOUR WORKPLAN AT A GLANCE



OUR GOAL

The Feed the Future Nigeria Rural Resilience Activity aims to increase and protect incomes for over 600,000 women and men smallholder farmers and microenterprise owners in conflict-affected areas of Northeast Nigeria. Through conflict-sensitive economic recovery and inclusive market systems development that embeds resilience and improves nutrition, the Activity aims to reduce drivers of chronic vulnerability and facilitate more resilient market systems that enable our target impact groups to overcome—and not slide back into—poverty.

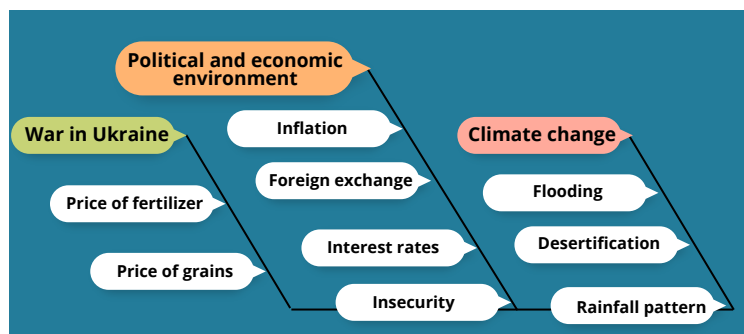
CORE OBJECTIVES

The Activity has five core components:

- Providing up-to-date evidence for selection of market systems, livelihoods and employment opportunities that contribute to inclusive and resilient growth and improved nutrition;
- Stimulating market systems growth and diverse economic opportunities;
- Building capacities of market actors to take advantage of market systems opportunities;
- Sequencing, layering, integrating (SLI), and collaborative learning to improve activity effectiveness, sustainability, and scale; and
- Supporting market resilience to the secondary impacts of COVID-19, and other shocks and stresses including conflicts, natural disasters, climate change, etc.

CONTEXT

Insecurity, political instability due to elections, macroeconomic factors such as inflation and currency devaluation, have affected the prices of fuel, fertilizers and food prices. Climatic conditions such as flooding and early cessation of rain have impacted yields and the nation's food security. These shocks and vulnerabilities directly affect the productivity of the Activity's participants.



INTERVENTION PLANNING

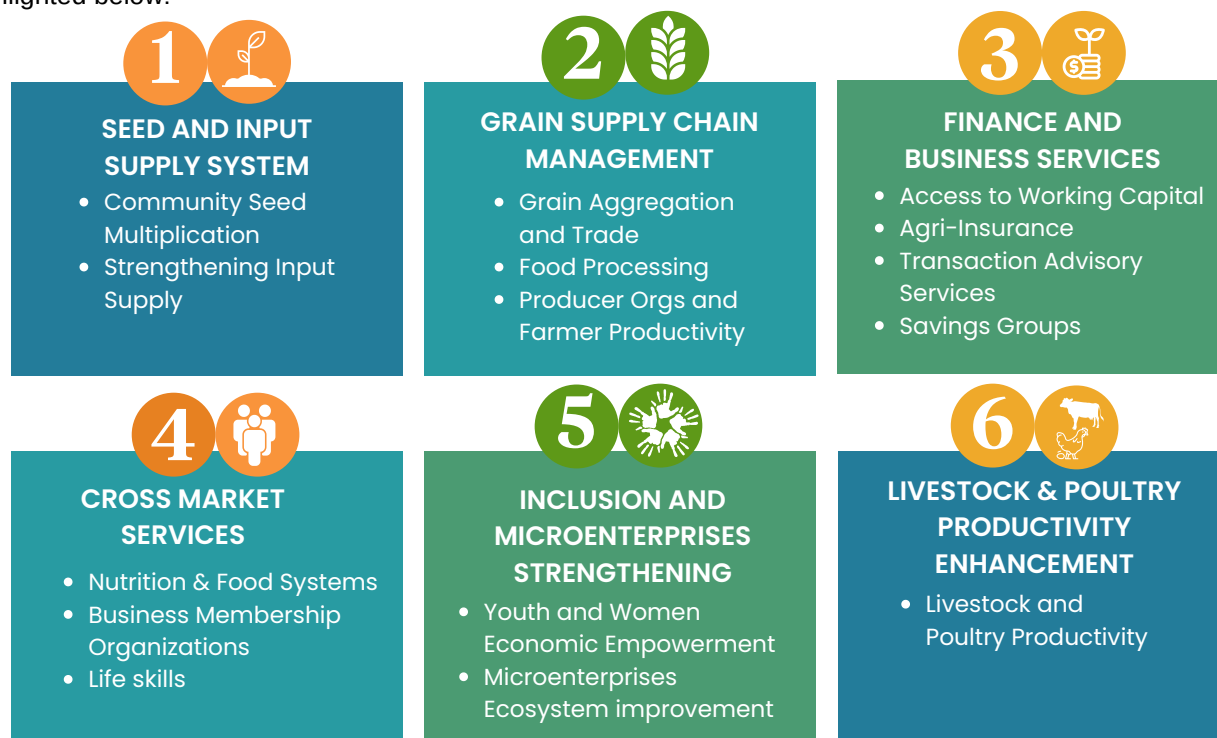
The Activity's intervention strategy leverages market dynamics premised on strategic adaptations of Year 3 (FY22) interventions, recommendations from the midterm evaluation, and emerging shocks, particularly the increase in fuel, food, and fertilizer prices. In FY23, (October 2022 - September 2023) the Activity will maximize the shock-responsive supply of goods and services, stimulate demand for change (including adoption of new goods and services), strengthen linkages along the value chains and build relationships between the various market players.

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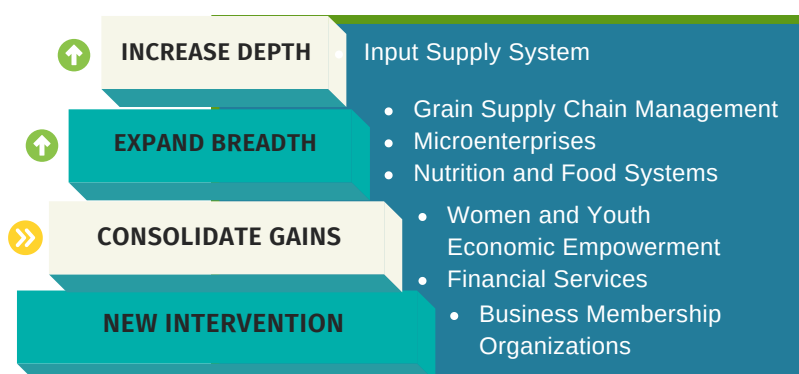
INTERVENTION AREAS

In FY23, the Activity will strategically adapt the 15 interventions implemented in Year 3, increasing depth where the interventions have matured and have ample committed partners. The Activity will expand breadth where strategic interventions have few partners, consolidate on gains where the Activity has established and tested a concept which needs to be interrogated further, and create new interventions where new opportunities and market challenges continue to emerge. For example, Youth Economic Empowerment and Women Economic Empowerment interventions have been merged while the focus of the Multistakeholder Platforms (MSP) intervention has been modified to Business Membership Organizations in FY23.

The Activity now has six intervention areas and 15 interventions compared to the 16 interventions in the second half of FY22 (March 2022 - September 2022), pivoting and adapting based on learning from its Mid-term Evaluation, Field-Based Monitoring, and other Assessments. The intervention areas and interventions in FY23 are highlighted below:



COLLABORATING, LEARNING AND ADAPTING



In Year 4, the Rural Resilience Activity will continue to collaborate and coordinate with public and private sector partners, donors, and implementing partners operating in the Feed the Future (FtF) Nigeria Zones of Influence (Zoi). Planned collaboration will include working with private sector firms and farms, market associations, Federal and State Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), and USAID and non-USAID implementing partners. Learning for the Activity will take place at partner, Activity, and industry/sector level.

ALIGNMENT WITH PRO-POOR THEORY OF CHANGE



The Rural Resilience Activity believes that "if we strengthen the resilience capacities of conflict-affected households, communities, and market systems using market-led approaches layered with complementary investments in humanitarian assistance, then there will be sustained improvements in the exchange of goods and services within northeast Nigeria, ultimately leading to sustainable reduction of vulnerability and poverty for households and communities, thereby contributing to economic recovery and growth."