



Local Economic
Development:

Unpacking potentials for accelerated
transformation of Tanzania

RICE COMMERCIALIZATION AND LIVELIHOODS IMPACTS

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INTRODUCTION

Poverty reducing effects of commercialisation

Approach

- Observation;
- Survey
- FGD & observatio

Key Findings



HCI (%) by Quintile

IMPLICATIONS



- **Adopt SRI**



- **Expand farm size**

- **Add value to sell milled rice**

DISCUSSION

Rice commercialization is happening (on going)



- Yield gap significant by farmer category and farm size)
- However, farm expansion comes at environmental cost hence not sustainable
- Therefore, farmers need to focus on intensification (SRI) – higher yields and higher HCI
- HCI gaps, Yield gaps and MPI gaps indicate room for improving rice commercialization and livelihood impacts

CONCLUSION

- If farmers are;
 - Trained to adopt rice intensification technologies,
 - Supported to fill productivity gap,
 - Encouraged improve rice quality sold at higher price,
- Government improves infrastructure
- There will be significant productivity and production increase, thereby enhanced commercialisation

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