CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Savings and Internal Lending Communities (SILC)

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Savings and Internal Lending Communities (SILC)

- Rooted in traditional savings and credit associations
- Poor build useful lump sums without excessive debt or interest charged
- Self-selecting groups
- Social cohesion and financial inclusion
- Market based strategy –Private
 Service Providers
- Ideal platforms to integrate other initiatives



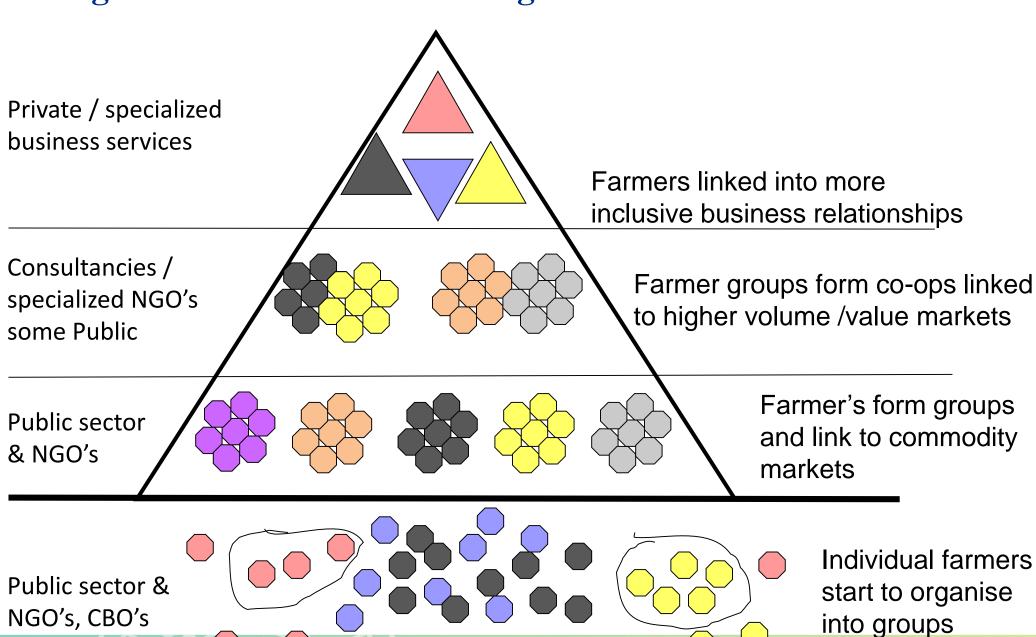


The Basics In Ghana

- Currently in 13 districts
 (6 graduated districts)
- Total groups 1,556
- Total Members 33,798
- Assets \$399,512



SILC as the Aggregator for Service Delivery: Changes in Farmer Organizations and Market Linkages



Below the line improvements

to learn new skills

faith, action, results.

