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Major concerns

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Adoption of Inputs

- Yields will increase significantly by using quality seed and other inputs but adoption remains low

Year	Non-Saved Seeds	Fertilizers	Agrochemicals
2016	48%	59%	55%

- Adoption of input use is limited by low availability of cash before crop season and **INACCESSIBILITY** of the inputs
- High cost of distribution to remote areas and opening market

Key policy concerns (I)

- Ambiguity in seed policy
- Despite efforts from Seed Value Chain Stakeholders, availability remains a challenge
- Quality of seeds remains questionable as yields don't seem to match potential performance
- Need for clear incentives to attract the private sector into seed production

Key policy concerns (2)

- **Uncertainties around subsidies on fertilizer and seed**
 - Distortions in the market
 - Ineffective implementation (timeliness, clarity etc)
- **Bottlenecks with the input distribution system into rural communities**
 - Seeds, fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides, fungicides, inoculants, etc.

Key policy concerns (3)

- Poor enabling environment for structured trade in agricultural commodities
- Informal cross border trade, with little data for planning and exploring regional markets
- Inadequate lending to the agricultural sector

Thank you for your attention

