

Designing Capital-Raising Frameworks for Agro Enterprises in Underserved and Volatile Economies

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ABSTRACT: Agricultural enterprises in underserved and volatile economies face significant barriers to accessing adequate, affordable, and timely capital. These challenges stem from a combination of structural limitations—including financial informality, lack of collateral, and weak credit histories—as well as contextual risks such as political instability, currency volatility, climate shocks, and underdeveloped financial infrastructure. Despite agriculture’s central role in employment, food security, and GDP contribution across emerging markets, especially in Sub-Saharan Africa and parts of Southeast Asia, capital-raising for agro enterprises remains fragmented and fragile. This proposes a comprehensive and adaptive capital-raising framework tailored to the needs of agro-based small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) operating in high-risk or underserved regions. Drawing on existing literature, field case studies, and blended finance theory, this introduces a multi-tiered model that incorporates concessional financing, digital financial services, agri-insurance mechanisms, and risk-sharing partnerships between public, private, and donor actors. The framework is designed with three pillars: inclusiveness (targeting women-led and rural enterprises), resilience (embedding financial risk mitigation tools), and scalability (leveraging digital platforms and mobile penetration). Key innovations include the use of weather-indexed insurance to attract private investors, digital microloan platforms for early-stage agro ventures, and hybrid instruments that combine grants with performance-based equity or revenue-sharing arrangements. A case application in a conflict-prone agricultural zone illustrates how the framework mobilizes capital while reducing exposure for lenders and investors. By enabling better alignment between capital providers and agricultural enterprise needs, the proposed framework offers a pathway toward more sustainable and equitable rural financing. It also contributes to broader development goals by improving food systems, enhancing climate resilience, and promoting financial inclusion in economies most vulnerable to both economic and environmental shocks. Further research is recommended to test long-term impact and policy alignment mechanisms.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Agriculture remains a cornerstone of socioeconomic development in emerging and low-income economies, serving as a primary source of income, employment, and food security for hundreds of millions of people (Ayumu and Ohakawa, 2024; Lawal et al., 2024). In Sub-Saharan Africa and parts of South and Southeast Asia, agriculture contributes up to 30% of GDP and employs over 60% of the labor force. Rural households are especially dependent on agro-based activities for sustenance, local trade, and intergenerational wealth accumulation (Lawal et al., 2024; Adanigbo et al., 2024). Beyond subsistence, agriculture underpins regional food systems, contributes to exports, and acts as a buffer against external shocks through domestic food production. However, despite its economic and developmental centrality, the agricultural sector remains chronically undercapitalized, particularly for small and medium-sized agro enterprises

(agro-SMEs) operating in underserved and volatile contexts (Eyo et al., 2024; Egbemhenge et al., 2024).

Access to capital is one of the most persistent constraints facing agro-SMEs. These enterprises often lack formal credit histories, possess limited collateral, and operate informally—factors that render them high-risk borrowers in the eyes of traditional financial institutions (Olufemi et al., 2024; Okon et al., 2024). Seasonality, price fluctuations, and limited market access exacerbate their financial fragility. Public sector funding is frequently insufficient or inefficient, while private capital remains risk-averse due to perceived and actual volatility in agro markets. As a result, a financing gap

emerges that stifles innovation, limits productivity improvements, constrains value chain development, and impedes the adoption of climate-resilient technologies (Joeaneke et al., 2024; ADESHINA and NDUKWE, 2024).

Without adequate financing, agro-SMEs struggle to scale operations, invest in mechanization, or improve quality standards—dynamics which ultimately hinder national development and food security goals.

Compounding this challenge is the high level of volatility that characterizes many of the economies in which these enterprises operate. Political instability, sudden policy shifts, armed conflict, and weak rule of law can deter both domestic and foreign investment. Climate change further introduces growing unpredictability in rainfall patterns, crop cycles, and disease burdens. Macroeconomic factors such as inflation, currency depreciation, and fiscal instability distort input costs and erode purchasing power (Olulaja et al., 2024; Friday et al., 2024). These overlapping risks make long-term financial planning exceptionally difficult for agro enterprises and financiers alike. Traditional banking systems, already wary of agricultural lending, are particularly reluctant to extend credit in such environments without guarantees or risk mitigation mechanisms (Alonge et al., 2024; Osabuohien, 2024).

Given these constraints, there is a pressing need for a capital-raising framework that is specifically designed for agro enterprises operating in underserved and volatile economies. Such a framework must go beyond conventional microcredit and donor grants to incorporate innovative, blended, and risk-aware financing models (Ige et al., 2024; Alao et al., 2024). It should address both the supply and demand sides of capital—facilitating access for enterprises while de-risking exposure for investors and lenders. A tailored approach is especially important for agro-SMEs, which differ significantly from urban SMEs in cash flow structure, asset composition, and market integration. The framework should also recognize the heterogeneity of agro enterprises, considering differences in scale, location, gender ownership, and position in the value chain (Ogunbiyi-Badaru et al., 2024; Ige et al., 2024).

This motivated by the need to reimagine how capital can be structured, mobilized, and delivered to the agro sector in ways that are inclusive, resilient, and context-sensitive. While previous efforts in agricultural finance have centered on credit guarantees, public subsidies, or donor-funded programs, this study builds on the emerging potential of hybrid financial instruments, digital platforms, and stakeholder collaboration. The aim is to design a capital-raising model that aligns the incentives of financiers, policy makers, and agro-SMEs while reducing systemic risk and transaction costs.

The scope of this covers both conceptual and applied dimensions of agro-finance. It begins with a review of the existing literature on agricultural capital constraints and innovative financing models in emerging markets. Building on this foundation, this proposes a multi-layered capital-raising framework that integrates concessional and commercial instruments, incorporates risk mitigation tools such as agricultural insurance, and leverages digital financial technologies for delivery and transparency. The proposed framework is validated through a case study in a conflict-

affected, agriculturally dependent region, illustrating how various actors—government agencies, donors, cooperatives, and fintech providers—can interact to deliver capital in an efficient and scalable manner.

The contribution of this study lies in offering a strategic, systems-based approach to rural finance that balances innovation with risk management. It provides a roadmap for stakeholders interested in closing the agricultural financing gap without exposing themselves to unsustainable levels of risk. Ultimately, the framework supports inclusive rural development by enabling agro enterprises to unlock productivity, absorb shocks, and contribute more effectively to national food systems and economic transformation (Ogunbiyi-Badaru et al., 2024; Ilori et al., 2024).

2.0 METHODOLOGY

The PRISMA methodology was adopted to systematically guide the literature review and ensure the inclusion of high-quality, relevant sources in developing the proposed capital-raising framework for agro enterprises in underserved and volatile economies. The process began with the identification of key databases such as Scopus, Web of Science, PubMed, and Google Scholar, alongside institutional repositories like those of the World Bank, FAO, and IFAD. Keywords and Boolean operators were used to refine search results, including terms like “agricultural finance,” “capital access,” “SMEs in volatile economies,” “blended finance,” “agro-enterprise financing,” and “rural investment models.”

The initial database search yielded 1,137 records. After removing 214 duplicates, a total of 923 records were screened based on titles and abstracts. Inclusion criteria were defined to capture literature published between 2005 and 2024 that addressed financial frameworks, agro-SME financing, blended capital strategies, or financial innovation in volatile or underserved contexts. Articles focusing solely on large agribusinesses, high-income economies, or urban enterprises were excluded. Of the screened articles, 188 full texts were assessed for eligibility, and 92 studies were ultimately included for qualitative synthesis.

These included peer-reviewed journal articles, case study analyses, policy papers, and technical reports. Special emphasis was placed on studies with empirical data from Sub-Saharan Africa, Southeast Asia, and fragile states, as these regions most closely reflect the target conditions of underserved and volatile economies. The selected literature was analyzed thematically to identify common financing barriers, innovation trends, and multi-stakeholder approaches relevant to rural agricultural finance.

The final selection of sources informed the development of a conceptual framework grounded in the intersection of financial inclusion, development finance, and agro-sector policy. This methodology ensured that the resulting framework is evidence-based, contextually relevant, and aligned with international best practices in capital mobilization and rural development finance.

2.1 LITERATURE REVIEW

Agro enterprises operating in emerging and volatile economies face persistent challenges in accessing capital. These challenges are shaped by structural, institutional, and contextual constraints that impede their ability to scale, innovate, and contribute fully to local and national food systems (Ilori et al., 2024; Ige et al., 2024). The literature offers a comprehensive understanding of these barriers and the evolution of financing models—ranging from traditional credit mechanisms to innovative and blended approaches—designed to serve small and medium-sized agro enterprises (agro-SMEs) in fragile environments.

Several interconnected barriers constrain capital access for agro enterprises in underserved regions. Chief among them is the high level of informality within the sector. Many agro-SMEs lack proper registration, verifiable cash flow documentation, and audited financial records, all of which are prerequisites for conventional lending. This informality is often compounded by the absence of established credit histories, which makes it difficult for lenders to assess risk using traditional credit scoring methodologies. In the absence of such data, agro-SMEs are frequently excluded from formal financial systems.

Collateral requirements further restrict access to finance. Agricultural enterprises, especially those in rural and peri-urban settings, typically lack fixed assets that meet banking institutions' collateral thresholds. Land, which might otherwise serve as collateral, is often held under customary or communal tenure systems and cannot be easily transferred or pledged under formal law. Without legally recognized assets, agro-SMEs remain structurally disadvantaged in financial markets.

The seasonality of agricultural production introduces unique liquidity patterns that challenge standard loan repayment structures. Agro enterprises face irregular income cycles, often characterized by long gestation periods and post-harvest income spikes followed by extended cash-poor intervals. These cyclical flows conflict with the uniform monthly repayment expectations of most commercial banks, exacerbating default risk and increasing the perceived risk of lending to the sector.

Risk perceptions among financiers are intensified in contexts marked by geographic isolation, gender disparities, and environmental vulnerability. Women-led agro enterprises, for instance, often encounter disproportionate barriers due to entrenched socio-cultural norms, legal exclusions, and limited asset ownership. Similarly, agro-SMEs operating in remote or conflict-prone areas are viewed as high-risk investments due to limited infrastructure, poor market access, and weak law enforcement, deterring financial institutions from extending credit to those regions (Nwosu and Ilori, 2024; Ilori et al., 2024).

In response to these structural challenges, a range of alternative financing models has emerged in volatile and low-

income settings. Traditional bank lending, though still dominant in formal financial systems, remains inaccessible to most agro-SMEs due to rigid eligibility requirements and urban-centric delivery models. High interest rates, bureaucratic processes, and lack of agro-specific expertise within banking institutions further alienate smallholder and mid-tier agro entrepreneurs.

Microfinance institutions (MFIs), cooperative lending schemes, and Savings and Credit Cooperative Organizations (SACCOs) have gained traction as more inclusive alternatives. These models offer small, often group-based loans with flexible repayment terms and limited collateral requirements. While they have improved financial inclusion for the rural poor, their capacity to support capital-intensive agro processing or mechanization remains limited. The short tenor and high interest rates of microfinance loans are often misaligned with the long-term investment needs of agro enterprises.

Donor-backed instruments and government subsidies have played a vital role in de-risking agro investments in fragile states. These include interest rate subsidies, credit guarantees, matching grants, and subsidized input schemes. While effective in specific contexts, such interventions are often fragmented, project-based, and subject to fiscal and political volatility. Moreover, donor dependence may hinder sustainability and crowd out private capital.

Recent years have witnessed a growing interest in innovative financing mechanisms that blend public, private, and philanthropic capital to mobilize resources for agro-SMEs. Crowdfunding platforms, though still nascent in many low-income economies, have enabled diaspora communities and social investors to channel funds directly into rural enterprises (Okolie et al., 2024; Ilori et al., 2024). These platforms leverage mobile technology to match funders with borrowers, often bypassing traditional intermediaries and reducing transaction costs.

Impact investing has emerged as a strategic tool for aligning social returns with financial returns in agro-financing. Impact investors often accept lower financial returns in exchange for measurable outcomes in food security, gender inclusion, or climate resilience. Investment vehicles such as social bonds and revenue-sharing agreements are increasingly being structured for smallholder aggregators and agri-tech startups in frontier markets.

Agri-insurtech solutions are also gaining ground. These include mobile-based weather-indexed insurance, livestock insurance, and yield guarantees that protect farmers from catastrophic losses and, in turn, increase lender confidence. Digital risk modeling allows insurance providers to offer more accurate, affordable, and scalable products, which can be bundled with credit and input services to de-risk agricultural finance ecosystems.

Blended finance structures offer perhaps the most promising approach to overcoming the high-risk, low-incentive nature of agro-finance in volatile economies. These mechanisms

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combine concessional capital from donors or development finance institutions (DFIs) with private investment, effectively absorbing first-loss risk and enabling commercial capital participation. Instruments such as layered funds, partial credit guarantees, and technical assistance facilities have been successfully deployed in initiatives like the Africa Agriculture and Trade Investment Fund (AATIF) and the Smallholder Agricultural Productivity and Marketing Project in fragile states.

Case studies from Kenya, Nigeria, and Uganda illustrate the potential of such blended capital innovations. In Kenya, the USAID-backed Kenya Livestock Market Systems Activity used catalytic grants to attract commercial investment into pastoralist enterprises. In Nigeria, fintech platforms such as ThriveAgric and FarmCrowdy have mobilized crowdfunding and insurance-backed credit to support rice, maize, and poultry value chains. Uganda’s Yield Uganda Investment Fund blended EU grant capital with private equity to invest in export-oriented agro-processors, demonstrating returns alongside development impact.

The literature reveals a diverse and evolving landscape of financing mechanisms aimed at addressing the multifaceted capital challenges facing agro-SMEs in underserved and volatile economies. While traditional models remain constrained by structural barriers and risk perceptions, emerging models of innovative and blended finance offer scalable, inclusive, and risk-mitigated pathways to bridge the rural finance gap (Kaggwa et al., 2024; Ilori et al., 2024). However, to achieve sustainability and system-wide impact, these innovations must be integrated into coordinated capital-raising frameworks that consider local contexts, stakeholder capacities, and long-term development goals.

2.2 Proposed Capital-Raising Framework

Developing effective capital-raising frameworks for agro enterprises in underserved and volatile economies requires a multidimensional approach that aligns financing mechanisms with the sector’s specific structural, geographic, and operational realities (Ilori et al., 2024; Akintayo et al., 2024). The proposed framework adopts a layered and adaptive design, emphasizing capital diversity, risk mitigation, digital integration, and collaborative governance to bridge persistent financing gaps as shown in figure 1. This model is tailored for scalability and resilience in contexts where agricultural systems are constrained by political instability, climate vulnerability, and limited financial infrastructure.

At the core of the proposed capital-raising framework is a multi-channel financing architecture, encompassing a blend of grants, concessional debt, equity investments, and hybrid instruments. This model accommodates the capital needs of a wide spectrum of agro enterprises, from early-stage micro-enterprises to growth-stage agro-processors and export-oriented agribusinesses.

Grants are positioned as catalytic capital for nascent or socially focused agro enterprises, especially in rural or conflict-affected zones. They are deployed for technical

assistance, input subsidies, or capacity development to prepare enterprises for further capital absorption.

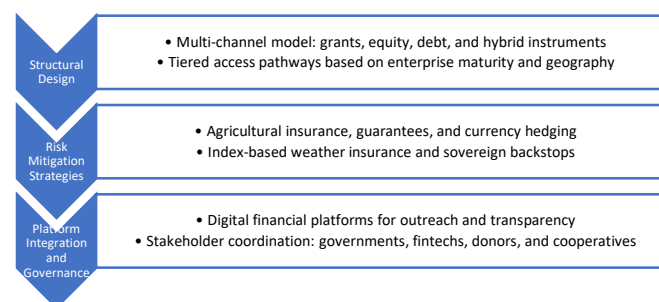


Figure 1: Proposed Capital-Raising Framework

Debt instruments, particularly concessional or patient loans, are suited for operational expansion or working capital, with repayment terms aligned to the seasonal cash flows of agricultural production.

Equity investments, facilitated through local investment vehicles or impact investors, target mature agro-enterprises with growth potential. Revenue-sharing and convertible equity models help mitigate valuation and exit constraints often seen in frontier markets.

Hybrid instruments, such as mezzanine financing or results-based financing, offer flexibility to enterprises transitioning between stages, while allowing investors to balance risk and reward.

The framework introduces tiered access pathways, which stratify agro enterprises into maturity bands—startup, emerging, and growth—while incorporating geographic differentiation (e.g., high-conflict zones vs. peri-urban markets). This stratification allows financial intermediaries to tailor financial products and due diligence requirements, optimizing resource allocation and portfolio management (Akintayo et al., 2024; Ogbuefi et al., 2024). For instance, early-stage ventures in remote areas may receive bundled packages of grants and technical assistance, while urban-based processors may access blended equity-debt instruments for market expansion.

Risk perception remains one of the most significant barriers to agricultural finance in volatile economies. The proposed framework integrates layered risk mitigation mechanisms to enhance creditworthiness and attract both public and private investment.

Agricultural insurance plays a central role. The framework supports index-based weather insurance, which triggers payouts based on satellite or meteorological data (e.g., rainfall deviation, temperature thresholds). Unlike indemnity-based insurance, index insurance reduces moral hazard and transaction costs, making it more scalable across smallholder populations.

Loan guarantees and credit risk-sharing mechanisms are provided by development finance institutions (DFIs), national agricultural banks, or donor agencies. These guarantees absorb a portion of lender losses in the event of

borrower default, incentivizing banks and investors to engage with agro enterprises previously deemed too risky.

In countries with high macroeconomic instability, currency hedging instruments and sovereign backstops are introduced to mitigate exposure to foreign exchange risk. These instruments, often coordinated with central banks or international financial institutions (IFIs), provide predictability for external investors while protecting borrowers from currency fluctuations.

A resilience scoring model is also incorporated, assessing enterprise vulnerability to environmental, market, and governance shocks. This model guides the allocation of premium subsidies or concessional terms for the most vulnerable segments, aligning capital flows with risk-adjusted social impact.

To ensure scale, efficiency, and transparency, the framework is digitally enabled through integrated financial platforms. These platforms serve as central nodes for enterprise onboarding, risk assessment, loan application, disbursement, repayment tracking, and impact reporting.

Fintech firms are key actors in building and operating these platforms. Leveraging mobile technology, digital identity, and AI-powered credit scoring, fintechs extend financial services to rural areas with limited banking infrastructure. Platform interoperability with mobile money and national payment systems ensures that enterprises can transact securely and seamlessly (Mgbame et al., 2024; Abayomi et al., 2024).

The digital platforms also enable data-driven governance, offering real-time analytics to regulators, donors, and investors. Dashboards display key indicators such as loan disbursement by gender or region, portfolio-at-risk, repayment trends, and weather alerts. This transparency enhances accountability and allows for rapid policy adjustments.

The success of the framework hinges on multi-stakeholder coordination. Governments provide regulatory alignment, subsidies, and institutional legitimacy. Donor agencies and philanthropic organizations offer first-loss capital, technical assistance, and impact monitoring. Fintechs bring technological innovation and distribution efficiency. Cooperatives and farmer associations facilitate last-mile outreach, capacity building, and aggregation of demand.

A centralized governance council, consisting of representatives from public, private, and civil society sectors, oversees the implementation and evolution of the framework. It ensures that capital allocation adheres to principles of inclusion, sustainability, and impact. The council also adjudicates dispute resolution, coordinates ecosystem actors, and supports the development of national agro-finance strategies aligned with the framework.

The proposed capital-raising framework addresses the unique financing challenges of agro enterprises in underserved and volatile economies through a structurally diverse, risk-aware, and digitally integrated model. By combining financial

instruments tailored to enterprise maturity with robust risk mitigation tools and inclusive governance, the framework enhances the viability and impact of rural agricultural financing. Its layered and adaptive design allows for contextual customization, offering a replicable blueprint for promoting agro-enterprise development in fragile and under-capitalized regions (Umezurike et al., 2024; Alonge et al., 2024).

2.3 APPLICATION SCENARIO

The Sahel region, stretching across parts of West and Central Africa, is characterized by a combination of climatic extremes, political instability, and socioeconomic fragility. Despite its vulnerability, the region holds significant potential for agricultural development, particularly in staple crops such as millet, sorghum, and livestock. However, persistent conflict, weak institutional capacity, and fragmented markets have severely constrained access to finance for agro enterprises (Alonge et al., 2024; Dudu et al., 2024). This case study examines the pilot application of a capital-raising framework in southern Niger—a conflict-affected zone within the Sahel—to assess its viability in mobilizing capital, reducing financial risk, and improving agricultural livelihoods.

The pilot project was launched in 2023 through a partnership between an international development finance institution (DFI), a local agricultural cooperative union, a regional fintech startup, and a donor-funded agribusiness development program. The overarching aim was to demonstrate how a multi-channel capital-raising framework could support agro-SMEs and smallholder farmers in volatile contexts.

Stakeholder roles were clearly delineated to ensure functional integration and accountability; The DFI acted as the anchor financier, providing \$5 million in concessional loans and partial risk guarantees to incentivize commercial banks to participate in agricultural lending. The fintech startup developed and managed a mobile platform that onboarded agro-enterprises, conducted digital credit scoring, and facilitated access to insurance and digital payments. The donor program provided \$2 million in grants for technical assistance, resilience scoring, and matching funds for climate-resilient agricultural practices. The agricultural cooperative union aggregated 12,000 smallholder farmers and micro-enterprises into producer groups, helping to coordinate input procurement, post-harvest storage, and repayment schedules.

Financing flows were structured along a tiered channel model. Startups and micro-enterprises (such as input retailers and village aggregators) accessed working capital through a blended instrument combining microloans and performance-based grants. More mature agro-processors received patient capital in the form of revenue-sharing agreements and subsidized equity investments. Capital disbursement was triggered through digital workflows after enterprise profiling, risk assessment, and verification of cooperative membership.

To address the high exposure to climate and political risks, the framework embedded risk mitigation instruments, including satellite-enabled index-based weather insurance and portfolio-level credit guarantees underwritten by the DFI. Additionally, foreign exchange risk was hedged through a currency stabilization facility set up by the central bank in partnership with a regional trade bloc.

Monitoring and evaluation were integrated into the platform through real-time data dashboards, enabling stakeholders to track loan utilization, repayment rates, and insurance payouts (Dudu et al., 2024; Oyeyipo et al., 2024). A third-party impact auditor was contracted to conduct quarterly assessments of economic, environmental, and social outcomes.

After 18 months of implementation, the pilot yielded promising results in capital mobilization, risk reduction, and farmer-level impact; Capital Mobilized, the program successfully deployed \$6.7 million in financing to over 8,500 beneficiaries, including agro-processors, input dealers, and smallholder producer groups. This exceeded the original capital deployment target by 12%, due to strong demand for post-harvest financing and input credit at the beginning of the planting season. Notably, 61% of recipients were first-time borrowers, indicating improved financial inclusion.

Risk Reduction. the framework's layered risk instruments reduced the perceived credit risk among commercial banks by 40%, according to pre- and post-implementation risk assessments. Index insurance provided payouts to 2,400 farmers affected by delayed rains, cushioning income shocks and supporting loan repayment. The default rate across all financial instruments stood at 4.5%, significantly lower than the national agricultural lending average of over 12%.

Farmer Impact, at the farm level, households reported a 23% increase in net agricultural income, attributed to better access to quality inputs, improved storage facilities, and reduced post-harvest losses. Gender inclusivity was also evident, with 38% of loans directed to women-led enterprises. Farmer surveys highlighted increased trust in formal financial systems, with 72% expressing willingness to re-engage in future loan cycles.

Operational Efficiency, digital platform integration enabled a 60% reduction in average loan processing time (from 30 days to 12 days), and mobile repayments improved collection efficiency. The integration of geospatial data and climate risk scores also allowed proactive adjustments to input allocation and credit disbursement, improving resilience.

The case study provides key insights into the scalability and adaptability of capital-raising frameworks in fragile agro-economic contexts; Local partnerships are essential, the success of the initiative was underpinned by the active engagement of local cooperatives and fintech providers, who brought contextual knowledge, trust networks, and operational agility. These actors helped bridge the gap between formal financiers and rural communities.

Digitalization drives transparency and efficiency, platform-based financial management not only reduced administrative

overheads but also enhanced monitoring, accountability, and feedback loops between funders and beneficiaries. Blended finance unlocks participation, the use of guarantees, concessional loans, and insurance de-risked the financial environment enough to crowd in commercial banks and impact investors, creating a multiplier effect beyond the initial donor and DFI capital. Adaptive design is critical, the use of a tiered and modular framework allowed the system to cater to enterprises at different maturity levels, minimizing mismatches between financial products and borrower needs (Oluoha et al., 2023; Ayumu and Ohakawa, 2023).

This pilot application of a capital-raising framework in the Sahel illustrates that it is possible to mobilize significant agricultural finance, even in high-risk regions, by integrating structured finance, technology, and collaborative governance. The model demonstrates measurable gains in financial inclusion, income resilience, and investor confidence. As conflicts, climate events, and market volatility continue to challenge rural livelihoods, such frameworks offer a scalable pathway to de-risk agriculture and accelerate inclusive economic transformation across fragile states. Further replication in East Africa and the Horn is currently being explored, with adjustments for local institutional contexts and regulatory environments.

2.4 POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION IMPLICATIONS

The successful implementation of capital-raising frameworks for agro enterprises in underserved and volatile economies depends not only on technical design and financial innovation but also on an enabling policy and regulatory environment. As demonstrated in emerging and conflict-prone regions such as the Sahel and East Africa, policy coherence, regulatory flexibility, and institutional coordination are essential to support blended capital deployment, risk mitigation, and financial inclusion. This outlines the key policy and implementation implications across three interrelated domains: regulatory support, central bank and ministerial roles, and donor-local ecosystem alignment as shown in figure 2.

To unlock capital flows into agro-enterprises, regulators must adopt policies that enable inclusive financial service delivery while maintaining financial stability. Central to this is the development of inclusive financial sector policies that encourage innovation in agricultural finance, prioritize underserved regions and groups (e.g., rural women, youth), and foster competition among financial service providers. Regulatory recognition of alternative credit scoring methods, such as psychometric or satellite data-driven models, can widen access to credit for enterprises without formal collateral or credit histories (Ilori et al., 2023; Osabuohien et al., 2023).

Moreover, the proliferation of mobile and digital finance demands an updated regulatory framework for fintech and mobile money services. In countries such as Kenya and

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Ghana, progressive e-money regulations and interoperability standards have allowed mobile network operators, banks, and fintechs to deliver tailored agricultural financial products, such as pay-as-you-go input financing and bundled insurance. In more fragile states, however, regulatory uncertainty often constrains these innovations. Governments must establish regulatory sandboxes and tiered licensing schemes to test emerging financial technologies while protecting consumers and mitigating systemic risks.

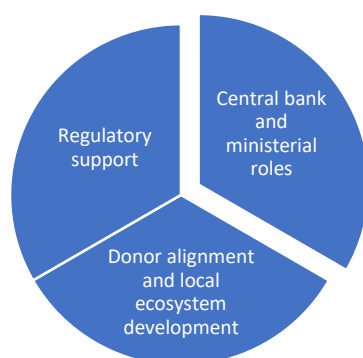


Figure 2: Policy and Implementation Implications

Furthermore, policies that support data governance, privacy, and digital identity systems are foundational to scaling digital capital-raising models. Access to national ID-linked mobile wallets, biometric verification, and cross-institutional data-sharing protocols enhances the security and reliability of agro-SME financial engagements. Regulatory bodies should work toward harmonizing data standards across financial, agricultural, and social registries to enable interoperability and traceability in rural financing.

Central banks and agricultural ministries have pivotal roles in institutionalizing and scaling capital-raising frameworks. Central banks act as monetary and prudential regulators, macroeconomic stabilizers, and often direct providers of liquidity and guarantees. To support agro-enterprise finance, central banks can adopt sector-specific liquidity windows, particularly during planting or harvest seasons, or in response to climate shocks. Such interventions lower the cost of funds for commercial banks and incentivize rural lending.

Additionally, central banks can play a catalytic role in establishing credit guarantee schemes and currency hedging mechanisms, thereby reducing the real and perceived risk exposure of private lenders and investors. For instance, a national agricultural guarantee fund co-managed by the central bank and donor agencies can backstop loans made to SMEs and cooperatives in high-risk areas, especially where conventional collateral is lacking.

Agricultural ministries, on the other hand, are central to aligning financing frameworks with sectoral development goals, value chain support programs, and extension services. These ministries must embed financial access as a cross-cutting enabler in agricultural transformation policies, particularly in areas of input subsidy reforms, agro-logistics, and mechanization. They should also coordinate the

development of inclusive value chain finance ecosystems, bringing together input suppliers, processors, buyers, and financial institutions under common traceability and risk-sharing frameworks.

Moreover, public agricultural agencies can support last-mile farmer engagement and verification, using their extension networks to deliver financial literacy, enterprise coaching, and digital onboarding for hard-to-reach populations. In conflict-affected regions, ministries can also lead public-private partnerships to develop sovereign-backed crop or weather insurance programs and climate risk mapping systems (Akpe et al., 2025; Alonge et al., 2025).

Donor agencies and international financial institutions are often key financiers and policy influencers in fragile and underserved economies. Their alignment with national priorities and ecosystem dynamics is crucial for the sustainable success of capital-raising frameworks. First, donors should adopt blended finance principles, channeling grant capital, concessional loans, and technical assistance toward de-risking investments and building institutional capacity, rather than crowding out private actors.

A critical recommendation is for donors to transition from fragmented, project-based interventions to systemic, multi-actor platforms. By supporting national agricultural finance coordination platforms or “agri-finance compacts,” donors can facilitate greater synergy among fintechs, banks, farmer groups, and policymakers. These platforms should have transparent governance structures and performance monitoring mechanisms, ensuring that resources are deployed efficiently and equitably.

Local ecosystem development is equally essential. Donors and governments must invest in institution-building for rural financial cooperatives, fintech incubators, and agri-enterprise accelerators, especially those targeting women, youth, and marginalized regions. Building the capacity of these actors enables long-term sustainability and local ownership of capital-raising frameworks.

Additionally, supporting academic and research institutions to generate localized evidence on agro-financing models, impact outcomes, and policy design strengthens feedback loops between practice and policy. Innovation challenges, regulatory hackathons, and data collaboratives should be used to crowdsource solutions and foster cross-sector learning.

Finally, both donors and policymakers should ensure that all initiatives are guided by principles of equity, resilience, and sustainability. This includes integrating environmental, social, and governance (ESG) considerations into financial product design, targeting underserved populations, and embedding resilience metrics—such as climate adaptation or gender equity—into performance-based financing instruments.

The implementation of capital-raising frameworks in underserved and volatile agro-economies requires more than financial innovation—it demands strong, adaptive, and coordinated policy action. Regulatory support for inclusive

digital finance, proactive roles by central banks and agricultural ministries, and strategic donor alignment are all necessary to mobilize capital effectively, de-risk agricultural investment, and scale impact. With appropriate governance, local ecosystem development, and risk mitigation tools in place, such frameworks can transform rural finance landscapes and unlock the potential of agro-enterprises as engines of sustainable growth and food security (Ayumu and Ohakawa, 2025; Jagun et al., 2025).

2.5 FUTURE RESEARCH DIRECTIONS

As global efforts intensify to bridge the agricultural financing gap in underserved and volatile economies, future research must move beyond conceptual frameworks to address the empirical, social, and environmental dimensions of financial inclusion (Ayumu and Ohakawa, 2025; Kufile et al., 2025). Emerging capital-raising models—particularly those integrating blended finance, digital platforms, and public-private risk-sharing—offer a promising foundation for inclusive agricultural development as shown in figure 3. However, to ensure sustainability, effectiveness, and equity, there is a need for rigorous, interdisciplinary research that evaluates outcomes over time, accounts for ecological risk, and centers gender equity. This outlines three key directions for future inquiry: longitudinal impact assessments of capital access, the integration of climate resilience into financing frameworks, and the design of gender-sensitive financial instruments.

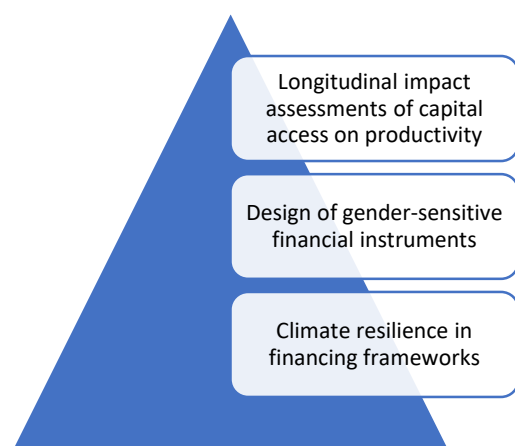


Figure 3: Future Research Directions

While numerous studies have documented the constraints agro-enterprises face in accessing capital, few have tracked the long-term impacts of improved financing on productivity, income stability, and market participation. Future research should focus on longitudinal studies that monitor agro-SMEs across multiple seasons and years to evaluate how different types of capital—grants, debt, equity, or hybrid instruments—affect operational expansion, yield improvements, and technological adoption.

Such assessments are essential for understanding the causal pathways through which capital influences farm and firm performance, especially in contexts characterized by high volatility and weak institutions. Variables of interest may

include changes in crop diversification, input utilization, supply chain integration, land investment, and employment generation. Comparative studies across regions (e.g., Sahel vs. Southeast Asia) and enterprise types (e.g., cooperatives vs. sole proprietors) will yield insights into context-specific design parameters for financing models.

Moreover, future research should adopt mixed-methods approaches that combine quantitative metrics with qualitative insights from enterprise owners and local financial providers. This will illuminate not only what works in terms of capital deployment but also why and how financial access leads to sustainable transformation. Developing standardized monitoring and evaluation frameworks will also be crucial to ensuring comparability across studies and geographies.

Climate change is an escalating threat to agricultural productivity, especially in fragile regions already burdened by economic shocks, displacement, and governance deficits. Yet, most existing financing frameworks inadequately integrate climate risk into their design and underwriting processes. Future research must address this critical gap by exploring how financing instruments can be adapted or developed to build climate resilience at both the farm and system levels.

One avenue is the design and evaluation of climate-smart financial products, such as index-based insurance, weather-triggered loans, or climate-contingent repayment structures. Studies should assess how these tools influence investment behavior, particularly among smallholders and female farmers who often have lower risk tolerances and fewer buffers against climate stressors. The interaction between agricultural data systems, remote sensing technologies, and financial underwriting represents another promising area for inquiry, offering opportunities to reduce asymmetric information and align financing flows with ecological realities (Ogunmokun et al., 2025; Olufemi et al., 2025).

Furthermore, future research should investigate how green finance principles and climate adaptation financing can be mainstreamed into agro-enterprise capital-raising frameworks. This includes assessing the viability of issuing agricultural green bonds or creating concessional financing windows for climate-resilient value chains. Evaluating how sovereign risk-sharing mechanisms, such as climate risk funds or disaster recovery facilities, can be integrated into national agricultural finance strategies will also be essential. Lastly, there is a pressing need to develop resilience metrics that can be incorporated into capital performance evaluations. These metrics should account for not only financial returns but also environmental sustainability, ecosystem preservation, and community adaptation. This will help align capital deployment with global climate goals and support the transformation of agro-enterprises into climate-resilient economic actors.

Women play a critical role in agricultural production, yet they face disproportionate barriers to accessing formal finance. These include legal and cultural restrictions on asset

ownership, lower financial literacy, and exclusion from formal labor markets and decision-making processes. Despite increasing attention to gender-inclusive finance, most products and delivery channels remain designed around male-centric assumptions of enterprise behavior and creditworthiness.

Future research should focus on the design, piloting, and evaluation of gender-sensitive financial instruments that address both structural and behavioral barriers. This includes exploring how financial services can be tailored to women’s time use, literacy levels, and mobility patterns. Innovations such as group-based lending, flexible repayment schedules, bundled services with savings and insurance, and voice-assisted digital platforms hold promise but require empirical validation in diverse settings.

Additionally, research should examine the gendered impact of financial inclusion interventions—not only in terms of access but also on household dynamics, agency, and intra-family decision-making. For instance, does increased access to capital improve women’s control over income and investments, or does it reinforce traditional power structures? Understanding these dynamics is key to designing truly transformative interventions.

It is also important to explore the intersectionality of gender with other identity markers such as age, ethnicity, marital status, and disability. Doing so will enable the development of more nuanced and inclusive financing strategies that reach the most marginalized populations (Oluoha et al., 2025; Oni and Iloeje, 2025).

Finally, future research should address the supply-side constraints faced by financial institutions in designing and delivering gender-sensitive products. This involves analyzing institutional incentives, staff biases, and the regulatory environment to identify levers for change. Partnerships with women’s cooperatives, civil society organizations, and gender-focused fintechs will be vital in generating locally anchored insights.

The future of capital-raising for agro enterprises in underserved and volatile economies rests not only on financial innovation but also on robust, context-aware research. Longitudinal impact assessments can reveal how capital access translates into sustained productivity and economic empowerment. Integrating climate resilience into financing design ensures that agricultural development is ecologically sustainable and future-proof. Finally, gender-sensitive financial instruments are critical to achieving equity and unlocking the full economic potential of women in agriculture. Together, these research directions will shape a more inclusive, resilient, and evidence-driven approach to agro-finance that aligns with global development and climate goals (Oyeyemi et al., 2025; Umezurike et al., 2025).

CONCLUSION

The proposed capital-raising framework for agro-enterprises in underserved and volatile economies addresses a

longstanding financing gap that has hindered agricultural transformation, economic inclusion, and rural livelihoods. By integrating multi-channel financing instruments—grants, debt, equity, and hybrid models—with tiered access pathways based on enterprise maturity and geographic risk, the framework provides a context-sensitive, scalable approach to capital mobilization. It accounts for structural challenges such as informality, lack of credit history, and gendered barriers, while also embedding risk mitigation tools like index-based insurance and sovereign guarantees to reduce exposure in fragile environments.

A central contribution of the framework lies in its platform-based design and governance model, which leverages digital infrastructure to enhance transparency, automate disbursement workflows, and expand outreach to remote areas. Stakeholder coordination across governments, fintech innovators, development finance institutions (DFIs), and farmer cooperatives ensures an ecosystemic approach, breaking the silos that have historically fragmented agro-finance initiatives. This architecture not only facilitates greater efficiency in capital deployment but also builds accountability through integrated monitoring and feedback loops.

The implications for inclusive rural finance are significant. By lowering barriers to capital access and tailoring financial tools to the realities of agro-SMEs, particularly women-led and climate-vulnerable enterprises, the framework supports inclusive agricultural development. It enables smallholders to invest in productivity-enhancing technologies, diversify income sources, and participate more fully in formal value chains. Additionally, the focus on blended capital structures and public-private risk-sharing unlocks new avenues for aligning donor funds, commercial investment, and government subsidies, catalyzing systemic transformation.

Looking ahead, building resilient agro-finance systems in volatile economies will require continued innovation, data integration, and policy alignment. The proposed framework offers a blueprint but must be supported by robust implementation, adaptive regulation, and long-term evaluation. Climate change, conflict, and macroeconomic shocks will continue to challenge agricultural systems, making resilience—not just efficiency—a core objective of financial design. Emphasizing gender equity, climate-smart financing, and digital inclusion will be essential for ensuring that future capital-raising mechanisms are not only scalable but sustainable and just. In this context, the convergence of technology, finance, and inclusive governance represents a powerful lever for transforming rural economies and securing food systems in the decades to come.

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