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Monitoring, evaluation, learning and impact assessment and scaling preparedness and action (MELIA&SPA): A process-based framework

One-CGIAR Initiative: Rethinking Food Markets and VCs for Inclusion and Sustainability

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Abstract

Focusing on bundling innovations to co-develop scalable bundles, the Rethinking Food Markets and VCs for Inclusion and Sustainability Initiative develops and applies its monitoring, evaluation, learning and impact assessment, and scaling preparedness and action (MELIA&SPA) framework from a process-based perspective. This MELIA&SPA framework aims to co-developing the scaling preparedness to enhance the scalability of the bundle, and to build market actors' and relevant stakeholders' ability to adopt innovation bundles and accelerate the scaling while responding effectively to changes and trade-offs coming. To achieve these, the MELIA (monitoring, evaluation, learning, and impact assessment) emphasizes ensuring the initiative's impacts on malnutrition reduction, food safety, income and job, small producers' livelihood, social and gender inclusion, GHG emissions, climate adaptation, and sustainable land and water resources. The SPA (scaling preparedness and actions) enhances the scalability and accelerate the scale of the innovation bundles developed by the Work packages (WPs). The SPA contains exploring intervention and scaling context and options for the piloted innovation bundles, co-designing the piloted innovation bundles with and for the value chain actors, and codeveloping the scaling preparedness and strategies to build the ability for market actors and relevant stakeholders to adopt and accelerate the investment in scalable innovation bundles.

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1. Approach

The initiative prioritizes the development of possibly ten innovation bundles and their scaling preparedness. These innovation bundles form four types of core innovation: 1) inclusive business and vertical coordination models; 2) product quality upgrading and standard certification; 3) digital innovations in logistics and financing services; and 4) global knowledge management.

Depending on the context, combinations of these socio-technological-financial-institutional innovations will be bundled with necessary policy support measures to trigger processes of change in the ways of production and doing businesses, the structure of and the relationship among the actors and stakeholders inside food markets, value chains, and enabling environments across scales. Target user groups of these innovation bundles include, but are not limited to, agri-businesses, logistic service providers, producer associations, food market actors, and policymakers and governments.

The focus on innovation bundles recognizes that multiple innovations of socio-technological-financial-institutional nature may be needed to achieve meaningful impact. It also highlights that not all innovation bundles are scalable. The scalability of a specific bundle is measured by the bundle's ability to adapt to the contexts in which it is scaled and respond to changes during the scaling process as well as anticipated performance, impact, and trade-offs when going to scale. Identifying a scalable innovation bundle is measuring its scalability and involving processes to profile the innovation bundles, assess its adaptability to a wide range of diverse contexts and responsiveness to the changes, and reflect its impact at scale. Measuring the scalability of an 'innovation bundle' relates to the costs and benefits of the bundle for different actors along the value chain. Risk is also an issue. There might also be political economy issues at play i.e., some might 'win' more than others in the chain. Long-term access to services and inputs is another issue that will determine if the innovation bundle is 'scalable'.

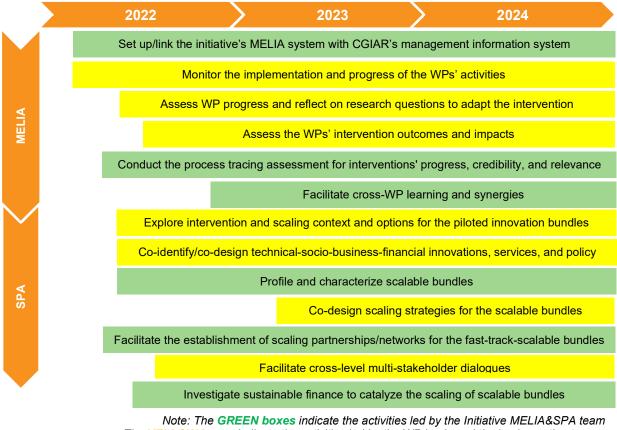
Therefore, scaling preparedness is a set of actions to design an innovation bundle such that it can be applied at scale, to enhance the scalability of the bundle, and to build market actors' and relevant stakeholders' ability to adopt innovation bundles and accelerate the scaling while responding effectively to changes and trade-offs coming along the way. These actions fall into three key areas (1) co-designing/co-identifying the innovation bundles; (2) co-developing the scaling

preparedness; and (3) accelerating the scaling actions at the Initiative and system/scale levels (Section 2.2). By developing and putting in place foundations and mechanisms which allow the market actors' and stakeholders' engagement and ownership of the innovation bundles, scaling preparedness can make a major difference in designing and uptaking the innovation bundles, accelerating the scaling, and achieving the impact at scale.

The development of the innovation bundle and its scaling preparedness form scaling networks along the process of testing/piloting/developing/scaling the innovation bundles (or interventions). A scaling network is the set of value chain actors and service providers that are needed for the update of the innovation bundles over time. The **science and scaling** in this initiative are therefore integrated, one informs and reinforces each other along the change process, to transform the ways and the behaviors in that people interact with policies, services, markets, organizations, and systems. Such science and scaling envisage the smallholders' and SMEs' responsive adoption of scalable bundles of inclusive businesses, vertical coordination models, product quality upgrading, and standard certification (WP1 & WP2); Service providers' inclusive applications of digital platforms for logistics and finance (WP3); And the stakeholders' use of KISM evidence to assess the potential for and trade-offs associated with bringing innovations to scale (WP4).

2. MELIA&SPA framework

In this initiative, MELIA&SPA has two key interconnected components: (1) Monitoring, evaluation, and learning, and (2) Scaling preparedness and action (**Figure 1**).



The <u>YELLOW</u> boxes indicate the activities led by the WP leads and the implementing teams. Figure 1. Overview of MELIA&SPA framework: process, components, and activities

Monitoring, evaluation, learning, and impact assessment

Monitoring, evaluation, and learning (MELIA) aim to ensure the initiative's impacts on malnutrition reduction, food safety, income and job, small producers' livelihood, social and gender inclusion, GHG emissions, climate adaptation, and sustainable land and water resources. First, MELIA includes regularly monitoring the implementation and progress of the WPs' activities toward the outputs and outcomes. This will be led by WP teams through implementing MELIA-related activities such as:

- Set up/link the initiative's MELIA system with CGIAR's management information system;
- Monitor the implementation and progress of the WPs' activities;
- Assess WP progress and reflect on research questions to adapt the intervention (process); and
- Assess the WPs' intervention outcomes and impacts.

Second, MELIA includes evaluating WP's intervention processes to assess its initiative's progress, credibility, and relevance as well as enhance the learning and synergies across four WPs. Leading by the Initiative's MELIA focal point, in collaboration with the management team and WP lead, this implements activities in relation to the intervention process assessment and cross-WP learning:

- Conduct the process tracing assessment to assess WP interventions' progress, credibility, and relevance;
- Carry out Causal Impact Assessment Learning (MELIA) along the intervention process to identify uptake and average or potential impact of the piloted innovation bundles. The Causal Impact Assessment Learning will consider the impacts statements and research questions implied for each piloted innovation package in the reflection with WP impact; and
- Facilitate cross-WP learning and scaling synergies (e.g., build the adaptive and scaling capacities of demand, innovation, and scaling partners; Reflect WP interventions and research and learning questions and needs to adapt the ToC; Identify scaling synergies such as common actors and stakeholders, financing ecosystem and opportunities for scaling, and lever-aging intervention areas; And engage broad system-level actors and stakeholders in cross-WP intervention processes).

Scaling preparedness and action

Scaling preparedness and action (SPA) aim to enhance the scalability and accelerate the scale of the innovation bundles developed by the Initiative (Figure 2). First, SPA contains **co-design-ing/co-developing the innovation bundles** to enhance the bundles' relevance and scalability. Leading by each WP lead and team, this includes:

- explore intervention and scaling context and options for the piloted innovation bundles (e.g., design and carry out the scoping study; assess the selected value chain actors' needs and ambitions; analyze socio-economic, cultural, and institutional contexts in which the selected value chain operates; and identify the promising innovations, solutions, and interventions that can address the needs and ambitions of the chain actors); and
- co-identify and co-design technical-socio-business-financial innovation, service, and policy bundles in the interventions (e.g., bundle the existing innovations, solutions, and practices that fit the context and work for the needs of actors; identify the potential demand, innovation, and scaling partners as well as their roles and available resources to contribute to the intervention partnerships; Establish the intervention partnerships; And engage broad system-level actors and stakeholders in the intervention and learning processes).

Second, SPA includes **co-developing the scaling preparedness** to build the ability for market actors and relevant stakeholders to adopt and accelerate the investment in scalable innovation bundles. Leading by the Initiative' MELIA&SPA team, and in collaboration with the WP leads and implementing teams, activities in the co-developing the scaling preparedness include:

- profile and characterize scalable bundles (e.g., profile the tested innovation bundles; Analyze the scalability of the tested innovation bundles; And identify the scalable bundles);
- co-design scaling strategies considering the trade-offs for the scalable bundles (e.g., identify the scope of scaling the scalable bundles; assess key factors and conditions that determine the cost-effectiveness and trade-offs of the scalable bundles when going to scale; identify the possible scaling pathways); and

Third, SPA focused on **accelerating the scaling actions** at the Initiative and system/scale levels. Leading by the Initiative's management and team MELIA&SPA, activities in **accelerating the scaling actions** include:

- facilitate the establishment of scaling partnerships and networks for the fast-track-scalable bundles;
- facilitate cross-level multi-stakeholder dialogues to enhance the system learning and collaboration to enable the scaling; and
- investigate sustainable finance to catalyze the scaling of scalable bundles.

In MELIA&SPA, several activities require active engagement from actors and multi-stakeholders who are partnering and benefiting from piloting WPs' testing/piloting/developing/scaling the innovation bundles. Implementing these activities is, therefore, significantly benefited from the '**co-design/co-identify' processes** to develop various instruments/tools to be used when implementing the MELIA&SPA framework, involving the initiative's implementing team together with WP's partners and relevant actors and multi-stakeholders. Specifically, these processes are carried out at two levels: Work Package and Initiative. At the Work Package, the co-design/co-identify processes are led by the WP leader, involving the WP implementing team and partners and relevant stakeholders to develop and/or validate the WP monitoring and evaluation tools/guides necessary to carry out activities in the MELIA&SPA team, involving all WP leaders and to a certain extent implementing teams and partners to develop necessary tools/guides/profiles to carry out activities in the SPA Component.

Throughout the intervention processes, **interactive learning** is critical to ensure cross-WP learning and develop scaling preparedness and actions. Interactive learning emphasizes *active stakeholder engagement* in the intervention processes to enhance the relevance and credibility of the innovation bundles as well as to enable the stakeholders' buy-in and ownership of the scalable bundles. The stakeholder engagement can be organized through participatory scoping study, innovation bundle co-designing workshop, stakeholder consultation workshop, learning events, regular reflection and evaluation events organized by the WP team, and multi-stakeholder dialogues at the Initiative level. Such engagement will eventually build the scaling networks and capacity to accelerate the scaling of scalable bundles at a larger scale.

Furthermore, interactive learning focuses on reflection on the intervention processes to respond to contextual changes, adapting the theory of change (ToC) when and where necessary. The reflection can be organized at the WP and the Initiative level. At the WP level, the WP team regularly monitors the activities' implementation and progress towards outputs and outcomes to

inform and consult partners and stakeholders on whether the project and WP level ToCs must be adapted; assesses WP progress and reflects research questions to inform adaption of the ToC and intervention if needed; and assesses the WPs' intervention outcomes and impacts and uses findings of rigorous impact assessments to inform the development of scaling preparedness. At the Initiative level, scenario analyses can be carried out to simulate the broader market and food-sector-wide outcomes of scaled innovations and how policy support can reinforce the targeted impacts. The initiative will coordinate closely with other CGIAR Initiatives to leverage learning and scaling.

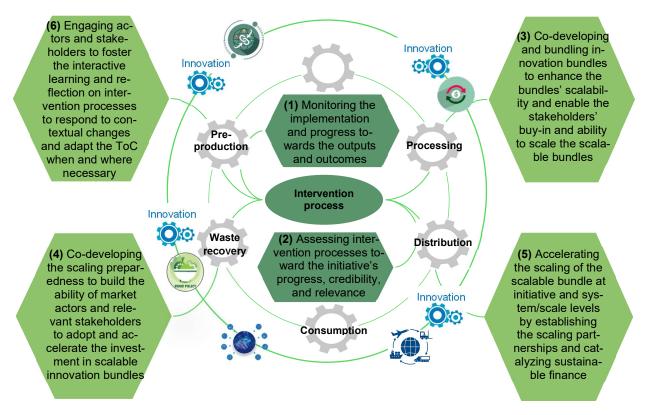


Figure 2. Scaling preparedness and action (SPA)

3. Operationalization of MELIA&SPA framework

The implementation plan and deliverables are presented in Table 1. The MELIA&SPA team includes six members, each one is responsible for certain roles in the MELIA&SPA framework. The team members and their roles are presented in Table 2.

	Activity/ milestone	y/milestone Deliverables/Milestones Responsible Co-imple- 2022				2022				2023			2024			
	Activity/ innestone	Denverables/innestones	Responsible	mentor	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
1	COMPONENT 1. MELIA															
1.1	Monitoring the WPs' o	utputs, outcomes, and indicators														
1.1.1	Set up/link the MELIA system with CGIAR's	MELIA's activities and workplan finalized	MELIA&SPA team	WP teams												
1.1.1	management infor- mation system	Data collection and reporting system setup	MELIA&SPA team	WP leads												
	Manitan that incude	Annual Workplan developed	WP teams													
1.1.2	Monitor the imple- mentation of the WPs' activities	Data regularly collected and reported once per year	WP teams													
	Wr 5 delivities	Annual report submitted	WP teams													
	Assess WP progress and reflect on re- search questions to adapt the interven- tion (process) if needed	Progress observed and shared in the man- agement team meeting	WP leads													
1.1.3		WP progress and TOC assessed, reflected, and updated	WP leads													
		Intervention process and activities adjusted (if needed)	WP teams													
		Baseline survey designed	WP teams													
	Assess the WPs' in-	Baseline survey conducted	WP teams													
1.1.4	tervention outcomes and impacts	Endline survey conducted	WP teams													
		End of Initiative (EoI) outcomes and impacts evaluated	MELIA and the management team	External con- sultant												
1.2	Evaluating WP's interv	ention processes to assess its progress, credib	ility, and relevance													
	Conduct the process	Process tracing evaluation/Causal Impact Assessment Learning designed	External consultant and MELIA&SPA	WP teams												
	tracing assessment/ Causal Impact Assess- ment Learning to as- sess WP interven- tions' progress, credi- bility, and relevance as well as the poten- tial uptake and im- pact	Ongoing process tracing assessment/Causal Impact Assessment Learning carried out along the WP intervention process	MELIA&SPA team	WP teams												
1.2.1		Analyzed Causal Impact Assessment Learn- ing to identify the uptake and potential im- pact of the piloted innovation bundles	MELIA&SPA team	WP teams												
		Independent review of WP progress, credi- bility, and relevance organized	External consultant and MELIA&SPA	WP teams												

Table 1. MELIA&SPA implementation plan, deliverables/milestones, and timeline

			D	Co-imple-		20)22		2023				2024			
	Activity/ milestone	Deliverables/Milestones	Responsible	I : H	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
		Cross-WP interactive learning plan co-de- signed and updated throughout	MELIA&SPA and WP teams	WP teams												
1.2.3	Facilitate cross-WP learning and synergy	Regular cross-learning events organized and facilitated	MELIA&SPA team	WP teams												
	creation	Scaling synergies identified and enabled along the scaling preparedness develop- ment process														
2	COMPONENT 2. SCALI	NG PREPAREDNESS AND SPA														
2.1	Co-designing/co-devel	oping the innovation bundles to enhance the	bundles' relevance an	d scalability												
		The scoping study designed and conducted	WP teams	MELIA&SPA team												
	Explore intervention and scaling context	Value chain actors' needs, and ambitions assessed	WP teams	MELIA&SPA team												
2.1.1		Socio-economic, cultural, and institutional contexts analyzed	WP teams	MELIA&SPA team												
		The promising innovations, solutions, and interventions identified	WP teams	MELIA&SPA team												
	Co-identify and co- design technical-so- cio-business-financial innovation, service, and policy bundles in the interventions	Innovations and the existing solutions, ser- vices, and practices bundled along the in- tervention process	WP teams	MELIA&SPA team												
2.1.2		Potential demand, innovation, and scaling partners identified	WP teams	MELIA&SPA team												
		Intervention partnerships established	WP teams	MELIA&SPA team												
		Broad system-level actors and stakeholders engaged in the intervention process	WP teams	MELIA&SPA team												
2.2	Co-developing the scal	ing preparedness														
		Innovation bundle profile template de- signed	MELIA&SPA team	WP teams												
	Profile and character- ize scalable bundles	10 tested innovation bundles profiled	MELIA&SPA team	WP teams												
2.2.1	and options for the piloted innovation	The scalability of each piloted bundle ana- lyzed	MELIA&SPA team	WP teams												
	bundles	XXX scalable bundles identified and charac- terized	MELIA&SPA team	WP teams												

	Activity/ milestone	Deliverables/Milestones	Responsible	-	2022				2023				2024			
	Activity/ milestone	Denverables/innestones	Responsible		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
		Scope of scaling the scalable bundles iden- tified	WP teams	MELIA&SPA team												
2.2.2	Co-design scaling strategies for the	Scaling key factors and conditions assessed	WP teams	MELIA&SPA team												
	scalable bundles	Possible scaling pathways identified for XXX scalable bundles	WP teams	MELIA&SPA team												
2.3	Accelerating the scaling	g actions at the Initiative and system/scale lev	rels													
	Facilitate the estab- lishment of scaling partnerships and net- works for the fast- track-scalable bun- dles	XXX fast-track scalable bundles identified	MELIA&SPA teams	WP teams												
2.2.1		Scaling pathway(s) identified for each fast- track scalable bundle	MELIA&SPA and WP teams													
		XXX scaling partnership(s) established and built upon the intervention ones	MELIA&SPA and WP teams													
	Facilitate cross-level multi-stakeholder di- alogues	01 multi-stakeholder platform landscape analyzed cross-level	WP4	MELIA&SPA and WP teams												
2.2.2		01 cross-level multi-stakeholder dialogues for inclusive market and value chains estab- lished and facilitated	WP4	MELIA&SPA and WP teams												
	Investigate sustaina-	XXX financing ecosystem(s) analyzed in the country where scalable bundles are located	MELIA&SPA	WP teams												
2.2.3	ble finance to cata- lyze the scaling of scalable bundles	Potential financing sources and investors identified	MELIA&SPA	WP teams												
	scalable bundles	Financing demand and supply matching an- alyzed and activated for scaling	MELIA&SPA and WP teams													

No.	Name	Roles	Main tasks (2022-2024)
1	Thai Thi Minh (IWMI)	 Lead, guide, and support the MELIA&SPA team to implement the MELIA&SPA framework Conceptualize the scaling preparedness and acceleration Lead the facilitation of scaling partnership establishment for fast-track scalable bundles 	 Lead and guide the MELIA&SPA team to implement activities in the work plan Setup data collection and reporting system with guidance from the system office Support the co-design/co-develop of the innovation bundles Coordinate the design of the process tracing evaluation/Causal Impact Assessment Learning (led by the external consultant) Design innovation bundle profile template Lead the analysis of innovation bundles' scalability
2	Petra Schmitter	 Lead and implement the WP's intervention processes to assess its progress, credibility, and relevance Lead and coordinate the accelerating the scaling actions at the Initiative and sys- tem/scale levels 	 Contribute to the design of the innovation bundle profile template Contribute to the design of the process tracing evaluation/Causal Impact Assessment Learning Carry out the ongoing process tracing assessment/Causal Impact Assessment Learning along the WP intervention process Co-design cross-WP interactive learning with WP teams Organize cross-learning events Facilitate the co-development of scaling strategies and actions
3	Mirja Michalscheck, Postdoc (IWMI)	Lead the co-developing of the scaling preparedness	 Design innovation bundle profile template Lead the data collection to profile the piloted innovation bundles Analyze the piloted innovation bundles' scalability Facilitate the identification of scalable bundles
4	Abena Ofosu, research of- ficer (IWMI Ghana)	Collect data and analyze (quantitative) data to pro- file and characterize 5 pi- loted innovation bundles	 Collect data to profile the piloted innovation bundles Support analysis of the innovation bundles' scalability
5	Dagmawi Melaku, Re- search officer – (IWMI Ethio- pia)	Collect data and analyze (quantitative) data to pro- file and characterize 5 pi- loted innovation bundles	 Collect data to profile the piloted innovation bundles Support analysis of the innovation bundles' scalability
6	External con- sultant - TBI	Design and carry out the process tracing evalua- tion/Causal Impact As- sessment Learning	 Design the process tracing evaluation/Causal Impact Assessment Learning

Table 2. Staffing for MELIA&SPA implementation

The implementation of the MELIA&SPA framework will involve the operational budget including travel costs, IT support and facilities, workshops and conferences, and other supplies and services.

Milestones	Activities	Timeline	Remark	Link to WPs' out- puts and out- comes	Link to the initia- tive's deliverables
COMPONENT	1. MONITORING, EVALUATION, AND LEARNING				
	 Update outcomes/outputs/indicators Co-design and refine data collection and reporting meth- ods to monitor the progress of activity and outcome 	Page 48-51, proposal	- WP's outputs and		
Monitor WP outcomes, outputs, and	- Direct observation of WP activities - Annual reporting of WP activities	(Semi-) an- nual	Page 48-51, proposal	outcomes (Table 6.1, pages 48 –	- Deliverables 2, 5, 8 of WP 1, and 2 and
indicators	 Co-design the MEL plan Assess and reflect on WP progress and TOC (MEL) 	Annual	Page 52, pro- posal	51) - End of initiative	3 respectively (Ta- ble 7.2, page 57)
	 Assess WP outcomes Evaluate End of Initiative (EoI) outcomes and impacts 	Baseline/ endline (2022/2024)	Page 51-52, proposal	outcomes (Table 6.1, pages 51 - 52)	- Deliverables 16 and 17 (Table 7.2)
Process evaluation	 Independent review of the initiative's progress, credibility, relevance, and scaling potential 	2024	Page 53, pro- posal	,	
COMPONENT	2. SCALING PREPAREDNESS				
Profile of pi- loted inno- vation bun- dles (Creat- ing inputs to identify scal- able innova- tion bun-	Co-design and refine the profile of the piloted innovation bundles, including core and complementary innovation, profitability, context specifications, user groups, actors in and functions of the scaling ecosystem, scale and poten- tial impact at scale, resources and capacity needed, sus- tainable financing and (private sector) investment for inno- vation uptake, conditions needed for the uptake, influenc- ing factors in the enabling environment, time dimensional in the bundling process, etc.	2022 for pro- file outline; Ongoing as- sessment and impact assessment by 2024		 WP's outcomes (Table 6.1, pages 48 – 51) End of initiative outputs (Table 6.1, page 51) 	- Deliverable 13 (Ta- ble 7.2, page 57)
dles)	Develop/prepare the profile of innovation bundles along the intervention process	Ongoing			
Profile of scalable in-	Design Causal Impact Assessment Learning (MELIA) to identify uptake and average or potential impact of the pi- loted innovation bundles. The design will consider the im- pacts statements and research questions implied for each piloted innovation package in the reflection with WP im- pact	2022	- Page 53-54, and 40-45, pro-	- WP's outcomes (Table 6.1, pages 48 - 51) - End of initiative	 Deliverables 5 and 14 (Table 7.2, page 57) Deliverables 3, 6, 9 of WP 1, 2, and 3
novation bundles	Update and adapt the Causal Impact Assessment along the intervention process	Ongoing	posal	outputs and out- comes (Table 6.1,	respectively (Table 7.2)
	Carry out the Causal Impact Assessment along the pro- cess of piloting/testing/developing innovation bundles (in- tervention process)	Ongoing		page 51)	-Deliverable 14 (Table 7.2)

Annex 1. Linkages between the MELIA&SPA framework and the Initiative proposal.

COMPONENT	 Assess and identify the scalable bundles by assessing the scalability using the indicators: Tested and validated roles of the innovation bundles indented to play in the certain context/society Maturity and scalability of the bundle Actual use in the specific context Desirable scale to scale Interest and demand from user groups in the broader contexts (or the possible scale) Possibility to adapt to new contexts within the desirable scale, both for core and complementary innovations in the bundle Potential profitability and impact at scale Conditions (including social, technological, and institutional) needed for the scaling and impact at scale Trade-off of the scaling Resource availability (including human resources) Others (coming along with the process) 	2024			
COMPONEN	SCALING ACTION Develop a scaling strategy for the scalable innovation bun-				
Scaling strategy de- velopment for scalable innovation bundles	 dles: Anticipated scope of the scaling? Trade-offs when reaching the impact at scale and alternatives of scope and (optimal) impacts Possible scaling pathways (e.g., partnership) and corresponding activities in the scaling contexts Actors and their roles Needed and available recourse for the pathways, additional resources to be mobilized Others (Coming along with the process) Validate the feasibility and acceptability of the scaling 	Mid 2024 End 2024		- End of initiative outputs and out- comes (Table 6.1, page 51)	- Deliverable 14 (Ta- ble 7.2)
	strategy Establish scaling partnerships, especially for the fast-track		- WP1-3's pi-	- WP4 outputs and	- Deliverables 5
	innovation bundles (or low-hanging fruits)	Since 2023	loted bundles	outcomes (Table	and 15
Catalyzing	Multi-stakeholder dialogues, engagement, and interactive learning across levels	Ongoing	WD4 pages	6.1, pages 50-51) - End of initiative	
scaling net- works	Facilitate the scaling networks and system-level accelera- tor network established during the intervention process, scaling partnership establishment and multi-stakeholder dialogues and engagement	Ongoing	- WP4, pages 36-39, pro- posal	outputs and out- comes (Table 6.1, page 51)	- Deliverables 10 and 18 (Table 7.2)

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The initiative is currently undertaking research testing the effectiveness and scalability of market and value chain innovations in seven countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. In partnership with the ISEAL Alliance, the initiative has further launched the <u>Knowledge Platform for Inclusive and Sustainable Food Markets and Value Chains (KISM)</u> to help farmer organizations, food businesses, governments, and practitioners make better-informed investment and policy decisions on inclusive and sustainable food value chains. The Initiative's leadership thanks all funders for supporting this research through their contributions to the <u>CGIAR Trust Fund</u>, and in particular also the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for designated funds received.

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