

# Roadmap approach for improving food value chain efficiencies

Results from the food value chain workshops for beef, chicken, fish, onion, potato and rice

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# List of abbreviations

| Abbreviations | Description                                     |
|---------------|---|
| BADC          | Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation |
| BARI          | Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute      |
| BFSA          | Bangladesh Food Safety Authority                |
| BPDB          | Bangladesh Power Development Board              |
| BRDB          | Bangladesh Rural Development Board              |
| BREB          | Bangladesh Rural Electrification Board          |
| BRRI          | Bangladesh Rice Research Institute              |
| BSTI          | Bangladesh Standard Testing Institute           |
| CC            | City Corporation                                |
| DAE           | Department of Agricultural Extension            |
| DAM           | Department of Agricultural Marketing            |

| Abbreviations | Description                       |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| DLS           | Department of Livestock Services  |
| DoF           | Department of Fisheries           |
| GoB           | Government of Bangladesh          |
| MFI           | Micro Finance Institution         |
| MMC           | Market Management Committee       |
| MoA           | Ministry of Agriculture           |
| MoF           | Ministry of Finance               |
| NBFI          | Non-banking Financial Institutes  |
| NBR           | National Board of Revenue         |
| NGO           | Non-Governmental Organization     |
| TCB           | Trading Corporation of Bangladesh |

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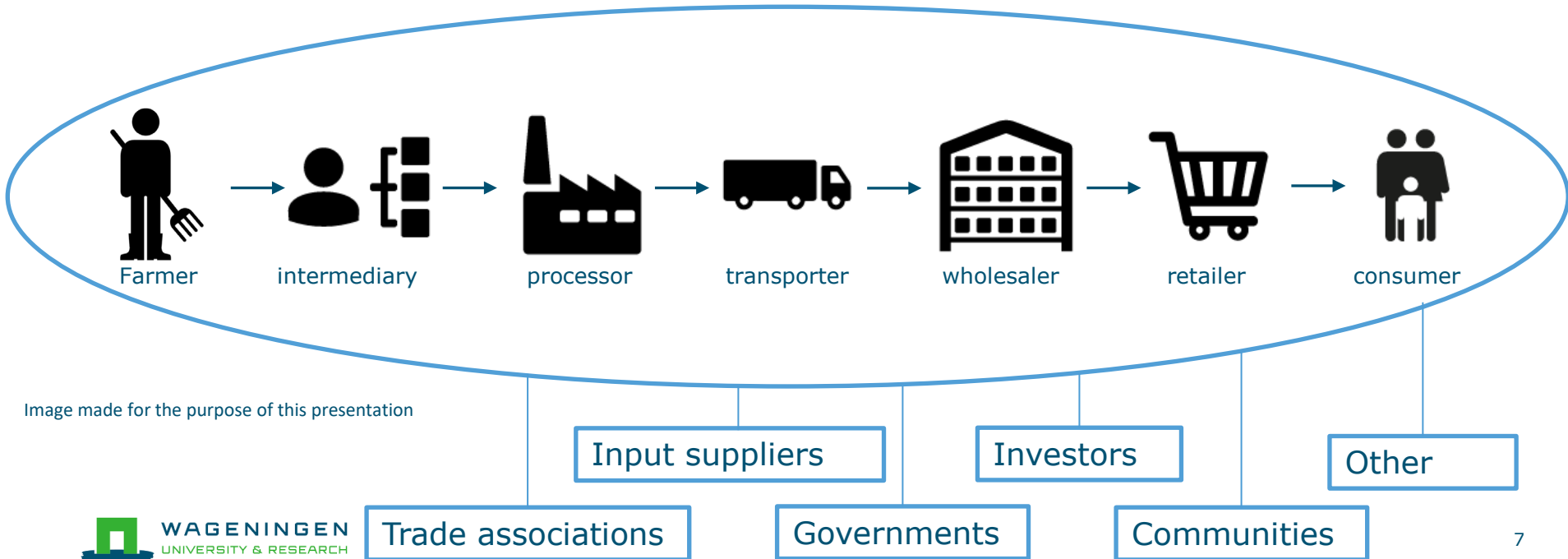
# Introduction (1)

The aim of the workshops was twofold:

- Capacity: Strengthening the capacity and collaboration between food value chain stakeholders via (further) familiarization with food value chain thinking, specifically to find interventions and identify an implementation strategy to solve food value chain inefficiencies collaboratively.
- Validation of preliminary report findings (see acknowledgements): Finding out what food value chain inefficiencies are most urgent to solve regarding food value chain stakeholders.

# Introduction (2)

## ■ The value chain



# Introduction (3)



Waste segregation at biodigester in Jessore (photo by FAOBD)



Fish retailer in Dhaka (photo by WUR)

- Value chain inefficiencies can lead to undesirable outcomes, including:
  - Food losses and waste
  - Deteriorating food quality
  - Food safety issues
  - High food prices



# Introduction (4)

- The goal is to intervene in food value chains to reduce value chain inefficiencies, and support greater availability and access to safe and nutritious food
- But we also know that >50% of interventions fail → white elephants (Ika, 2012)
- Therefore, we need lasting, long-term change, with attention to interlinking interventions, inclusivity, and implementation conditions
- However, intervention selection is a complex task as they should (Soethoudt et al., 2021):
  - Fit the context
  - Make economic sense (be profitable)
  - Not burden the environment
  - Improve access to food
  - Be socially and culturally acceptable
  - Be affordable and accessible
  - Address real problems

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# Methodology description

- Value chain workshop approach
  - *Presentations, group work and sharing results*
- Workshop logistics
  - *Dates and participation*
- Value chain assessment
  - *Issues, root causes, interventions and strategy\**
- Group assignments
  - *Assignment 1*
  - *Assignment 2*

\* This approach is loosely based on the EFFICIENT protocol for estimating food loss and waste (FLW). During these workshops the approach was applied to broader value chain inefficiencies than FLW. See 'further reading' for more info about the EFFICIENT protocol, including the Food Loss & Waste cause & intervention tool.

# Methodology – Value chain workshop approach

- General introduction about improving food value chain inefficiencies
- Explain value chain assessment
- Group assignments per table of 5-8 actors active in one product value chain
- Presenting outcomes per food value chain product group



General introduction and explanation of value chain assessment (photo by FAOBD)



Group assignments (photo by FAOBD)



Presenting outcomes group work (photo by FAOBD)

# Methodology – Workshop logistics

- Two food value chain workshops were held in Dhaka:
  - 26th of February 2023: beef and chicken
  - 5th of March 2023: fish, onion, potato and rice
- Participants included managers, directors, agricultural officers, consultants and others from:
  - Private sector (from farm to retail)
  - Governmental organizations (GoB)
  - Non-governmental organizations (NGO's)
  - Donor organizations
  - Associations and foundations
  - Research institutes



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|         |                  |
|---------|------------------|
| Beef    | - 5 participants |
| Chicken | - 6 participants |
| Fish    | - 5 participants |
| Onion   | - 5 participants |
| Potato  | - 6 participants |
| Rice    | - 7 participants |

# Methodology – Value chain assessment

- Steps of the value chain assessment:
  - Determine issues in the food value chain
  - Determine root causes of issues and bottlenecks
  - Evaluate potential interventions
  - Formulate coherent long-term intervention strategy

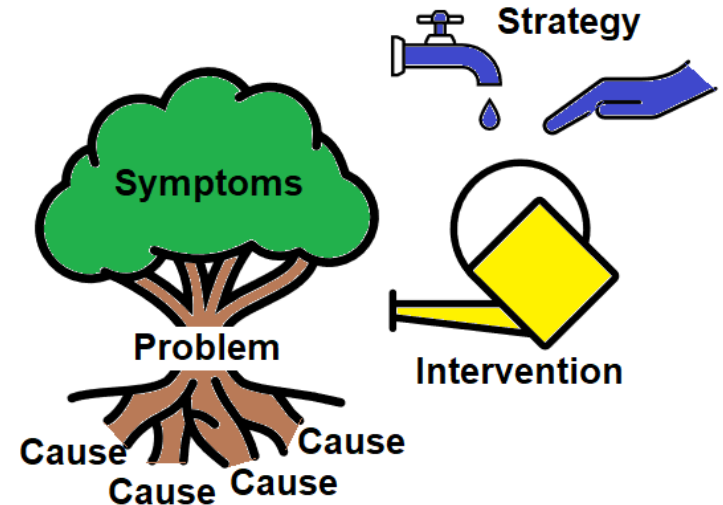
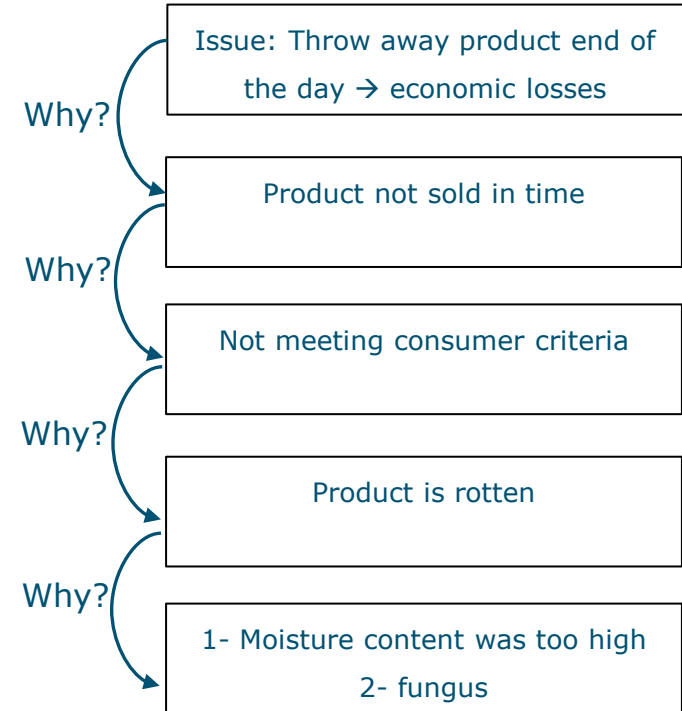


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# Methodology - Group assignment 1

- What are the major issues in the value chain?
- To which actors do these issues apply mainly?
- What are the intermediate causes of this issue at this actor?
- What is/are the root cause(s) for this issue at this actor?

|  | Issue 1 | Issue 2 | Issue 3 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|
| a) What are the major issues in the supply chain? (mention 1 – 3 issues) |         |         |         |
| b) To which actor does every issue apply mainly?                         |         |         |         |
| c) Why is this issue occurring?  | 1x      |         |         |
|  | 2x      |         |         |
|  | 3x      |         |         |
|  | 4x      |         |         |
| d) Root cause(s)   | 5x      |         |         |



5 times why approach. Image made for the purpose of this presentation

# Methodology - Group assignment 2

- a) Select one of your identified root causes to solve
- b) Come up with 1 to 3 suitable interventions to solve this root cause
- c) What strategy would you suggest to address the identified root causes? A strategy consists of:
- Pick 1 suitable intervention to solve the root cause
  - Describe supportive actions
  - Prioritize the intervention and supportive action in terms of a timeline (what to do first)
  - Per action, describe the stakeholder involvement
  - Per action, describe the duration of implementation

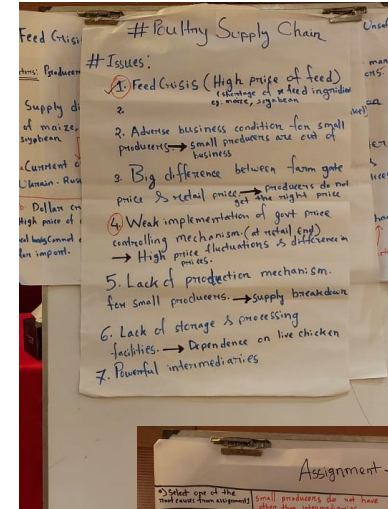
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|--|--|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| a) Select one of the root causes from assignment 1 |  |   |                             |                               |
| b) Come up with 1-3 suitable interventions         |  |   |                             |                               |
| c) Strategy  | i. Pick 1 suitable intervention<br>ii. Describe supportive actions | iii. Prioritize the intervention and actions (what to do first) | iv. Stakeholder involvement | v. Duration of implementation |
| Intervention                                       |  |   |                             |                               |
| Supportive action 1                                |  |   |                             |                               |
| Supportive action 2                                |  |   |                             |                               |
| Supportive action 3                                |  |   |                             |                               |
| Supportive action 4                                |  |   |                             |                               |
| Supportive action 5                                |  |   |                             |                               |
| Supportive action 6                                |  |   |                             |                               |

Template for group assignment 2

# Results

## ■ Results per food value chain

- Results assignment 1
  - Template with: 1-3 issues, main actor the issue applies to, cause description and root cause
- Other issues mentioned during assignment 1
  - List of other issues
- Results assignment 2
  - Template with: Selected root cause, 1-3 intervention
  - Template with: Selected intervention and it's implementation strategy



**Assignment - 2 (Poultry)**

|   |  |                             |                       |
|---|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1) Select one of the root cause from assignment | Small producers do not have alternative options / direct channels to sell products other than intermediaries | Producers, Govt, NGOs, etc. | Long-term (6-8 years) |
| 2) Name up with 1-3 suitable interventions      | 1. Grouping small producers with processors (Cooperatives, Farmer Producer Organizations)                    | 1a                          | 6 months              |
| 3) Strategy                                     | 2. Establish a market demand driven processing unit (Cold chain, storage, transport and supply chain)        | 2                           | 6 months - 12 months  |
| Intervention                                    | 3. Establish a market demand driven processing unit (Cold chain, storage, transport and supply chain)        | 3                           | 6 months              |
| Supportive action 1                             | 1a. Grouping small producers with processors (Cooperatives, Farmer Producer Organizations)                   | 1a                          | 6 months              |
| Supportive action 2                             | 2. Establish a market demand driven processing unit (Cold chain, storage, transport and supply chain)        | 2                           | 6 months              |
| Supportive action 3                             | 3. Establish a market demand driven processing unit (Cold chain, storage, transport and supply chain)        | 3                           | 6 months              |
| Supportive action 4                             | 4. Establish a market demand driven processing unit (Cold chain, storage, transport and supply chain)        | 4                           | 6 months              |
| Supportive action 5                             | 5. Establish a market demand driven processing unit (Cold chain, storage, transport and supply chain)        | 5                           | 6 months              |
| Supportive action 6                             | 6. Establish a market demand driven processing unit (Cold chain, storage, transport and supply chain)        | 6                           | 6 months              |

Results from the group work (photo by FAOBD)



# Beef – assignment 1

|    |   | Issue 1  | Issue 2   | Issue 3  |
|----|---|--|---|--|
| a) | What are the major issues in the supply chain? (mention 1 – 3 issues) | High feed costs  | Transport related cost  | Spoilages of meat  |
| b) | To which actor does every issue apply mainly?                         | Farmers  | Traders   | Processors, retailers  |
| c) | Why is this issue occurring?  | 1x Import dependent  | High transport cost, required more space for live cattle          | Lack of infrastructure of standard processing                                      |
|    |   | 2x Low domestic production   | High fuel cost  | High temperature during handling, transport & storage                              |
|    |   | 3x a) High competition of human food<br>b) No feedstock seed available | Bribes required on transport routes                               | Costly cooling system  |
|    |   | 4x   | Body weight loss of live cattle                                   |  |
| d) | Root cause(s)   | 5x a) Competition with high value food crops                           | Long distance, farness of production hub, high land cost at Dhaka | High fuel cost,<br>High cost for cooling system (as technology should be imported) |

# Beef – assignment 1 other issues

Other issues discussed between group members during the group assignments that did not make it to the final ranking in assignment 1:

- Inadequate veterinary services
- Lack of grazing land
- Lack of capital to invest in beef rearing
- Low productivity of cattle
- Lack of market infrastructures to process meat
- Lack of import of cattle due to government ban
- Lack of adopting high-tech beef processing equipment by the butchers
- Lack of hygienic place in retail markets

# Beef – assignment 2

| a) <b>Select one of the root causes from assignment 1</b> | Land scarcity/ Competition with high value crop  |  |  |                                      |
|---|--|--|--|--------------------------------------|
| b) <b>Come up with 1-3 suitable interventions</b>         | i. Production of high yielding and climate resilience fodder & grain<br>ii. Vertical/ hydroponic production<br>iii. Awareness of farmers |  |  |                                      |
| c) <b>Strategy</b>  | <b>i. Pick 1 suitable intervention</b><br><b>ii. Describe supportive actions</b>   | <b>iii. Prioritize the intervention and actions (what to do first)</b> | <b>iv. Stakeholder involvement</b>                               | <b>v. Duration of implementation</b> |
| Intervention  | Cattle farmers produce their cattle feed   | 7  |  |                                      |
| Supportive action 1                                       | Cattle farming area selection & Farmers group formation  | 1  | DLS & Development organization                                   | 6 months                             |
| Supportive action 2                                       | Classroom training   | 2  | DLS, Development organization                                    | 6 months                             |
| Supportive action 3                                       | Providing high yielding variety  | 3  | Research organization, Development organization & private sector | 12 months                            |
| Supportive action 4                                       | Demonstration & piloting   | 4  | DLS, Development organization & private sector                   | 12 months                            |
| Supportive action 5                                       | Govt. subsidy  | 5  | GoB  | 24 months                            |
| Supportive action 6                                       | Provide modern machine & technology  | 6  | DLS, machine supplier, development organization & GoB            | 6 months                             |

# Chicken – assignment 1

|    |   | Issue 1   | Issue 2  | Issue 3   |
|----|---|---|--|---|
| a) | What are the major issues in the supply chain? (mention 1 – 3 issues) | Feed crisis   | Price fluctuation & gap between farmer gate price and retail price (live bird) | Unhygienic & unsafe chicken                                     |
| b) | To which actor does every issue apply mainly?                         | Producers/farmers   | Direct: producers<br>Indirect: Consumer, intermediaries, GoBt. and retailers   | Direct: Processors<br>Indirect: Consumer and wet market vendors |
| c) | Why is this issue occurring?  | 1x Supply disruption of maize and soybean   | Small producers are depending on the intermediaries price                      | Slaughter dead chicken & unhygienic practices                   |
|    | 2x  | a - Current ongoing Ukrain-Russia war<br>b - Dollar crisis (lack of dollars) + high price of dollar (money exchange rate) | No other options to sell (lack of other buyers)                                | For profit & resistance to change the practices                 |
|    | 3x  |   |  |   |
|    | 4x  |   |  |   |
| d) | Root cause(s)   | 5x b - Local body cannot open LC (license of import) for import   | No other options to sell (lack of other buyers)                                | Unwilling to change practices                                   |

# Chicken – assignment 1 other issues

Other issues discussed between group members during the group assignments that did not make it to the final ranking in assignment 1:

- Adverse business condition for small producers -> Small producers are out of business
- Weak implementation of GoB. price controlling mechanism (at retail end) -> high price fluctuation & difference in prices
- Lack of production mechanisms for small producers -> supply breakdown
- Lack of storage & processing facilities -> Dependence on live chicken
- Powerful intermediaries
- 1% of total production die during transportation (Mortality rate of 1%)
- Dead chicken are sold to restaurants

# Chicken – assignment 2

| a) <b>Select one of the root causes from assignment 1</b> | Small producers do not have alternative options/direct channels to sell products other than intermediaries  |  |  |                                      |
|---|---|--|--|--------------------------------------|
| b) <b>Come up with 1-3 suitable interventions</b>         | i. Govt. Interventions to set chicken prices & monitoring (adaptive pricing)<br>ii. Connecting small producers with processors (Contract training, training by processors)<br>iii. Converting market demand to frozen chicken & demand based storage projection and supply backup |  |  |                                      |
| c) <b>Strategy</b>  | <b>i. Pick 1 suitable intervention</b><br><b>ii. Describe supportive actions</b>  | <b>iii. Prioritize the intervention and actions (what to do first)</b> | <b>iv. Stakeholder involvement</b>         | <b>v. Duration of implementation</b> |
| <b>Intervention</b>                                       | Converting market demand to frozen chicken & demand based storage projection and supply backup  | 6  |  |                                      |
| <b>Supportive action 1</b>                                | Consumer awareness to shift demand to frozen chicken  | 1a   | Processor, GoB, CC, academia, BSTI, BFSA   | Long-term (5-6 years)                |
| <b>Supportive action 2</b>                                | Produce real time market info (stock, demand, supply production projection)   | 2  | GoB, electronic media, trading association | 6 months                             |
| <b>Supportive action 3</b>                                | Making portion chicken more popular   | 5  | Academia, processors, media                | 6 – 12 months                        |
| <b>Supportive action 4</b>                                | Make available frozen/processed chickens in wet markets   | 4  | MMC, processors                            | 3-6 months                           |
| <b>Supportive action 5</b>                                | GoB Policy & control system to slaughter & process chickens safely  | 1b   | GoB, academia, BFSA, CC                    | 1 year                               |
| <b>Supportive action 6</b>                                | Sell frozen/processed chicken by CC/TCB in open market  | 3  | CC, TCB, MMC                               | 6 months                             |

# Fish – assignment 1

|    |   | Issue 1  | Issue 2  | Issue 3  |
|----|---|--|--|--|
| a) | What are the major issues in the supply chain? (mention 1 – 3 issues) | High input price (feed, seed, utility)   | Losses during handling & transportation                      | Value addition<br>(Lack of technology – from fresh fish to processed fish e.g. ready to cook/ready to eat) |
| b) | To which actor does every issue apply mainly?                         | GoB (DoF, NBR, PDB, REB), Private organization (Feed miller, hatchery owner), Farmer, Producer | Farmer/ Processor, wholesaler, Retailer, Broker              | Exporter, processors   |
| c) | Why is this issue occurring?  | 1x Inflation   | Perishable item  | Less policy support  |
|    | 2x  | Dependency on import for raw materials   | Low storage facility<br>(cold storage, packaging)            | Low interest of investors  |
|    | 3x  | No subsidy on electricity  | Unavailability of cool chain facility                        | Don't maintain international compliance  |
|    | 4x  | Low fish price in market   | Technical know how<br>(Training)                             | Market promotion/<br>Diversification of processed fish   |
| d) | Root cause(s)   | 5x Insufficient production of inputs and dependency on importation of some inputs              | Highly perishable items having chance of rapid contamination | Lack of appropriate technology   |

# Fish – assignment 1 other issues

Other issues discussed between group members during the group assignments that did not make it to the final ranking in assignment 1:

- Unavailability of fish feed
- Lack of food safety & hygiene
- Technology gap between farmers/processors & exporter



# Fish – assignment 2

| a) <b>Select one of the root causes from assignment 1</b> | Highly perishable items having chance with rapid contamination  |   |   |                                |
|---|---|---|---|--------------------------------|
| b) <b>Come up with 1-3 suitable interventions</b>         | i. Establishment of fish cold storage at different fisheries hubs<br>ii. Transportation through well designed vehicles<br>iii. Capacity development of stakeholders |   |   |                                |
| c) <b>Strategy</b>  | i. Pick 1 suitable intervention<br>ii. Describe supportive actions  | iii. Prioritize the intervention and actions (what to do first) | iv. Stakeholder involvement             | v. Duration of implementation  |
| <b>Intervention</b>                                       | Establishment of fish cold storage at different fisheries hubs  | 3   | GoB, NGO, farmers association, investor | 12 months                      |
| <b>Supportive action 1</b>                                | Survey to find out the suitable location  | 1   | Investor                                | 2 months                       |
| <b>Supportive action 2</b>                                | Access to finance   | 2   | GoB, bank                               | 1 months                       |
| <b>Supportive action 3</b>                                | Direct access to farmers in cold storage and avoid intermediaries   | 5   | Producer, investor, local DoF officer   | 12 months                      |
| <b>Supportive action 4</b>                                | Training (how to handle, transport, store, packaging, processing)   | 4   | GoB, investor                           | 3 months                       |
| <b>Supportive action 5</b>                                | Market promotion  | 6   | GoB, investor                           | 12 months (continuous process) |
| <b>Supportive action 6</b>                                | Government subsidy  | 7   | GoB                                     | 12 months                      |

# Onion – assignment 1

|    |   | Issue 1  | Issue 2   | Issue 3                                |
|----|---|--|---|--|
| a) | What are the major issues in the supply chain? (mention 1 – 3 issues) | Import dependency (4 months lean period- November to February) | Very much perishable materials (No modern technology for storage) | Onion loss due to poor transportation. |
| b) | To which actor does every issue apply mainly?                         | Importer   | Farmer  | Supplier                               |
| c) | Why is this issue occurring?  | 1x Summer variety scarcity                                     | High Price  | Poor packaging system                  |
|    |   | 2x One time production   | Traditional technology  | Lack of proper transportation          |
|    |   | 3x No modern storage facilities                                | Lack of innovation  |  |
|    |   | 4x   |   |  |
| d) | Root cause(s)   | 5x No year-round production. (4 months lean period)            | No high tech or modern technology for storage                     | Poor packaging and transportation      |

# Onion – assignment 1 other issues

Other issues discussed between group members during the group assignments that did not make it to the final ranking in assignment 1:

- Lack of technology for storage of onions properly
- Increase of production of onion will not result in meeting the year-round demand → With current technology for storage not possible to store onion for more than 8 months
- Low production of summer onions (produced in August to September with harvest in October) → Lean period may be filled up by this summer production
- Summer variety is available BARI onion 3, 4 and 5, but need to disseminate in the field level
- Need to develop modern technology for summer onion production technology

# Onion – assignment 2

| a) <b>Select one of the root causes from assignment 1</b> | No year-round production. (4 months lean period)   |   |  |                               |
|---|--|---|--|-------------------------------|
| b) <b>Come up with 1-3 suitable interventions</b>         | 1. Summer onion production and summer seed production<br>2. Development of improve variety |   |  |                               |
| c) <b>Strategy</b>  | i. Pick 1 suitable intervention<br>ii. Describe supportive actions                         | iii. Prioritize the intervention and actions (what to do first) | iv. Stakeholder involvement            | v. Duration of implementation |
| <b>Intervention</b>                                       | Summer onion production  | 5   | MoA (DAE, BADC, Private Sectors, BARI) | 4 months                      |
| <b>Supportive action 1</b>                                | Ensure seed availability   | 1   | MoA (DAE, BADC, Private Sectors)       | 9 months                      |
| <b>Supportive action 2</b>                                | Farmers capacity development   | 2   | DAE, NGO                               | Continue process              |
| <b>Supportive action 3</b>                                | Market linkage   | 4   | MoF (NBFI, MFI, Bank)                  | Continue process              |
| <b>Supportive action 4</b>                                | Financial support for seed production  | 3   | DAM, NGO, Private Sectors              | Continue process              |
| <b>Supportive action 5</b>                                | Farmers Association formation  | 6   | Departure of Co-operative, BRDB        | 12 months                     |
| <b>Supportive action 6</b>                                |  |   |  |                               |

# Potato – assignment 1

|    |   | Issue 1  | Issue 2  | Issue 3  |
|----|---|--|--|--|
| a) | What are the major issues in the supply chain? (mention 1 – 3 issues) | High price of seeds and low availability of quality seed   | Minimal mechanized farming for small farmers (sowing, grading, harvesting) | Small farmers do not have collection points and access to cold storage |
| b) | To which actor does every issue apply mainly?                         | Farmers, exporters, processors   | Farmers  | Farmers, wholesalers, bulk buyers (processor)                          |
| c) | Why is this issue occurring?  | 1x a - Syndicate of seed companies (high price)<br>b - Fraud with selling low quality seeds (low quality)                  | No training and limited knowledge  | a - Need for instant cash<br>b - Small operating capital               |
|    | 2x  | a - No or limited monitoring in the seed market for price and syndicates<br>b - Farmers cannot understand the seed quality | Too expensive  | a,b - no business knowledge<br>a,b - Limited access to finance         |
|    | 3x  |  |  | Limited market access  |
|    | 4x  |  |  |  |
| d) | Root cause(s)   | 5x b – No grading system in place for seed quality   | Farmers are accustomed to traditional farming                              | Low profit   |

# Potato – assignment 1 other issues

Other issues discussed between group members during the group assignments that did not make it to the final ranking in assignment 1:

- Quality seeds are not available
- High price of quality seed
- Low selling price for farmers
- Quality pesticides and fungicides are not available
- Low production due to pest and fungus infection
- High labor wage during harvesting
- Mechanized farming is too expensive for the small farmers (sowing to harvesting, grading)
- No collection point at producer level
- Extension service (like soil testing) is not available
- Small farmers cannot access cold storage facilities
- High wastage at farm level

# Potato – assignment 2

| a) <b>Select one of the root causes from assignment 1</b> | Farmers are accustomed to traditional farming   |  |  |                                      |
|---|---|--|--|--------------------------------------|
| b) <b>Come up with 1-3 suitable interventions</b>         | Formation of farmers groups/association/organization capacity funding (production, business etc.) |  |  |                                      |
| c) <b>Strategy</b>  | <b>i. Pick 1 suitable intervention<br/>ii. Describe supportive actions</b>                        | <b>iii. Prioritize the intervention and actions (what to do first)</b> | <b>iv. Stakeholder involvement</b>                       | <b>v. Duration of implementation</b> |
| <b>Intervention</b>                                       | Formation of farmers group + capacity building  | 1b   | GoB, private sector                                      | Minimum 5 years                      |
| <b>Supportive action 1</b>                                | Awareness building to motivate + build model forms  | 1a   | GoB, NGO, academia, research, media                      | 10 years                             |
| <b>Supportive action 2</b>                                | Access to finance (credit, insurance)   | 3  | Financial institute (bank, non-bank financial institute, | Minimum 5 years                      |
| <b>Supportive action 3</b>                                | Technical training (GAP, mechanization, input)  | 2  | GoB, NGO, research organization                          | Minimum 5 years                      |
| <b>Supportive action 4</b>                                | Logistic support (machinery)  | 4  | Private sector, processor, GoB                           | Minimum 5 years                      |
| <b>Supportive action 5</b>                                | Post harvest management   | 5  | GoB, NGO, academia, research                             | Minimum 5 years                      |
| <b>Supportive action 6</b>                                | Access to wider market (export, processor, direct sales to consumers)                             | 6  | GoB, NGO, processor, private sector                      | Minimum 5 years                      |

# Rice – assignment 1

|    |   | Issue 1   | Issue 2                     | Issue 3 |
|----|---|---|-----------------------------|---------|
| a) | What are the major issues in the supply chain? (mention 1 – 3 issues) | Shortage of good quality seed                               | Labor shortage + high wages |         |
| b) | To which actor does every issue apply mainly?                         | Farmer  |                             |         |
| c) | Why is this issue occurring?  | 1x Low knowledge and money capacity of farmer               |                             |         |
|    |   | 2x No resources (training) for good quality seed production |                             |         |
|    |   | 3x Low interest of farmers                                  |                             |         |
|    |   | 4x  |                             |         |
| d) | Root cause(s)   | 5x Dependent on seed production company                     |                             |         |



# Rice – assignment 1 other issues

Other issues discussed between group members during the group assignments that did not make it to the final ranking in assignment 1:

- Water scarcity is profoundly visible in northern and southern part during the summer season which hampers rice production
- Soil structure of rice production areas differ from region to region → tailor made practices/seeds needed
- Labor shortage and high wages → more people are getting education and other alternative opportunities which attract them more in other jobs than agriculture
- Modern scientific technology is not introduced and, in some extent, unavailable for the local farmers

# Rice – assignment 2

| a) Select one of the root causes from assignment 1 | Dependent on seed production company                                  |   |  |                               |
|--|---|---|--|-------------------------------|
| b) Come up with 1-3 suitable interventions.        | I) Subsidy from Govt<br>II) Production of good quality seed by farmer |   |  |                               |
| c) Strategy  | i. Pick 1 suitable intervention<br>ii. Describe supportive actions    | iii. Prioritize the intervention and actions (what to do first) | iv. Stakeholder involvement                      | v. Duration of implementation |
| Intervention                                       | Production of good quality seed by farmer                             | 6   | Local farmer, GoB                                | 3 years                       |
| Supportive action 1                                | Training based project implementation                                 | 3   | Local farmer, local political leader             | 5 years                       |
| Supportive action 2                                | Involve local farmer leader for awareness building                    | 2   | Farmer, BRRI, DAE, private sector (seed company) | Continuous                    |
| Supportive action 3                                | Linkage development between Govt. and private sector                  | 4   | GoB and seed company                             | 2 years                       |
| Supportive action 4                                | Market facilities development by proper govt policy                   | 5   | GoB, retailer, beneficiaries, farmer             | 5 years                       |
| Supportive action 5                                | Pilot project implementation  | 1   |  | 5 years                       |
| Supportive action 6                                |   |   |  |                               |

# Conclusions

- Multiple issues, root causes and suitable interventions were collaboratively described by the participants per food value chain
- Per food value chain, participants collaboratively designed an implementation strategy to address a food value chain inefficiency
- The inputs of the participants generated new insights regarding the most urgent issues per food value chain
- Findings from the food value chain workshops are used in the final report: Roadmap approach for improving food value chain efficiencies: How to identify and implement intervention for reducing food loss and waste in Dhaka's food system?

# Further reading

- The steps of the value chain assessment during this workshop were loosely based on the EFFICIENT protocol for identifying interventions to reduce Food Loss and Waste. Find more information here:



EFFICIENT Protocol →

<https://www.wur.nl/en/research-results/research-institutes/food-biobased-research/show-fbr/take-the-target-measure-act-approach-to-reduce-food-waste-yes-but-be-pragmatic-about-it.htm>

EFFICIENT Protocol explanation video →

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a3ojTcQYlwc&t=40s>



Part of the EFFICIENT protocol is the Food Loss & Waste cause & intervention tool →

<https://the-efficient-protocol.azurewebsites.net/>

Pilot studies & measurement templates of the EFFICIENT protocol →

Tomato Nigeria: <https://edepot.wur.nl/470201>

Rice Nigeria: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2666790822000921>



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