

VIABLE SWEETPOTATO TECHNOLOGIES IN AFRICA - TANZANIA PROJECT

Viable Sweetpotato Technologies in Africa-Tanzania (VISTA-Tanzania) project is a three-year initiative that was designed to expand the production & utilization of nutritious orange-fleshed sweetpotato (OFSP) in seven districts in Mbeya, Iringa & Morogoro Regions being part of the USAID-FtF zones of influence in Tanzania. The purpose of the project was to contribute to food security & fight against vitamin A deficiency in the target districts and beyond. The project has four objectives with an array of immediate & intermediate outcomes for the intended goals.

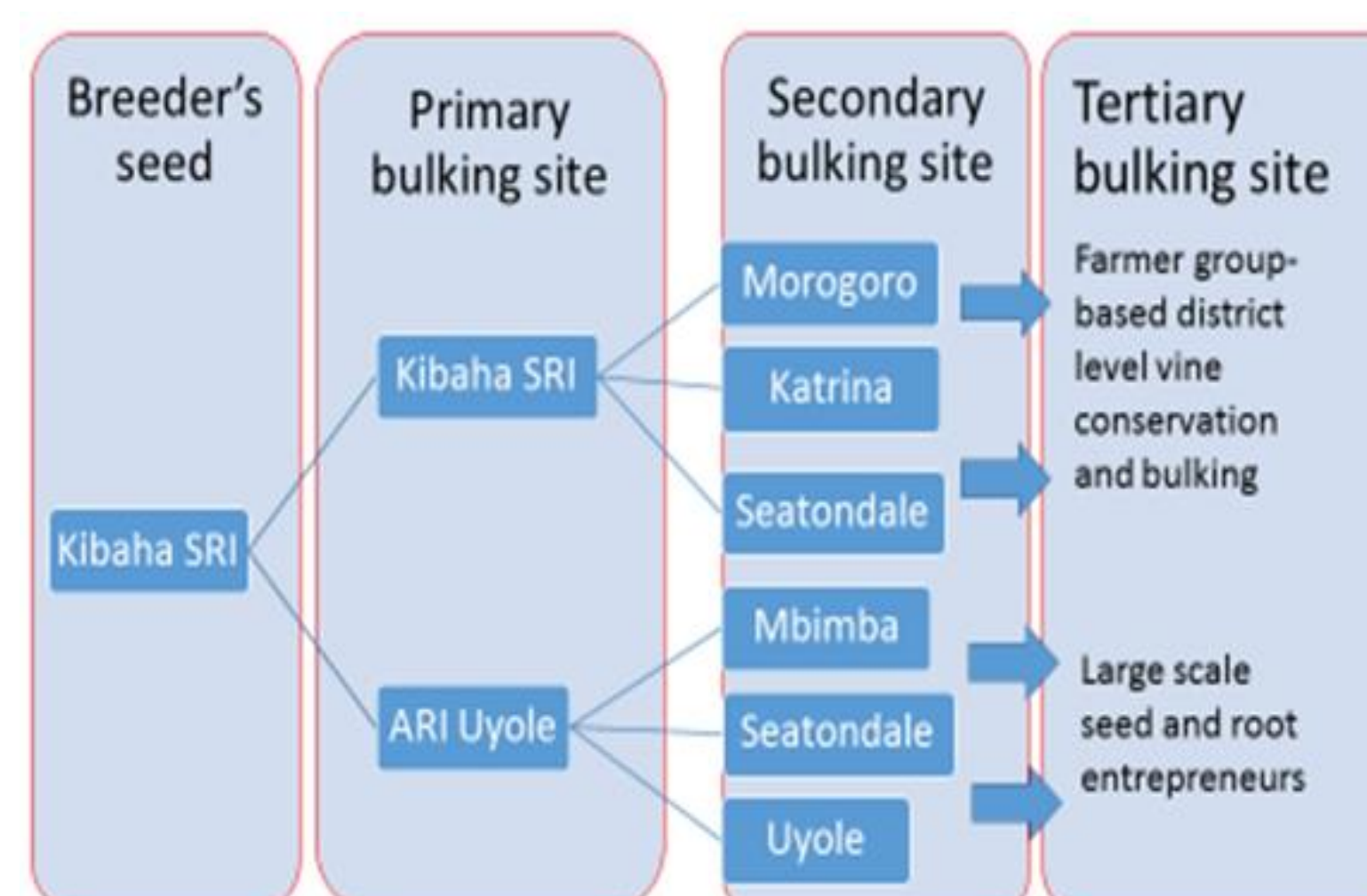
OBJECTIVE 1

Suitable OFSP varieties adapted, promoted & disseminated

Practical seed production and delivery system established

Enhanced OFSP planting material availability

To increase production and consumption of nutritious OFSP via agriculture - nutrition technology set



Producers	Male	Female	Total
Direct recipients	7,838	12,583	20,421
Cuttings bulked (M)	7.1	11.3	18.4
Area (ha) planted	211.6	339.8	551.4

Targeted 21,000 HH with 6.3 million vine cuttings of OFSP varieties in three years

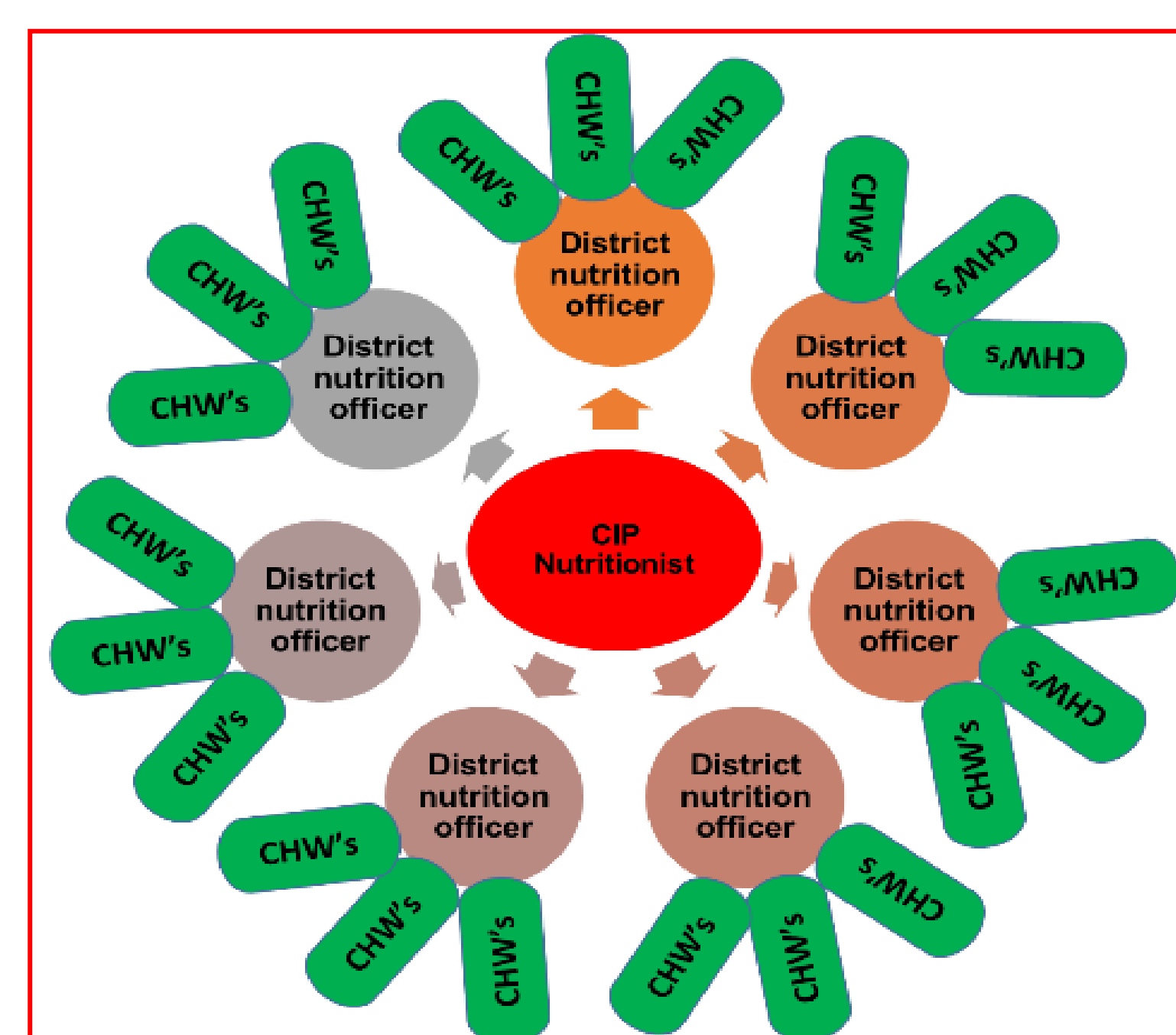
OBJECTIVE 2

Nutrition education and capacity building model

Infant & Young Children Feeding (IYCF) caregiver club in session

Infant & young children feeding club performance

To increase access to improved nutrition knowledge, practices & diversified use of OFSP by female and male infant caretakers



District	IYCF clubs	Club Meetings
Chunya	16	104
Gairo	23	217
Iringa	20	201
Mbozi	24	177
Mufindi	17	122
Wanging'ombe	22	135
Ulanga	21	187
Total	140	1,167

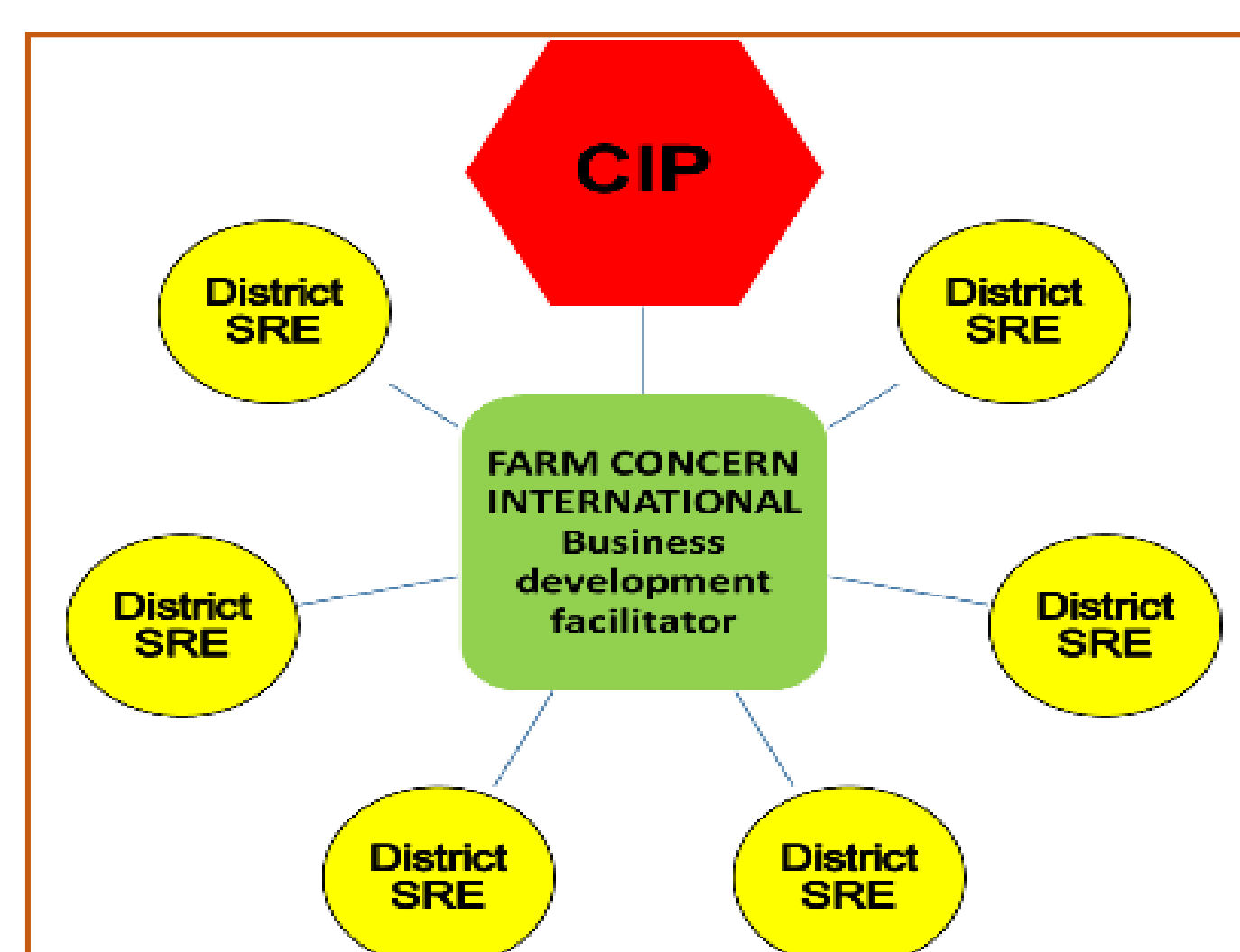
OBJECTIVE 3

Supporting OFSP seed & root enterprise growth

Capacity strengthening of seed and root producers

Developing OFSP planting material businesses

To enhance capacity of sweetpotato producers & traders to utilize improved storage & marketing of fresh OFSP roots



District	Slips	Value (US\$)
Chunya	371,100	3,374
Gairo	605,400	5,504
Iringa	71,445	650
Mbozi	73,600	669
Mufindi	614,900	5,590
Ulanga	281,200	2,775
Total	2,017,645	18,560

OBJECTIVE 4

Advocacy & Lobbying

Education & Promotion

Review & Planning

To improve evidence based & policy support for OFSP production & utilization in Tanzania

