

ANALYSIS OF POTENTIAL VALUE CHAINS FOR SCALING UP CLIMATE-SMART AGRICULTURE IN WEST AFRICA

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Background

Despite the development of several CSA options and their positive gains, their wide scale adoption remains a challenge. Integrating the value chain analysis into the Climate-Smart Village (CSV) - Agricultural Research for Development (AR4D) approach sounds positioning as an effective approach for upscaling of CSA.

Objectives

Identify and characterize promising value chains that can support the uptake of CSA in West Africa.

Methodology

- Sites : Ghana, Mali, Niger, Senegal.
- Data collection: Desk review; interviews with Key informants
- Data analysis : Situation analysis.

Activities

- Selection of promising value chains (VC).
- Analysis of climate risk profile.
- Identification of CSA options that are relevant to the VC.

Results and main achievements

- Commons climate risk include (Figure): Increased temperatures and evaporation, shorter duration of rainy period, reduced rainfall, increased rainfall variability and extreme events (droughts, floods).
- 3 to 4 potential VCs have been identified in each country:
 - maize, sorghum, cassava (Ghana)
 - millet, sorghum, groundnut/cowpea (Mali)
 - millet, sorghum, groundnut (Niger)
 - millet, sorghum, groundnut, cowpea (Senegal).
- One agricultural development project has been identified in each country to support the scaling out /up of CSA.

Conclusion and recommendations

CSA technologies and practices should be mainstreamed into the potential value chains through an appropriated institutional arrangement (i.e. value chain based multi-stakeholders innovation platform) to scale up and out CSA in the respective countries.

Figure: Climate risk profile and impact on agriculture

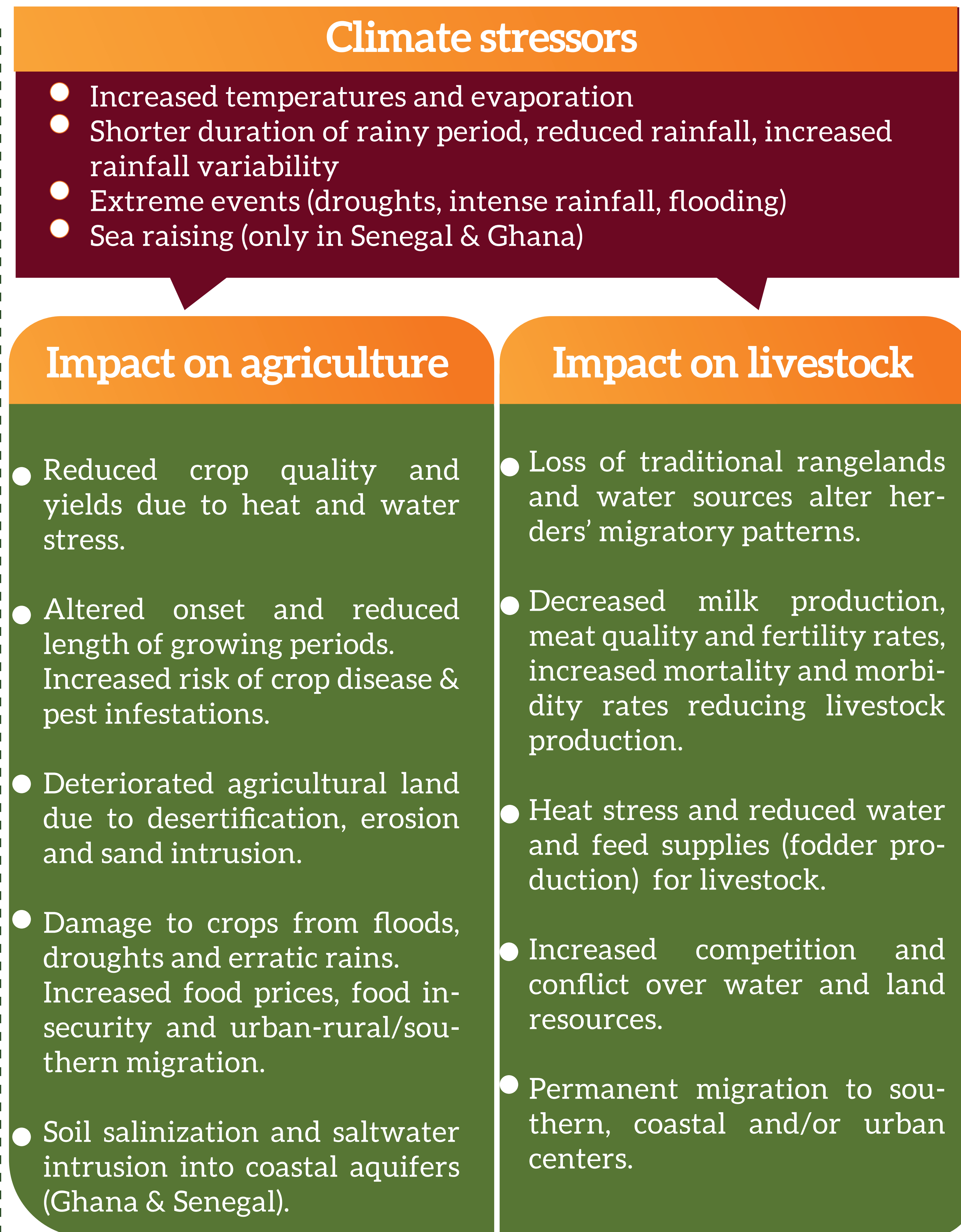


Table : CSA options for potential CS value chains

CSA technologies/practices	Crops					
	Maize	Millet	Sorghum	Cassava	Cowpea	Groundnut
Climate information services	X	X	X	X	X	X
Composting/Organic fertilizer	X	X	X		X	X
Contour farming	X	X	X		X	
Crop rotation cereal/legume	X		X	X	X	X
Farm managed natural regeneration	X	X	X			
Improved varieties (drought tolerant)	X	X	X	X	X	X
Integrated nutrient management	X	X	X			
Intercropping	X	X	X			
Micro-dosing fertilization	X	X	X			
Mulching	X	X	X		X	
No/reduced tillage	X	X	X		X	
Water harvesting (ties ridges, stone bunds, planting pits)	X	X	X	X		X