Integration of Smallholders in Modern Agri-food Chains: Lessons from the KASCOL Model in Zambia

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The Kaleya Smallholders Company Limited (KASCOL) model has been considered in Zambia a success in increasing smallholders’ participation, ownership and governance in an agri-food value chain. This study explores if and why this was a successful experience. The evidence gathered revealed that along its thirty years of existence, the model was able to grow the smallholder ownership and governance role. Although the context, governance structures and managerial competence were necessary factors in the sustainability of the model, the variables related to social capital were key determinants for the long term successful inclusion of the smallholders.

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in the Agri-food Chain, The International Renewable Energy Agency, Abu Dhabi. About IRENA. This publication, the latest from the International Renewable Energy Agency on the socio-economic benefits of renewables, provides a comprehensive analysis of the impact of deploying off-grid renewables in the agri-food sector. The study finds that introducing these technologies in rural areas can boost agricultural productivity, reduce food losses, thereby improving food security and helping to address malnutrition, and increase resilience to climate variability. rising modern food value chains, requires an understanding of existing modern agricultural value chains, their functioning and constraints; taking South Africa (SA) as an example.

In this manuscript we identify existing blockages that SHFs face in participating in modern agricultural value chains in SA, as well as which institutions, policies, and VCPs are responsible for. good existing integration into the value chain that can function as a service provider in terms of information flow, technical expertise, and possibly a funds disseminator. This bank though would be the government. The Struggles of Smallholder Farmers: A Cause of Modern Agricultural Value Chains in South Africa. http://dx.doi.org/10.5772/intechopen.75710. Integration of Smallholders in Modern Agrifood Chains: Lessons: Integration of Smallholders in Modern Agrifood Chains: Lessons. ifama.org. Pages: 30. Kascol, Sugar, Model, Social, University, Zambia, Management, Massey. Integration of Smallholders in Modern Agri-food - AgEcon Search. Integration of Smallholders in Modern Agri-food - AgEcon Search. from ageconsearch.umn.edu. Embed. Share.