#### Reducing Postharvest Losses in Rwanda

#### 6 Lessons from Postharvest Loss Assessments in Rwanda

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#### Who:

- Agribusiness Associates
- Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Rwanda
- Postharvest Education Foundation
- National Agricultural Export Board
- Rwanda Agriculture Board
- University of Rwanda

#### What we do:

- Postharvest loss assessments w/ environmental impact
- Postharvest technology research and capacity building
- Build entrepreneurial capacity along the value chain

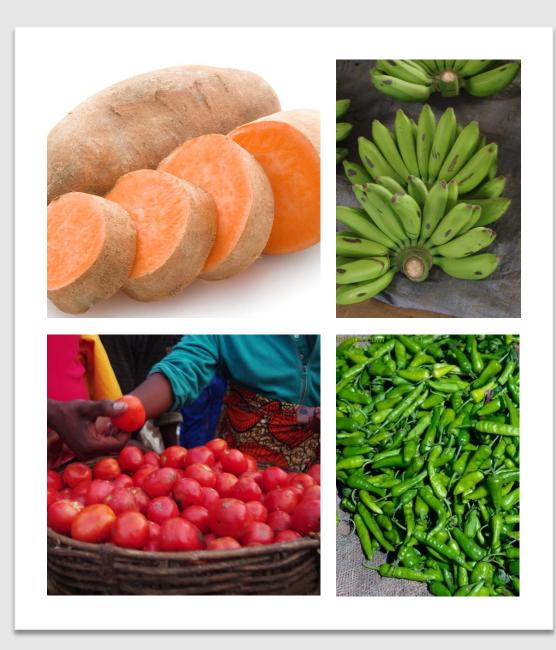












#### **Focus Crops**

- Exports/high value crops
  - Green chili
- Domestic/regional markets
  - Tomato
- Local/domestic markets
  - Orange fleshed sweet potato
  - Green Bananas/Plantain





## I. Horticultural industry in Rwanda is in its infancy









#### 2. Lack of Lead Actors across **Value** Chains









3. High **Postharvest** Losses due to defects, decay and mechanical damage













# 4. Postharvest loss reduction has positive effects on the environment.









5. Capacity building and low cost solutions are required in handling/packing across the chain













6. Building entrepreneurship across the value chain is critical

