



# FSSIM-Dev: a farm level model for policy impact analysis

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# FSSIM-DEV

- What does FSSIM-DEV stand for?

Farming **S**ystem **S**IMulator for **D**EVeloping Countries

- What is the main application?

Simulate supply responses of farmers to policy scenarios

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# Problem Definition

- Compute Responses (Supply and Demand) to Price changes
- Supply Responses impact income → change in cropping patterns, labour → requires a farm supply model for crops
- Demand responses impact expenditure → changes in family consumption → requires information on commodity demand to estimate expenditure system
- Combination of responses possible **ONLY** if data available on cropping **and** expenditure.

# Farmers' dilemma

- Agro-Climatic zones and soil types define the type of crops that can be grown
- Farmers grow only a subset all possible crops (e.g. Cotton, Sorghum, Maize)
- Different farms have different crops. What drives these decisions?
- Work on own land or supply labour to other farms or both?

# Modelling Issues and Options

- Only Maximise Profits?
- Profits with environment concerns?
- Include Yield response to fertilizer input, soil types?
- Pure Economic models or use hybrid Agro-Economic models?
- **DATA** is the limiting factor! Determines the model structure.

# Modelling Issues and Options

- Ex-ante Impact (**EI**) Analysis: detailed study of the policy/program and an estimation/quantification of its possible outcomes prior to its implementation
- **EI** analysis/assessment has become an integral and **systematic part** of policy **decision making** processes in many countries (evidence base policy)
- EI is **complementary** to the common and the scientifically well-founded **ex-post** impact analysis designed to evaluate past policy effects
- **EI** is based on available **DATA** and determines the model structure.

# Modelling Issues and Options

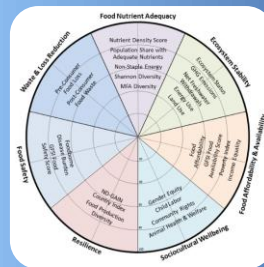
- Model key features of Developing Countries agriculture (market imperfection, seasonality, interaction among farms)
- Capture spatial and farm-household heterogeneity in term of policy effects (e.g. small versus big farms)
- Provide detailed socio-economic results (i.e. average and distribution over population)



# Modelling Issues and Options

- Flexibility in aggregating results by farm-household type, economic size, village, region or country.
- Generic and modular setup: can be easily adapted and re-used for assessing different policies under various socio-economic and bio-physical conditions.
- In-house model development & maintenance

# FSSIM-Dev structure



## DATA

Farm data (Land, Family labour, Capital...)

Crop & Livestock data (price, yield, inputs, costs, lab...)

Household data (HH members, reference consumption, off-farm income, income & demand elasticities ...)

## METHODS

Individual Farm Household (FH) model running for each single FH

Comparative static & non-linear optimisation model

Capture key features of DC (market imperfect., inter-action among FH, seasonality...)

## INDICATORS

Socio-economic

FH income

Activity level

(ha & head)

Production

Land, labour, input use

Food security

Nutrition

Environment

## APPLICATION

SENEGAL  
IVORY COAST

NIGER  
ETHIOPIA  
TANZANIA

# Model Structure

## Household model for policy analysis: FSSIM-Dev

- **Farm Household model** (i.e. production and consumption decisions)
- Comparative **statics & non-linear** optimization model
- Calibrated using a Positive Mathematical Programming (**PMP**) approach
- Covering the major agricultural and livestock production activities
- Generic & Modular setup

# Model Structure

## Household model for policy analysis: FSSIM-Dev

- Capture key features of Developing Countries agriculture:
  - **non-separable** production and consumption decisions
  - **heterogeneity** of farm households
  - interaction among farm-households for factor markets
  - **seasonality** of cropping activities and resource use
  - effects of **transaction costs** on market participation

# Model Description

## FSSIM-DEV's mathematical structure

- Maximize Farm household income
- Subject to:
  - Resource constraints
  - Consumption: Linear Expenditure System (LES)
  - Price bands & complementary slackness conditions
  - Market clearing conditions

# Model Description

Farm household income (i.e. full income)



$$R_h = Z_h + \sum_{tf} b_{h,tf} p_{h,tf} - \sum_j b_{h,j} p_{h,j} + exinc_h$$

Agriculture income

Value of tradable factors (tf) rented-in & out

Value of purchased quantity of goods j

Off-farm incomes (exogenous)

# Model Description

## Agricultural/farm income



$$Z_h = \sum_j (s_{h,j} + c_{h,j}) p_{h,j}$$

← Value of sold and self-consumed quantities of good j

$$+ \sum_i s b_{h,i} x_{h,i}$$

← Subsidies

$$- \sum_i a_{h,i} x_{h,i}$$

← Accounting unit costs (inputs)

$$- \sum_i (d_{h,i} + 0.5Q_{h,i,i} x_{h,i}) x_{h,i}$$

← Implicit costs

# Model Description

## Linear Expenditure System

Consumption of good  $i$

Price of good  $i$

$$C_{i,h} p_{i,h} = \beta_{i,h} [R_h - \sum_{i'} (\gamma_{i',h} p_{i',h})] + \gamma_{i,h} p_{i,h}$$

Marginal budget  
share of good  $i$

Supernumerary  
income

Uncompressible  
consumption



# FSSIM-Dev applications

## Senegal

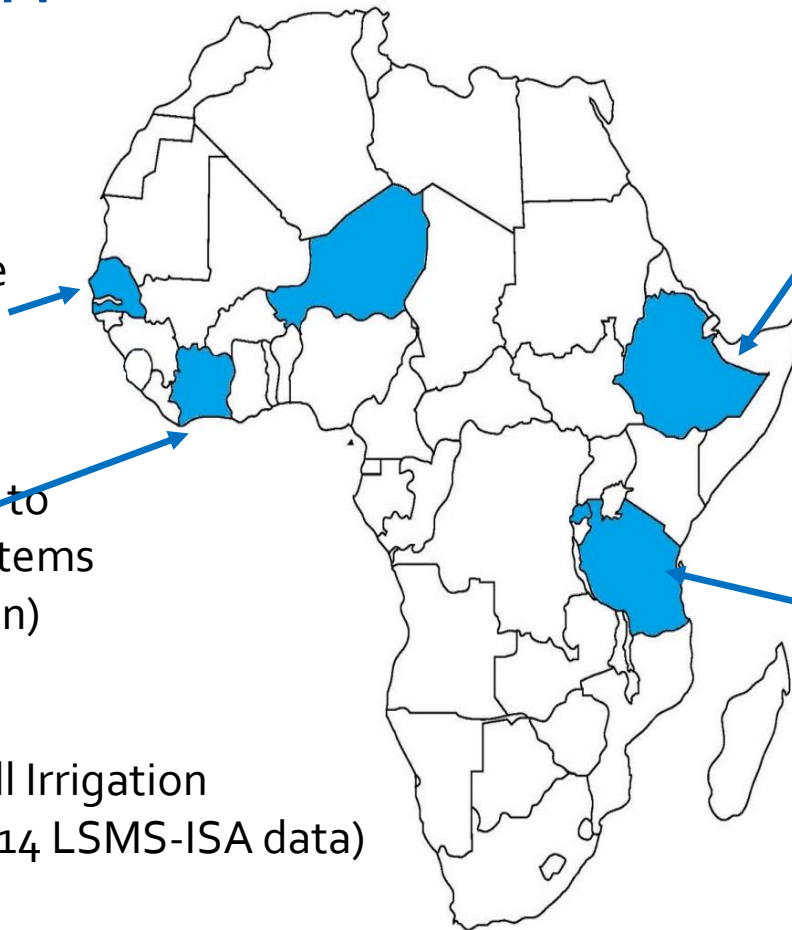
Impacts of fertiliser subsidy programme (2011 ESPS data)

## Ivory Coast

Impacts of support to cotton farming systems (own data collection)

## Niger

Impacts of Small Irrigation programme (2014 LSMS-ISA data)



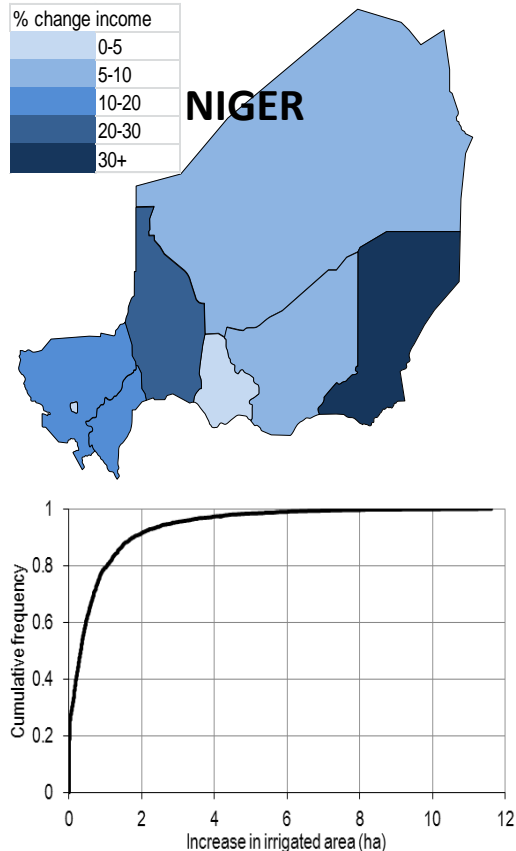
## Ethiopia

Impacts of minimum price support for cereals (2012 LSMS-ISA data)

## Tanzania

Impacts of local fiscal policy (produce cess) and new price regulation (2013 LSMS-ISA data)

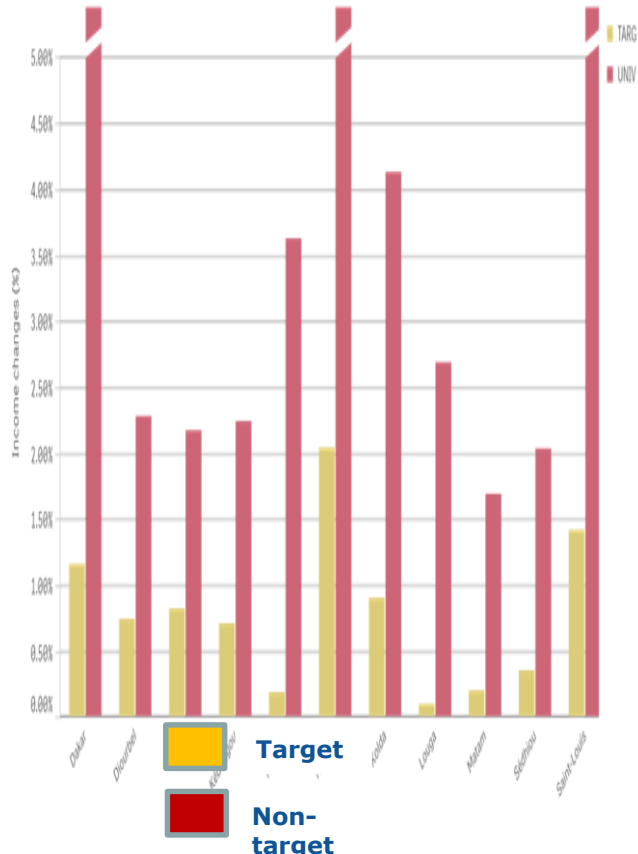
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- In Niger, support to EU Delegation & Ministry of Agriculture to estimate the micro-level (farms/households) impact of Small Irrigation programme (SPIN) on food security and rural poverty (contribution of EU-Development Fund through budgetary support)
- Overall impact (2020): SPIN increases cropped land and total output, improve/stabilize yields, offer opportunities for off-season cropping and does not necessarily requires heavy investment / government support.
- +7% household Income (preliminary results). Higher positive impact for poorest households than for richest.

# FSSIM-Dev applications

## SENEGAL



- In Senegal, we assess impact of a targeted versus non-targeted fertilizer voucher program.
- Overall impacts (preliminary results): very low impact at aggregated level. Impact is lower for smaller farmers (targeted programme) than for larger farmers - only few farms would be positively affected, for some farms income increase may reach 70%.
- The limited use of fertilizer programme and the resultant limited increase in productivity/income - especially among smaller farmers - could be explained by the limited available cash flow

# Knowledge sharing & capacity building

Workshops in Partner Countries to discuss methodology, database and preliminary results.

Advanced training for selected colleagues from key institutions on quantitative methods/models developed within this project  
Shared projects to share model "ownership".



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