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# Getting to Scale

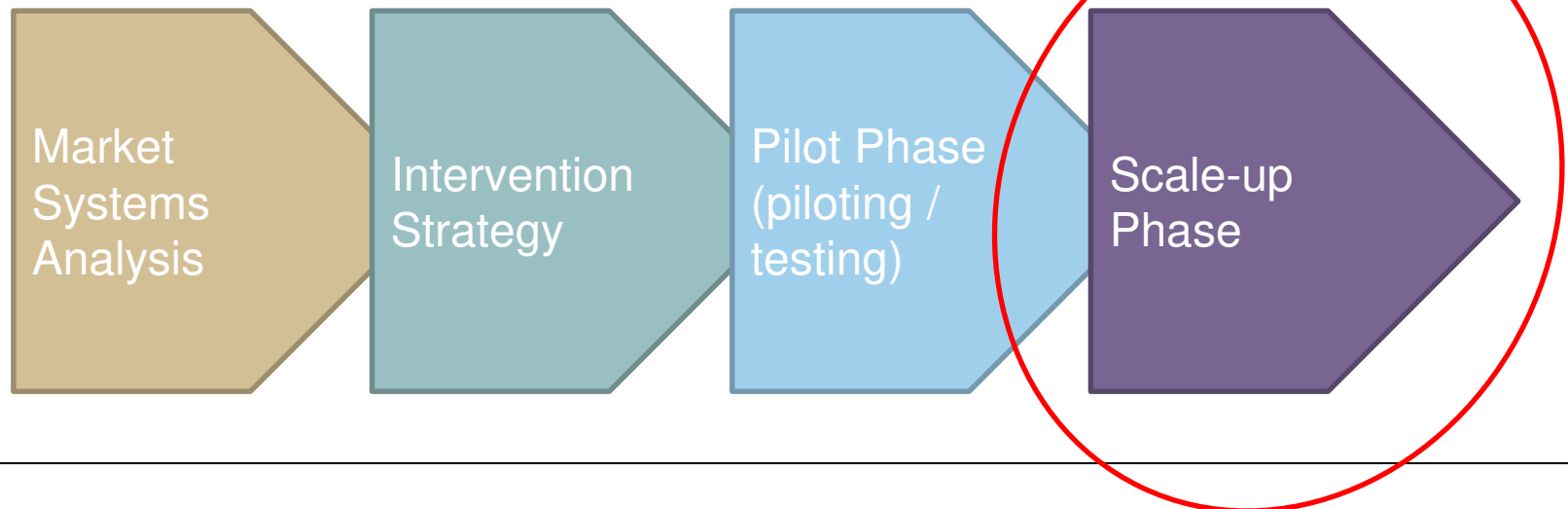
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- ➔ Introduction
- ➔ Strategies for Getting to Scale ('pathways' to scale)
- ➔ Cross-programme lessons in Getting to Scale
- ➔ Programme perspectives (1): PrOpCom
- ➔ Programme perspectives (2): CAVAC
- ➔ Q&A



- Product or process innovation
- Pro-poor
- Sustainable (commercially viable)



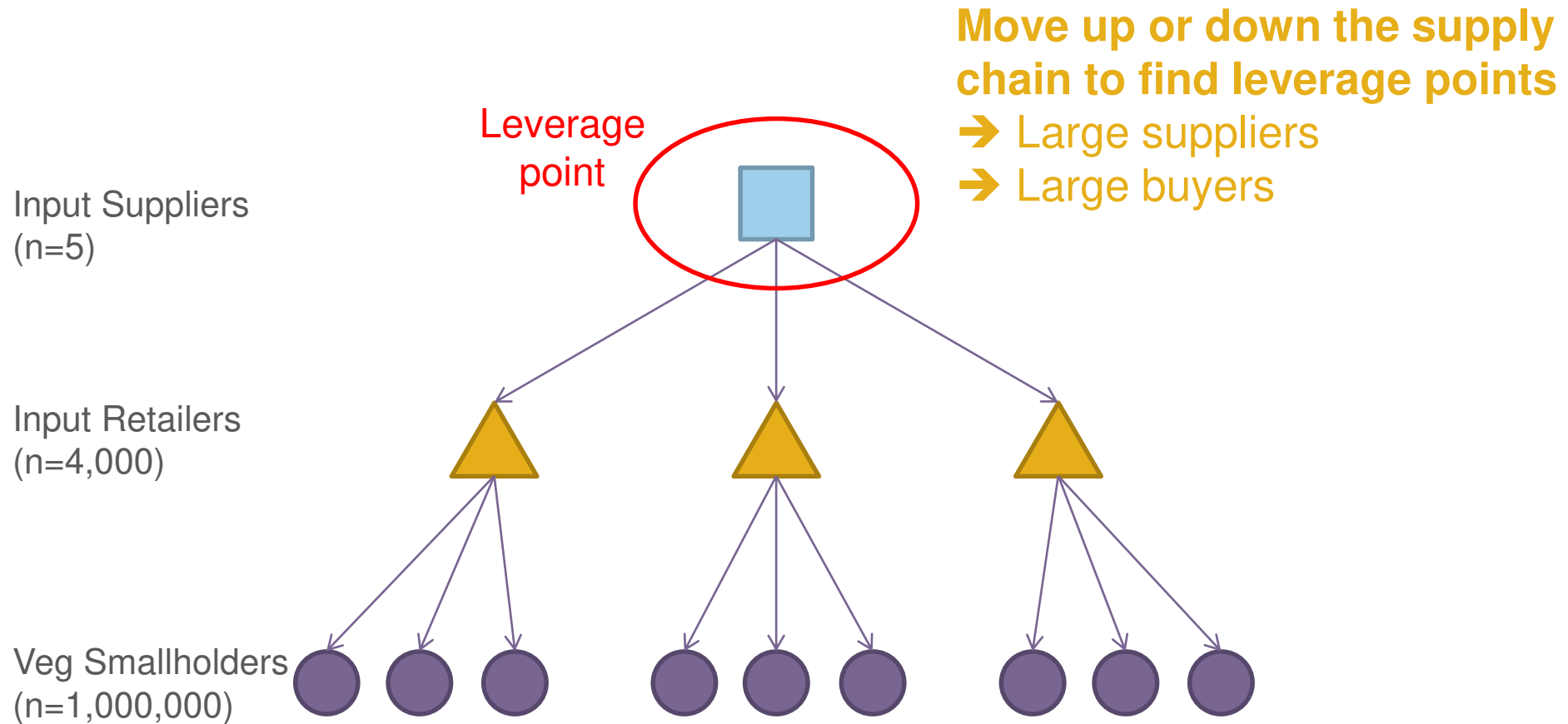
# Strategies for Getting to Scale

## 1. Achieve scale through 'big' actors

- Partner with 1 or 2 big actors
- Deep pockets; existing distribution networks
- Possible to get to scale without any further competitive response



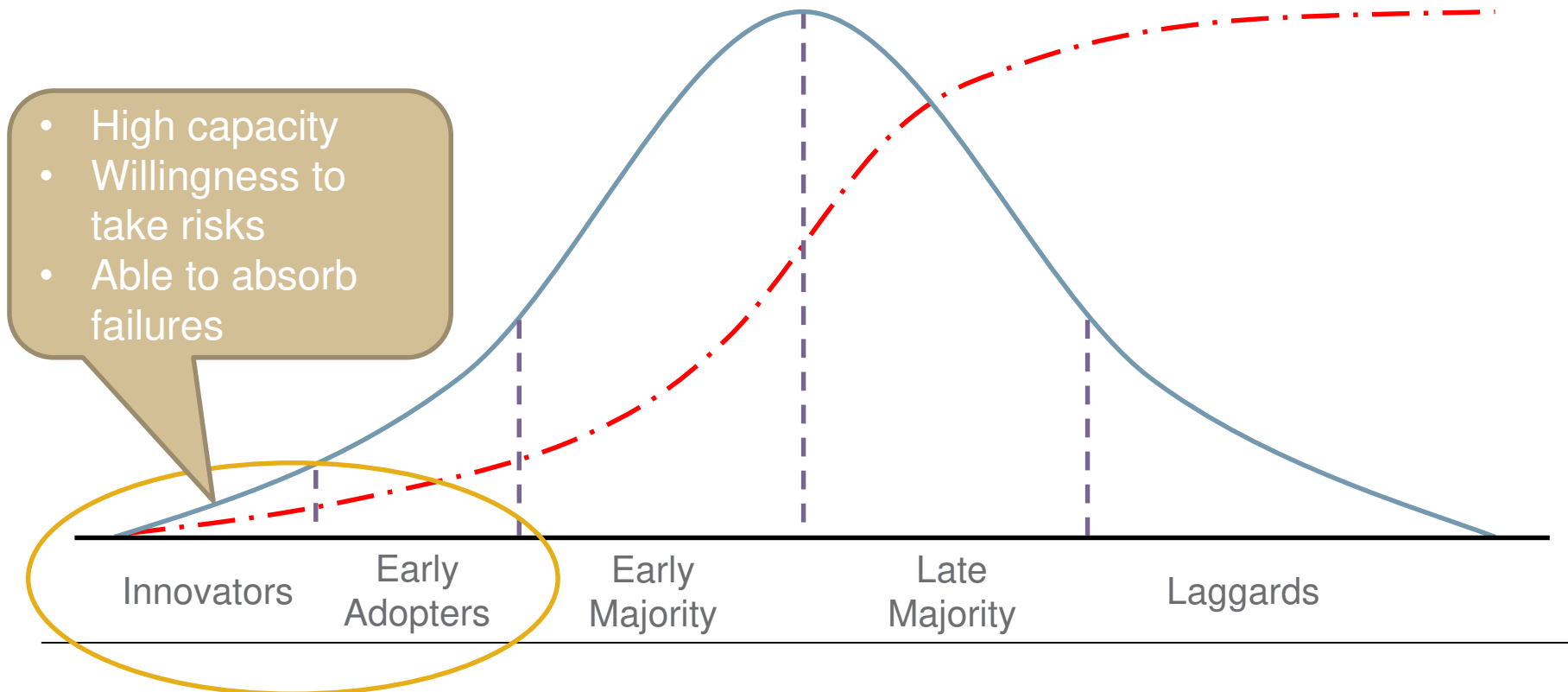
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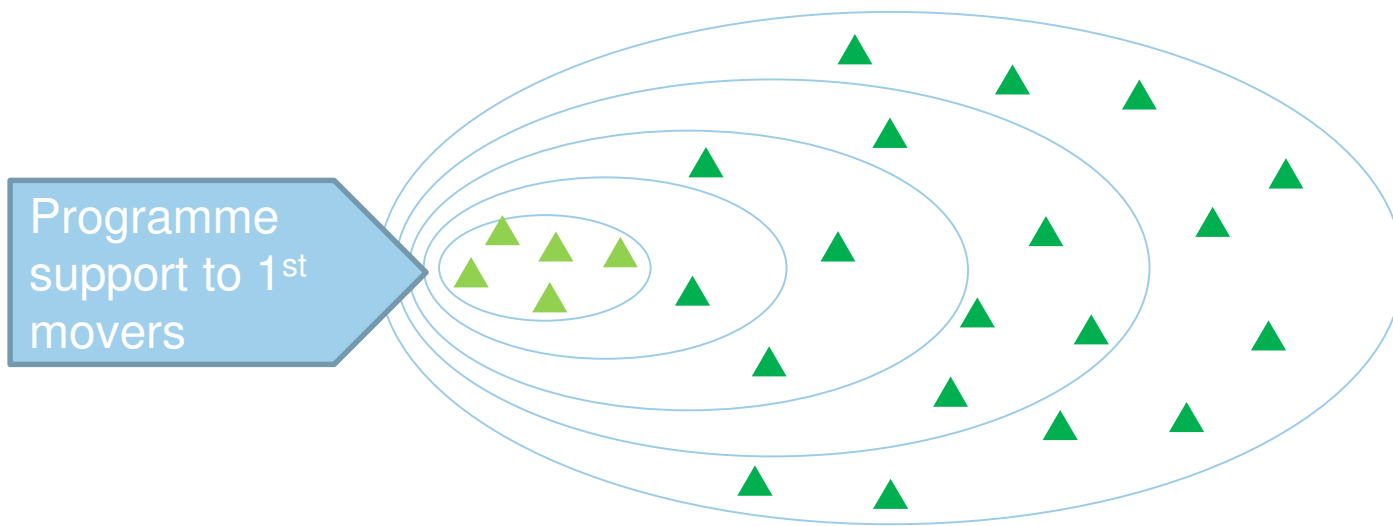
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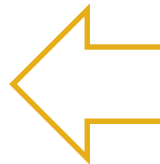
Success for the 1<sup>st</sup> movers is visible to the 2<sup>nd</sup> movers



Improve visibility through industry workshops, case studies etc

**AND** 2<sup>nd</sup> movers attribute this success to the adoption of the 'innovation' by the 1<sup>st</sup> movers

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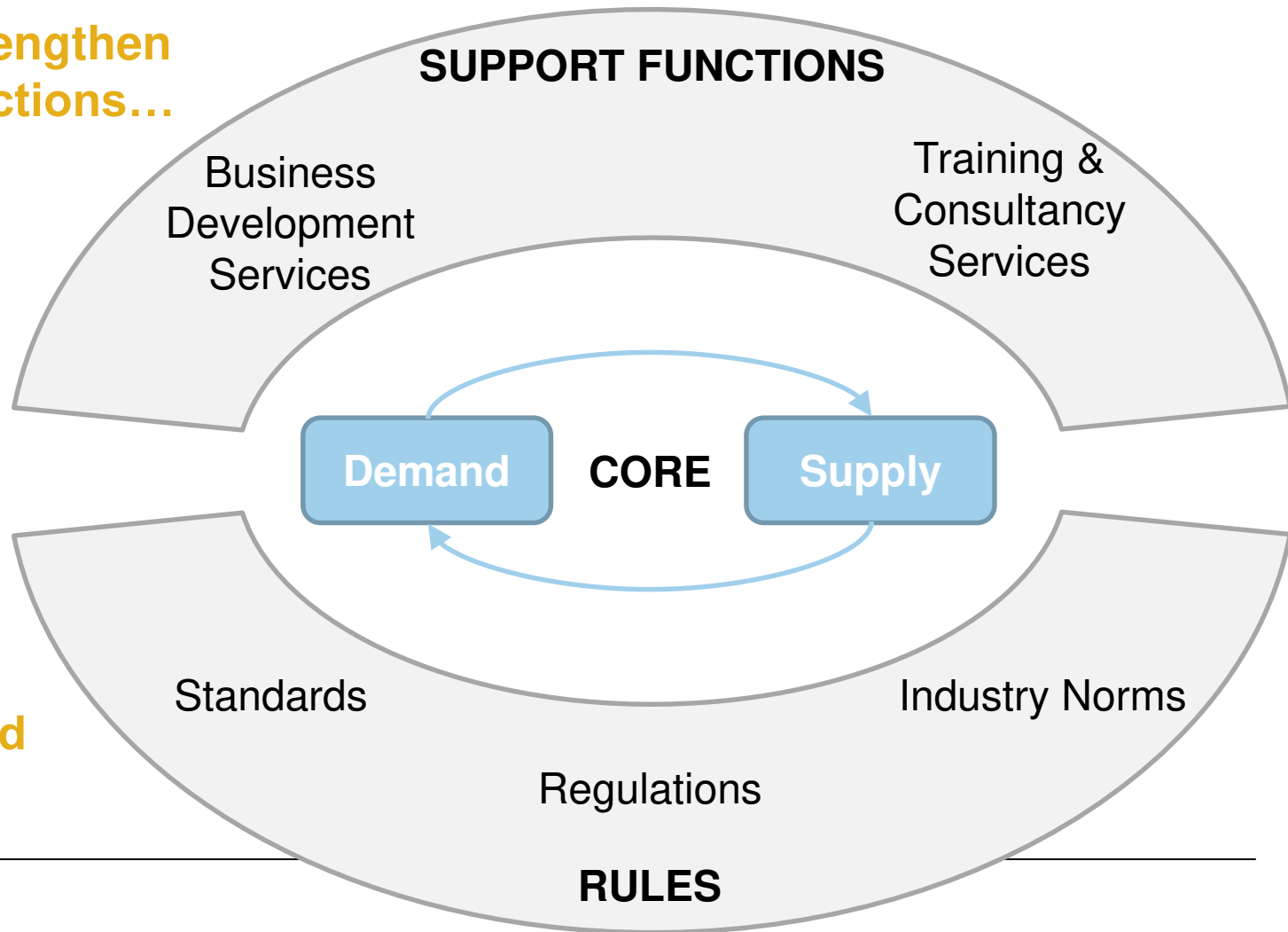
## 3. Actively support 2<sup>nd</sup> movers

- ➔ Address capacity / incentive constraints of 2<sup>nd</sup> movers
- ➔ May require *more intensive* support than 1<sup>st</sup> movers



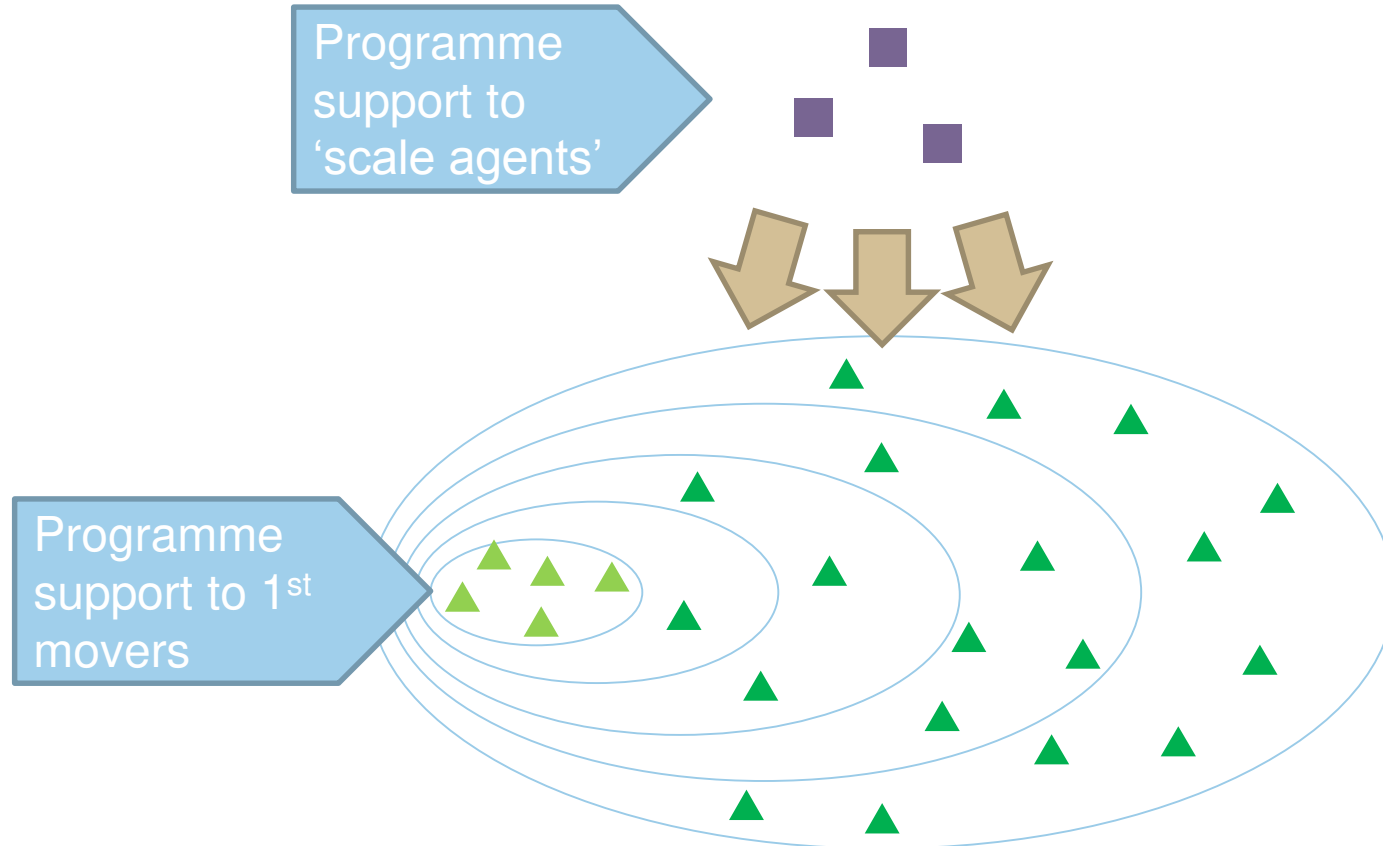
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## 4. Create or strengthen supporting functions...

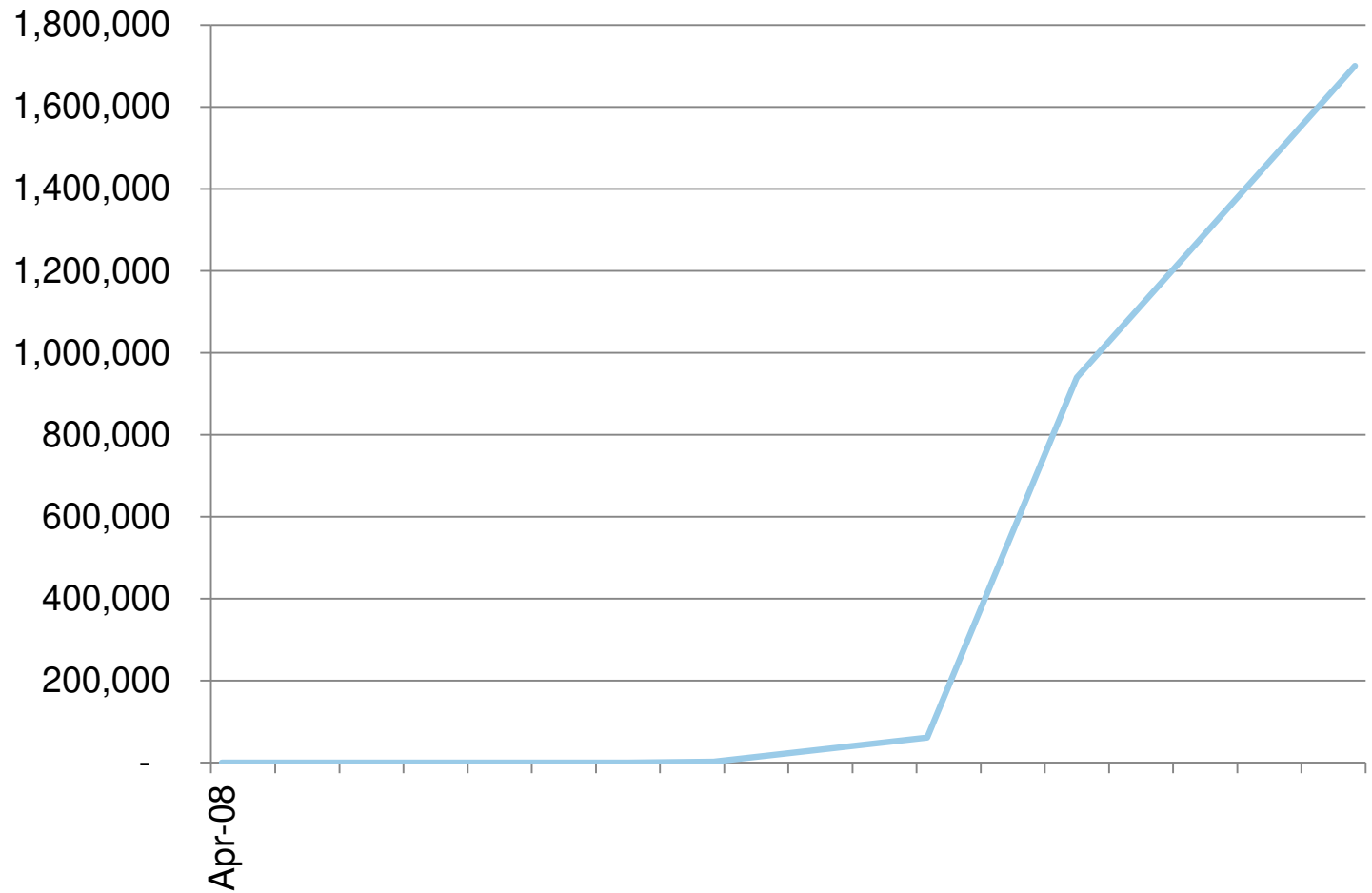


## 5...or rules and regulations

# Strategies for Getting to Scale



# #1: Getting to scale takes time... and effort



## #2: Only a few interventions will get to scale

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PrOpCom

Making Nigerian Agricultural Markets Work for the Poor



→ Importance of testing lots of different innovations early on; drop those not showing potential and double-down on those that do

## #5: Do not take the demonstration effect for granted



*MicroSave*  
Market-led solutions for financial services



Investment  
in TA

Poaching Equity  
staff



KCB | Making the  
Difference

*“We have taken financial inclusion on board because of Equity. It was they who saw the importance of the bottom of the pyramid”*

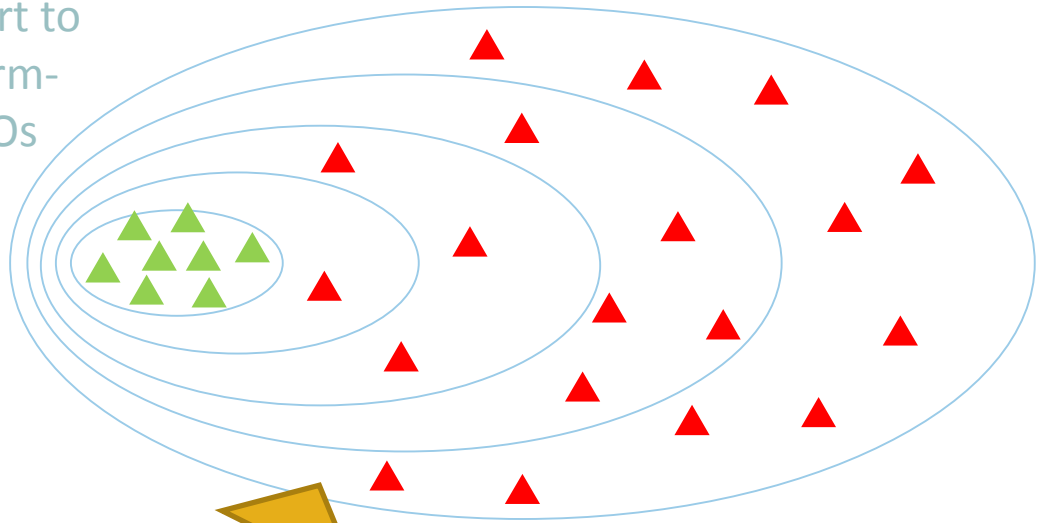
- **Shift focus:** underserved mass market
- **Shift approach:** customer-led (rather than product-led)

Source: FSDK / The Springfield Centre

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*“Working with individual SACCOs at best produced isolated pockets of excellence but there was no spread beyond these”*

(1) Direct support to strongest, reform-minded SACCOs



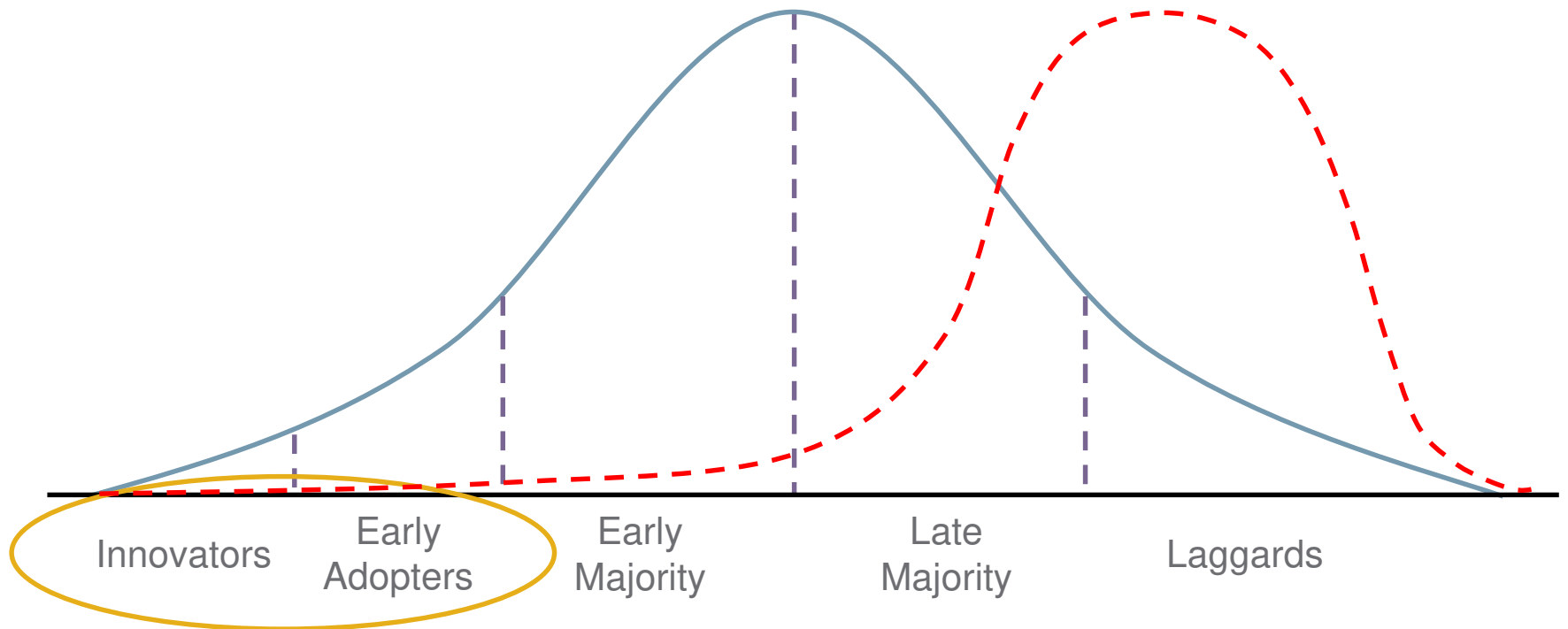
(2a) Attempt to develop service market for SACCO training



(2b) Strengthen SACCO regulations to create pressure to change



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Banks

- ✓ High visibility demonstration effect
- ✓ Strong competition between banks
- ✓ Early adopters/majority with sufficient capability/resources
- ✓ Transition mechanism (poaching)

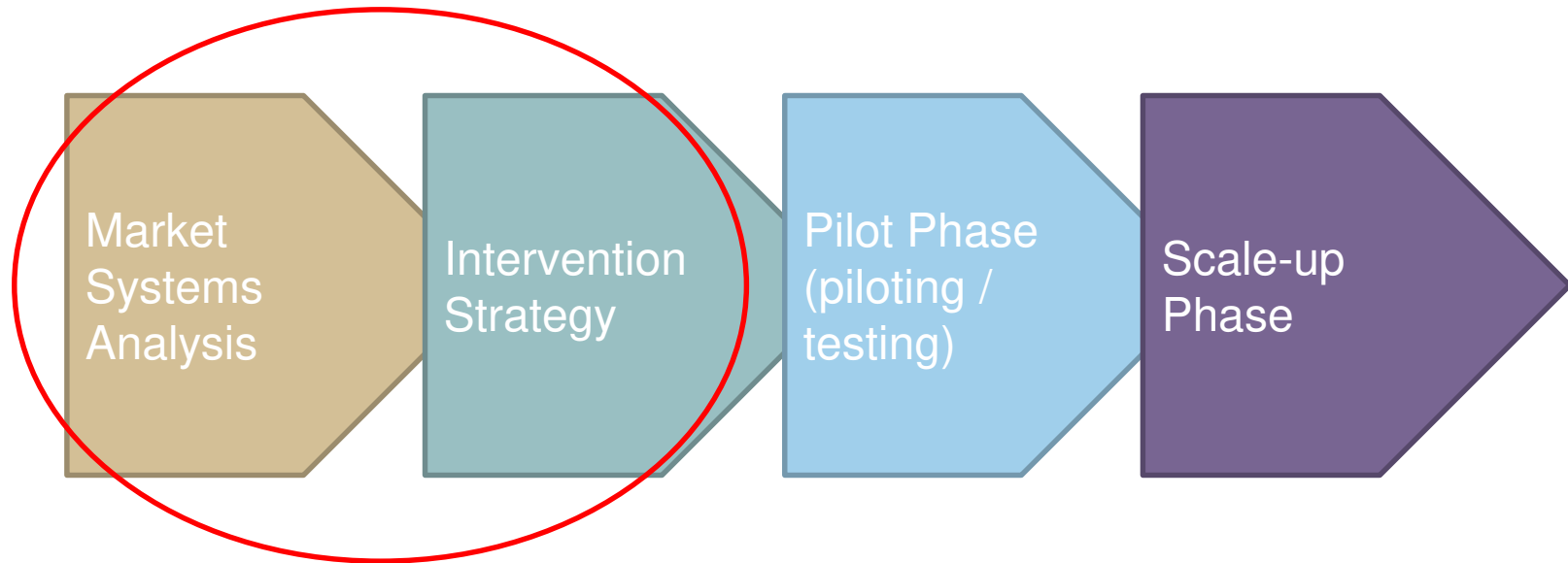
SACCOs

- ✗ Lower visibility demonstration effect (>3,200 SACCOs)
- ✗ Weak/non-existent competition between SACCOs
- ✗ Weak incentives to improve performance/invest in training
- ✗ Regulator lacked teeth

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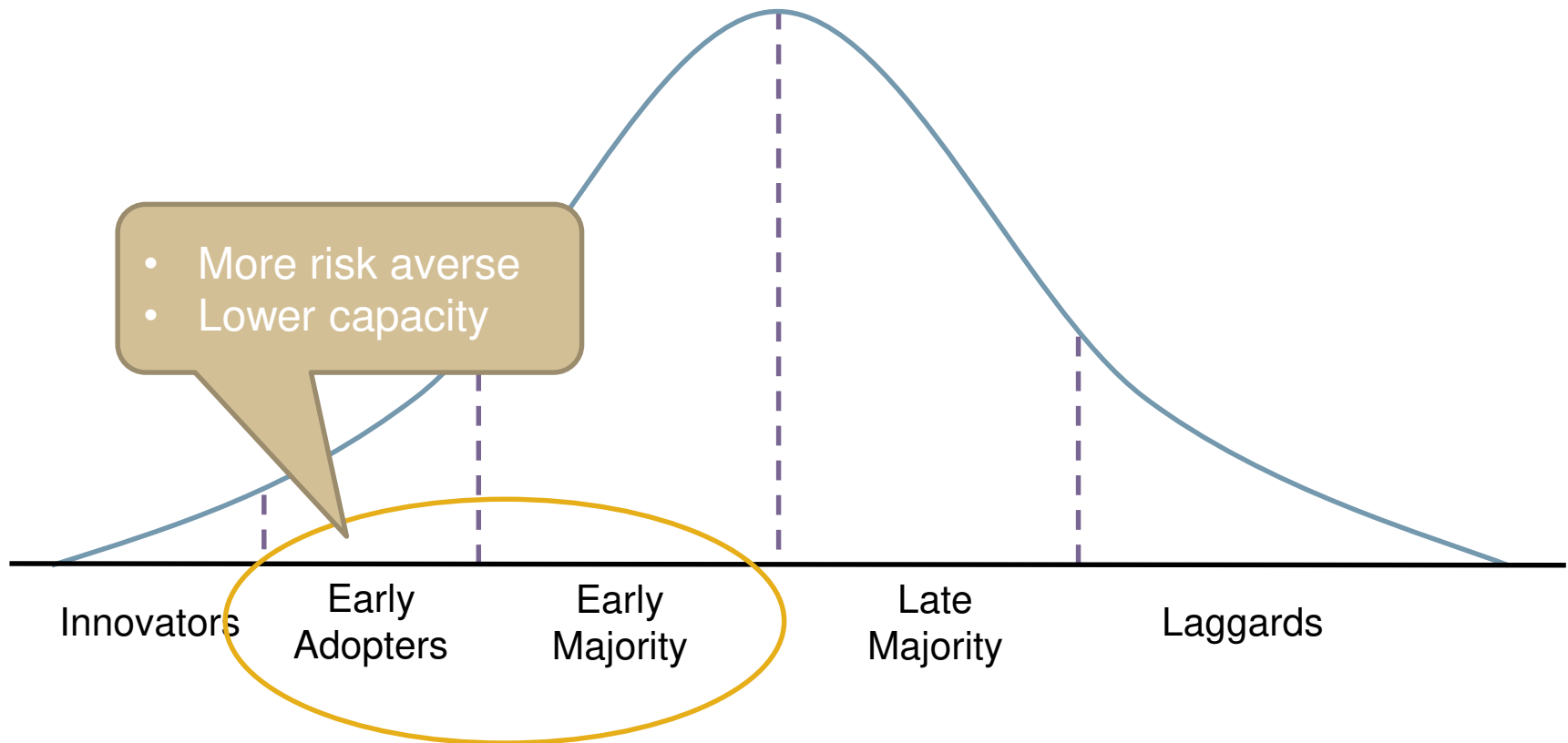
	Banks (Kenya)	SACCOs (Kenya)
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➔ Programmes cannot lazily assume the demonstration effect will hold: need to think through assumptions carefully, look beyond first movers

## #6: If the demonstration effect fails, programmes may need to work with second movers (often as intensively)

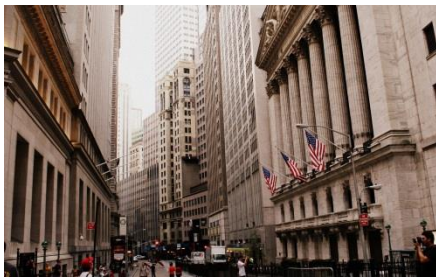


➔ Programme experience suggests 2<sup>nd</sup> movers often require the same or higher intensity of support as 1<sup>st</sup> movers, using a different set of tactics

# #10: Country-context and industry structure is important



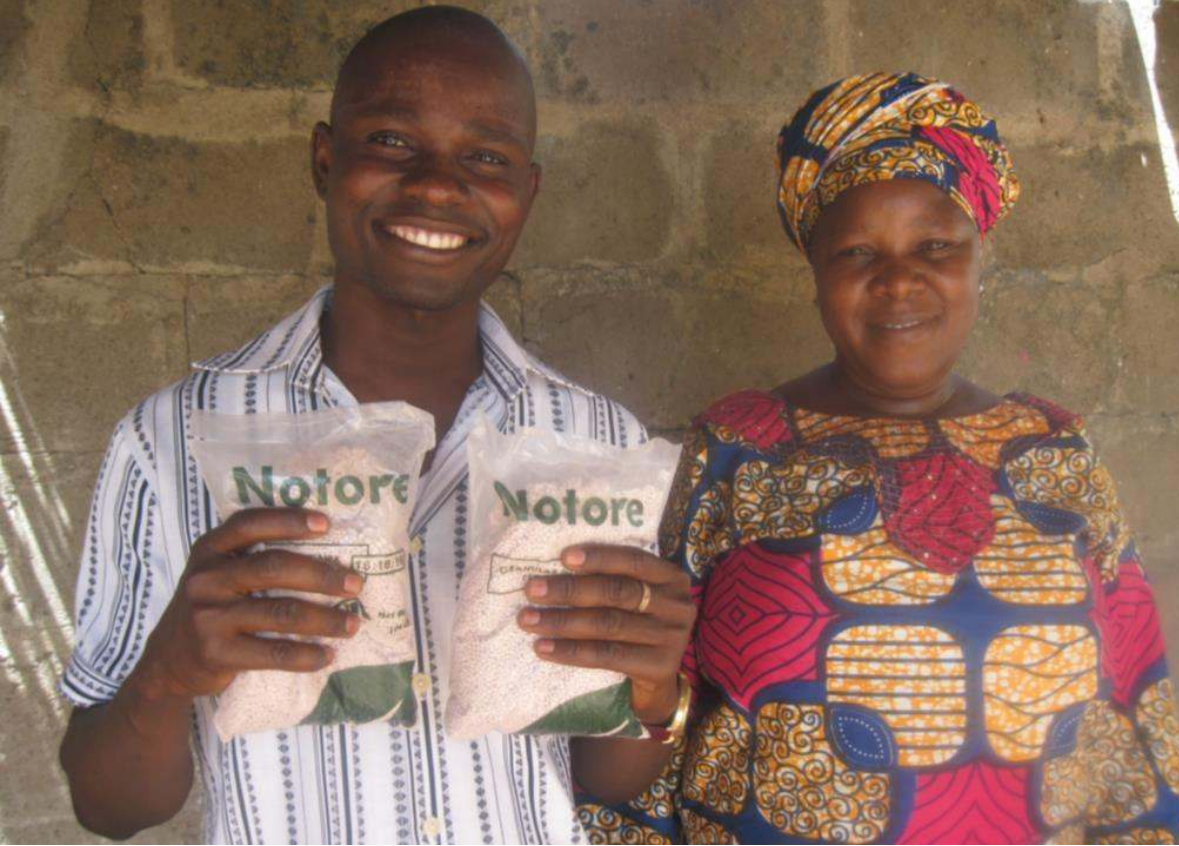
- 'Thicker markets', with a range of large, well-resourced players
- High population and population density
- More developed financial sector
- Supportive business environment



- High market concentration
- Intensive competition
- High density of networks

- Programmes should consider scale-factors in their sector selection
- Donors need to recognise importance of country-context in designing programmes (milestones, programme length)





# Lessons in Getting to Scale from PrOpCom

Julian Hamilton-Peach, independent

*PrOpCom was implemented by Chemonics. Propcom Mai-karfi is implemented by Palladium.*





# Notore



# **Notore: Doing Good While Doing Well**

## **About Notore**

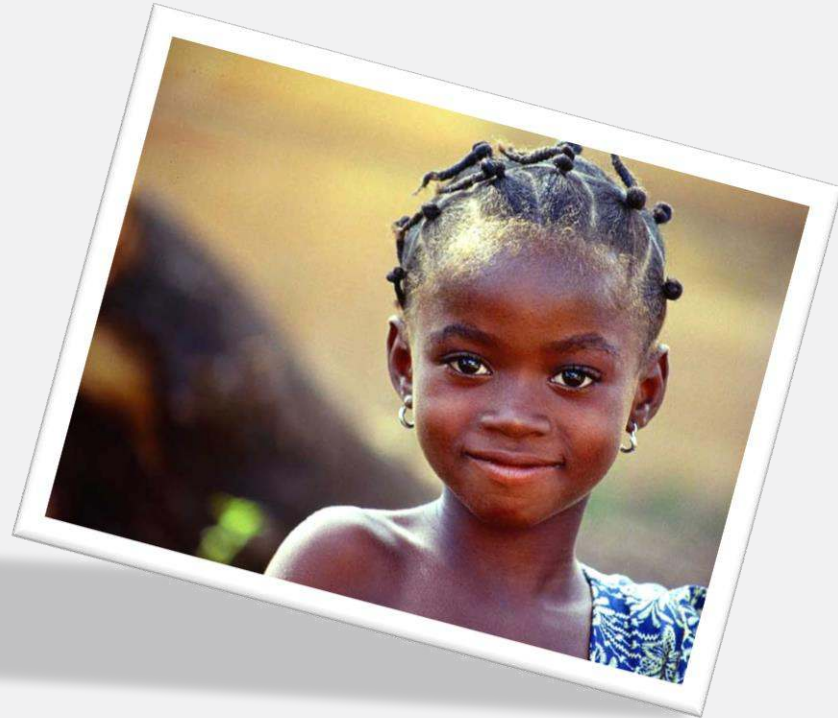
**An Agro-Allied, Chemicals and Power Company**

## **Vision**

**To be No 1 by market-share and profitability in our chosen business and to be a significant contributor to the development of Africa**

## **Mission**

**Enhancing the quality of life**







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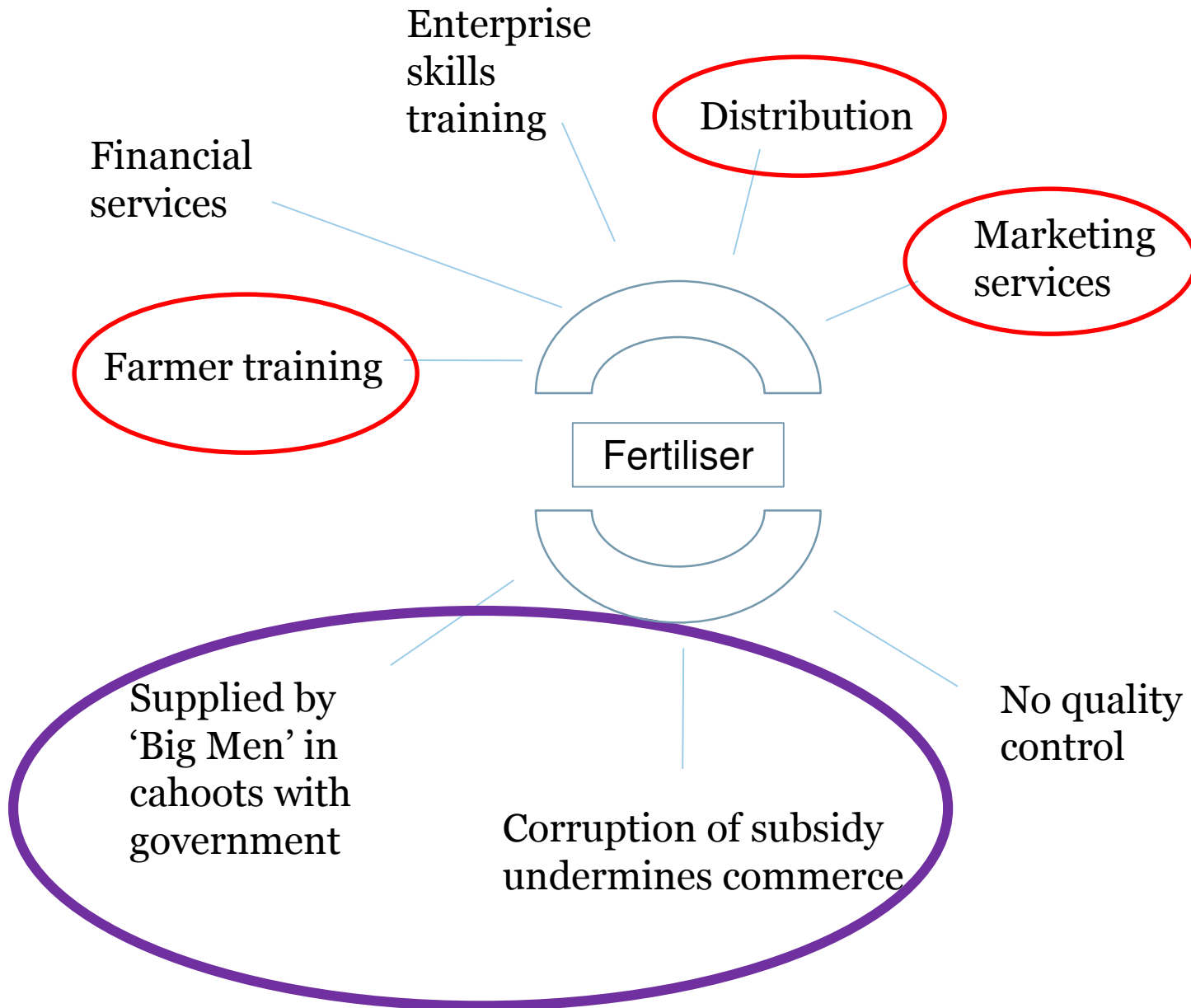
PLEASE, DO NOT SWITCH ON

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**Notore leads the other fertiliser companies to the new pastures of a free market...**



**To increase your chances of getting to scale:**

**1/ Think portfolio**

**2/ Review**

**3/ “Shoot first, aim second”? Hmmm....**

**4/ Be curious, not scientific**

**5/ Pluck & luck**

**6/ Results that matter for scale**

**7/ Intent is key**

# **Lessons in Getting to Scale from CAVAC (and elsewhere)**

**Peter Roggekamp**



- **Engineering a solution**, does not work in our complex socio-economic reality
- **Designing without the partner**, hardly ever works. We never understand the complexity.
- **Solving technical issues** instead of analysing markets, incentives and business cases.



*HOW TO GET TO SCALE, IF WE DON'T SCALE UP SMALL PILOTS?*

Katalyst,

*2002-2008, Bangladesh*

Scale?...Yes, Impact?... No real proof

CAVAC,

*2009-2015, Cambodia*

Scale?...Yes, Impact?... Yes, with VfM

Investing in  
Infrastructure,

*2015-2020, Cambodia*

Scale?...Sure, Impact?... Yes, complex



## Development & complexity

Owen Barder



Hello, my name is Owen Barder at the Center for Global Development in Europe.

This presentation is about the implications of complexity theory for economics in general, and especially for development.

Mapping

Constraint Analysis

Intervention design

Implementation

Monitoring

"Tremendously important and provocative...an immensely stimulating book."  
—NICHOLAS D. KRISTOF, *The New York Review of Books*

## THE WHITE MAN'S BURDEN

Why the West's Efforts to Aid the Rest Have  
Done So Much Ill and So Little Good



WILLIAM EASTERLY

An eye  
for opportunities



And a partner to dance with

Katalyst,

*2002-2008, Bangladesh*

Trying and learning lessons

CAVAC,

*2009-2015, Cambodia*

*Applying the lessons:*

Adaptive management +portfolio management

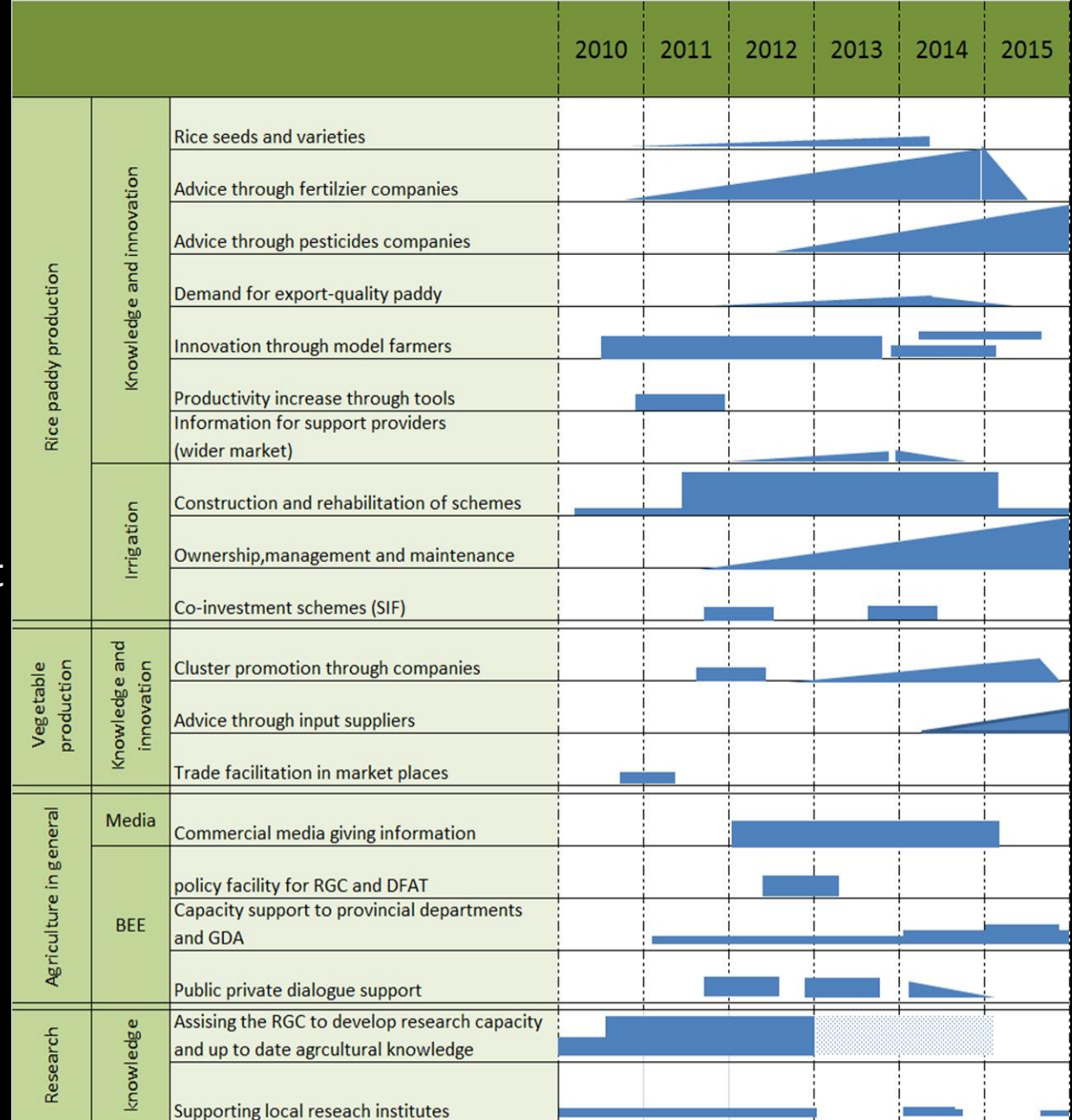
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No Mid Term Review, but a scalability review

# Portfolio management

- Start with many markets and many interventions
- Don't plan forever, but get in there
- Reallocate resources for scale
- Scale-up interventions at the same order of magnitude



# Cambodia Agricultural Value Chain Program (CAVAC)

## Internal Background Document for the Mid-Term Review Mission



**20 FEBRUARY 2012**

Note: This document is written for the sole purpose of giving the Mid-Term Review (MTR) team an overview of progress and the potential of the CAVAC program. It contains views, opinions and conclusions from different CAVAC staff. The 'uncensored' nature of this document will give the MTR team a more balanced basis for conclusions and recommendations. The consequence is that this version is by nature internal and should be treated as such. After the MTR, CAVAC can provide a summary document for external use, incorporating MTR views. To meet the expectation of partners, CAVAC has developed a stand alone report that provides an update of activities against Annual Workplan 2011.

## TYPE OF ACTIVITIES

## CHARACTERISTICS, basis for calculations

	expectation	# farmers WS	# farmers WS&DS	Yield increase	additional area	Quality
	%	HH	HH	%	ha	# HH
fertilizer quality	60%	35000	6125	3%		
pesticides quality and availability						
fertilizer advice retailers	70%	35000	6125	12%		
seeds dry season	50%		24000	10%		
seeds wet season	80%	10000	1750	50%		
pesticides application company-retailer +PDA-retailer	50%	40000	7000	10%		
Model farmer training, fertilizer application +se++	80%	16000	2800	20%		
	70%	120000	21000	10%		
Irrigation canals	75%	34123			42660	
add. seeds dry season	50%	10000	1750	10%		
add. AG: Fertilizer through retailers	60%	35000	6125	12%		
add. Pesticides through retailers	50%	10000	1750	10%		
Export, new varieties and better practices and market	60%	10000	1750	50%		10000
Export, only new market and better practices	70%	15000				15000
Veg, seeds, irrigation and practices	50%	9000		20%	450	?

## IMPACT ON YIELDS AND MONEY

WS		DS			
additional volume	additional income	additional volume	additional income	new area	add. income canals
ton	M USD	ton	M USD	ha	M USD
1063	0.27	717	0.18		
		0			
4961	1.24	3344	0.84		
		7800	1.95		
6750	1.69				
3375	0.84	2275	0.57		
4320	1.08	2912	0.73		
14175	3.54	9555	2.39		
				31995	22.56
		569	0.14		
4253	1.06	2867	0.72		
844	0.21	569	0.14		
5063	1.27				

**44803** ton additional paddy per year in the wet season

**11.2** million USD additional profit for WS farmers

**30607** ton add. Paddy per year in dry season

**7.7** m USD additional profit for DS hh

additional paddy in DS by new canals is

**31995** ton per year

additional income for farmers than have new access to irr=

**22.6** m USD/ year

## total yearly increases 2 years after the program

million ton paddy WS & DS 0.24

Million USD increased hh income 41.4



- Fertilizer .....1/3 of all rice farmers reached by supported companies
- Pesticides .....1/4 of all rice farmers reached by supported companies

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> 300,000 households

- (Irrigation)

- Vegetables
- Media ... 200,000 farmers impacted
- Business Environment

- ~~Agri-tools~~
- ~~Seeds and varieties~~
- ~~Model farmer dry season~~
- ~~Market infrastructure~~
- ~~PP dialogue~~
- ~~Export promotion~~

Getting to scale requires flexibility and adaptability	
Only a few interventions are likely to get to scale	 <b>PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT !</b>
Getting to scale takes time	<i>Worse:</i> Ultimate scale will rarely happen within your project duration.
Programmes should not take the demonstration effect for granted	 <b>Dance together, but let the company lead!!</b>
Second movers can require as much, or more support, than first movers	
Industry structure and country context is important	
The barriers to scale often lie outside the firm	
Programmes need to check the business case early on	



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## Scale (Private Sector Development)

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

In [private sector development](#) it was common practice to design technical pilot solutions based on western technology. It was expected that local actors adopt and adapt these foreign influences. A handful of successful development programs<sup>1)</sup> have proven these assumptions to be invalid.

Present [best practices](#) to get interventions to scale reveal that the secret lies in solid [portfolio management](#) where practitioners start programs with a wide portfolio of markets and an active reallocation of resources to achieve optional scale and impact at the end of the program.

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# Q&A

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<https://beamexchange.org/resources/785/>

