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“Many topics in the participatory training were eye openers. I have learned a good number of techniques that will help me not only in project activities but also in my personal life. And I believe that the acquired skills and knowledge will help me support effective collaboration and dynamic stakeholder networks and local agribusiness partnerships and will help to generate new knowledge by fostering collective learning and joint experimentation.”

Country Project Manager, Bangladesh (CDAIS country report, 2016)

**“Innovation is the transformation of knowledge into value,
and an innovation process that is not business-oriented
will not sustain itself in the marketplace”**

(CDAIS country report, 2016)

Global
partnership



Agrinatura is a grouping of European universities
and research organizations supporting agricultural
development.



The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United
Nations leads international efforts to defeat hunger.

PILOT COUNTRIES

Central America : Guatemala, Honduras

Africa : Angola, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Rwanda

Asia : Bangladesh, Laos

This flyer is intended as one of a series that will report the many and varied activities of CDAIS
in each country, including, for example, policy dialogues, 'marketplaces', and specific outcomes.



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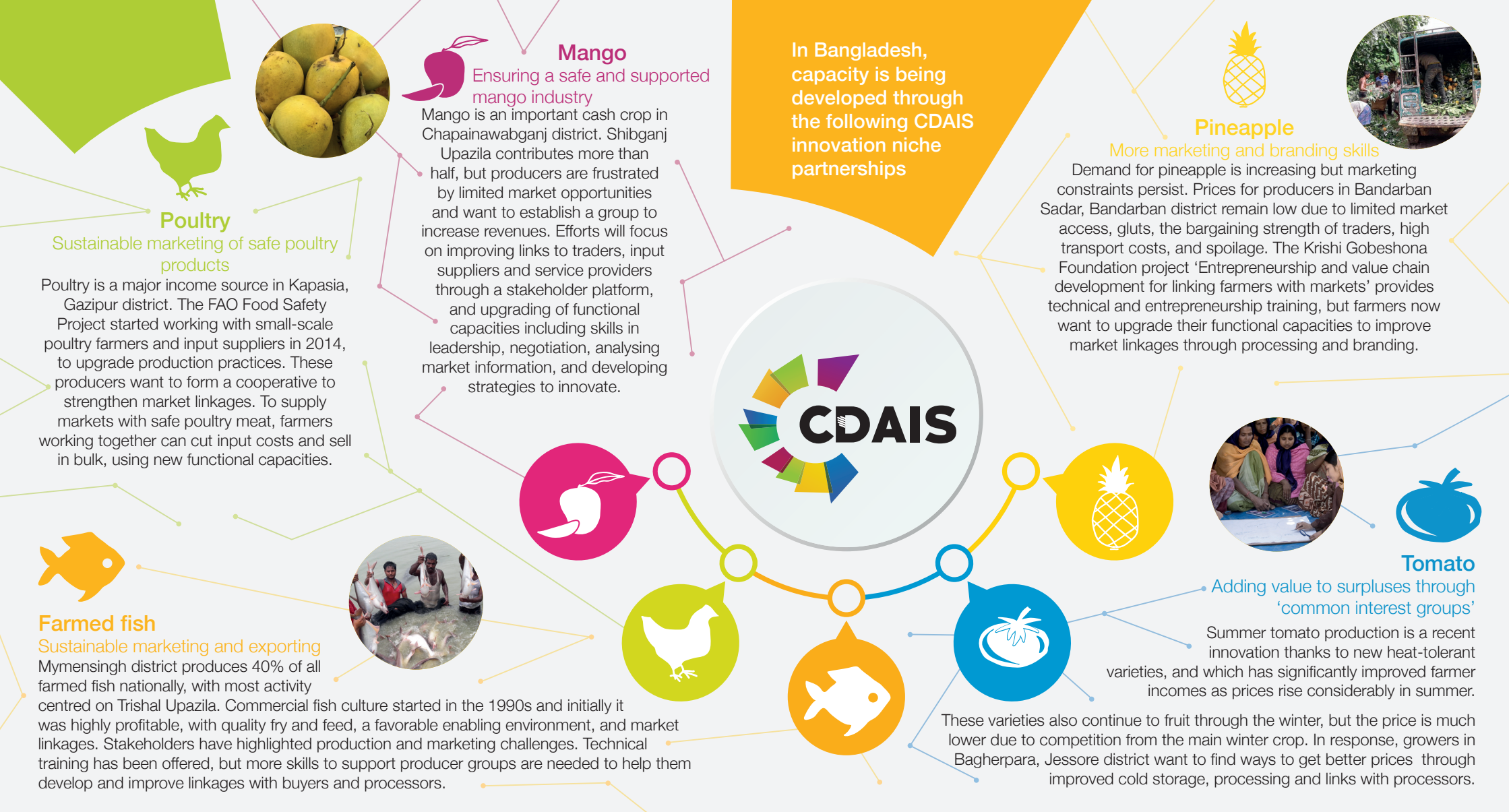


Introducing innovation niche partnerships

STRENGTHENING CAPACITY FOR AGRICULTURAL INNOVATION IN BANGLADESH



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CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT FOR AGRICULTURAL INNOVATION SYSTEMS

CDAIS is a global partnership that aims to strengthen the capacity of countries and key stakeholders to innovate in the context of complex agricultural systems to improve rural livelihoods. Its goal is to promote innovation that meets the needs of small farmers, agribusiness and consumers. To do so, it brings together key stakeholders in agricultural innovation systems and selected innovation niche partnerships to assess their needs and elaborate and implement capacity development plans. The CDAIS project enhances innovation in agriculture by improving the functional capacities of individuals, organizations and systems. It brings partners together and uses continuous learning cycles to address the challenges and opportunities in and around selected 'innovation niche partnerships' in eight pilot countries in Central America, Africa and Asia.

The project will focus its activities on those 'functional capacities' – soft skills such as more effective partnering, coordination and collaboration among actors within the innovation niche partnership and in supporting organisations rather than technical capacities such as farming skills, or on infrastructure and finance. Policy dialogue will also be facilitated to foster improved policies to enable agricultural innovation that help farmers to overcome their key challenges. Agricultural innovation systems have been repeatedly shown to have great potential for driving sustainable growth, poverty reduction and in helping to meet the Sustainable Development Goals