Orange Sweet Potato Feeding The Future:

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Take home messages

1. H+ Uganda delivers the OSP technologies to 286,000Hhs in 25 districts
2. HarvestPlus Uganda has further developed its M&E system by defining its objectives & scope
3. The H+ M&E system is designed on 8 key pillars
4. A data quality assurance policy & plans is essential for good data quality
5. A well designed M&E system is crucial for decision making and fundraising
6. Staff & Partner M&E capacity levels is crucial for good data quality

Harmonizing Demands

Harvest Plus Uganda

Goal: Reducing micronutrient malnutrition and improve dietary intakes of vitamin A and iron for 286,000Hhs in 25 districts in Uganda by 2015.

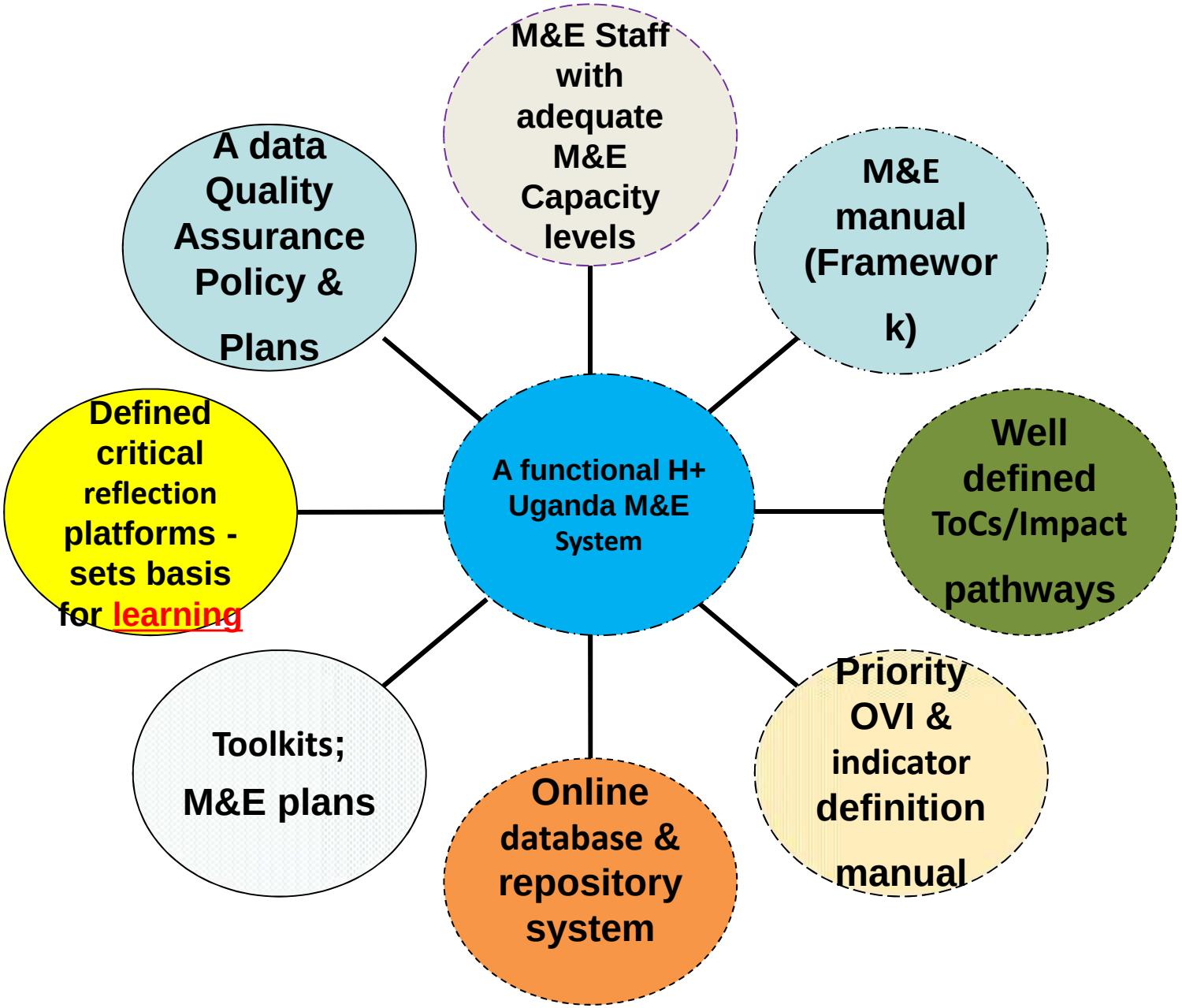
Purpose: Increasing production & consumption of Orange Sweet Potatoes (OSP) and high iron beans in the area of influencea

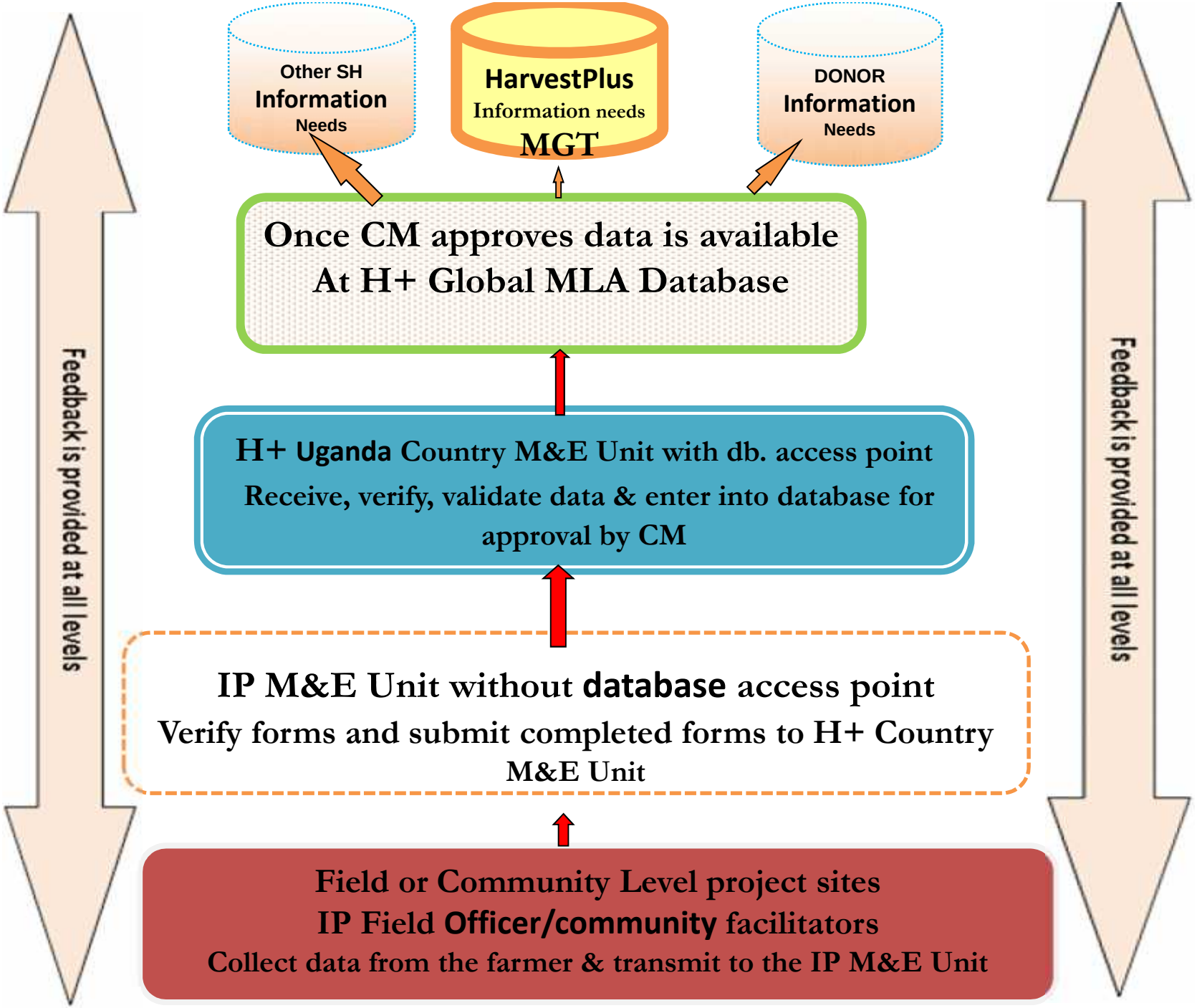
Delivery mechanism: we deliver OSP vines and training services through direct and Indirect channels

Objectives of the HarvestPlus Uganda M&E system

- Generate high quality M&E data for decision making
- Specific objectives are :
  - Setting M&E standards that conform to global M&E best practice
  - Timely recording, processing and sharing M&E data
  - Generate accurate data for organizational learning and accountability
- We track 4 process, 8 output, 12 outcome & 3 impact level indicators

Core components of the H+ Uganda M&E system




Other SH
Information
Needs
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Information needs
MGT
DONOR
Information
Needs
Once CM approves data is available
At H+ Global MLA Database
H+ Uganda Country M&E Unit with db. access point
Receive, verify, validate data & enter into database for approval by CM
IP M&E Unit without database access point
Verify forms and submit completed forms to H+ Country M&E Unit
Field or Community Level project sites
IP Field Officer/community facilitators
Collect data from the farmer & transmit to the IP M&E Unit
Feedback is provided at all levels
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How do we ensure high data quality at H+ Uganda

- Keep reference to priority indicator list & reference manual
- Customising generic data collection tools
- Sharing tools with partners and training utilisation
- Developing country level data quality assessment plans
- Periodic data quality assessments at country program and partner level

Main M&E Outputs for H+ Uganda

- Raw data
  - On hard copy forms from partners
  - Country specific database
  - In the Household Workflow database – H+ wide
  - Data files from surveys
- Reports
  - Annual report to USAID
  - Annual and quarterly reports for HarvestPlus
  - Survey reports
- Mid term evaluation
- Success/impact stories

Utilization of our M&E Outputs for H+ Uganda

- Data is well disaggregated to allow better planning & decision making -
- Cleaned raw data in the database is used for research work
- Inform Learning from our results
- Fundraising with donors
- Advocacy at public policy

Constraints for M&E activities

Limited capacity for local partners

- Data capture, processing and management

Budget cuts for M&E activities

Harvest Plus Global

- Different crops (6) for ten countries
- Harmonizing tools for different indicators
- Different data bases for different countries
- Different implementation approaches

Different indicators for different systems

- Feed the future system
- USAID
- Harvest Plus global

Looking ahead for improved M&E delivery

- Strengthening data collection capacity at partner level
- Finalizing the new expanded database and training staff in its use
- Fundraise for M&E or lobby at H+ level for more $
- Intensify data quality checks and develop formal reports that enable easy follow up to ensure improvement
- Focus on pilot cost indicators to enable management to compute:
  - Cost of **producing a unit** of planting material
  - Cost of **delivering a unit** of planting material
  - Cost of **reaching a household**……with planting material

Sample of data collection tools

- Distribution forms
- Training attendance sheets and training reports
- Review tools for farmers growing OSP
- Tools for children under five
- Tools for tracking OSP vines disseminated by non partner NGOS and private sector
- Tools for estimating OSP vines with multipliers

Farmers reached through marketing vines

Multipliers data

- Collected from multipliers
- Captures NGO

NGO data

- Reveals how many farm Hhs reached with vines
- Called indirect hhs