Status of Sweetpotato in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA)

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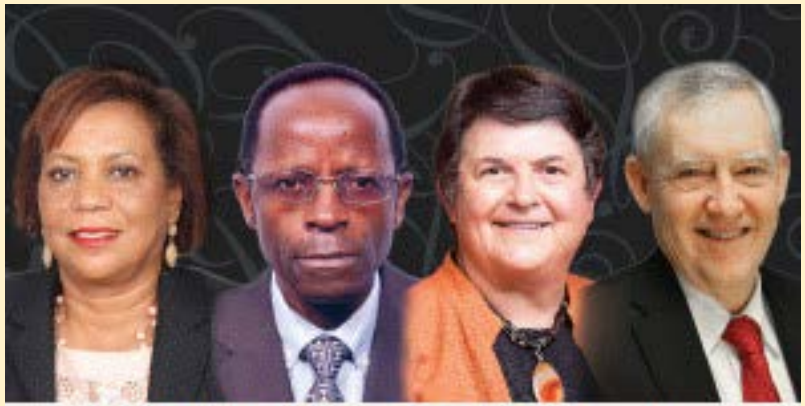
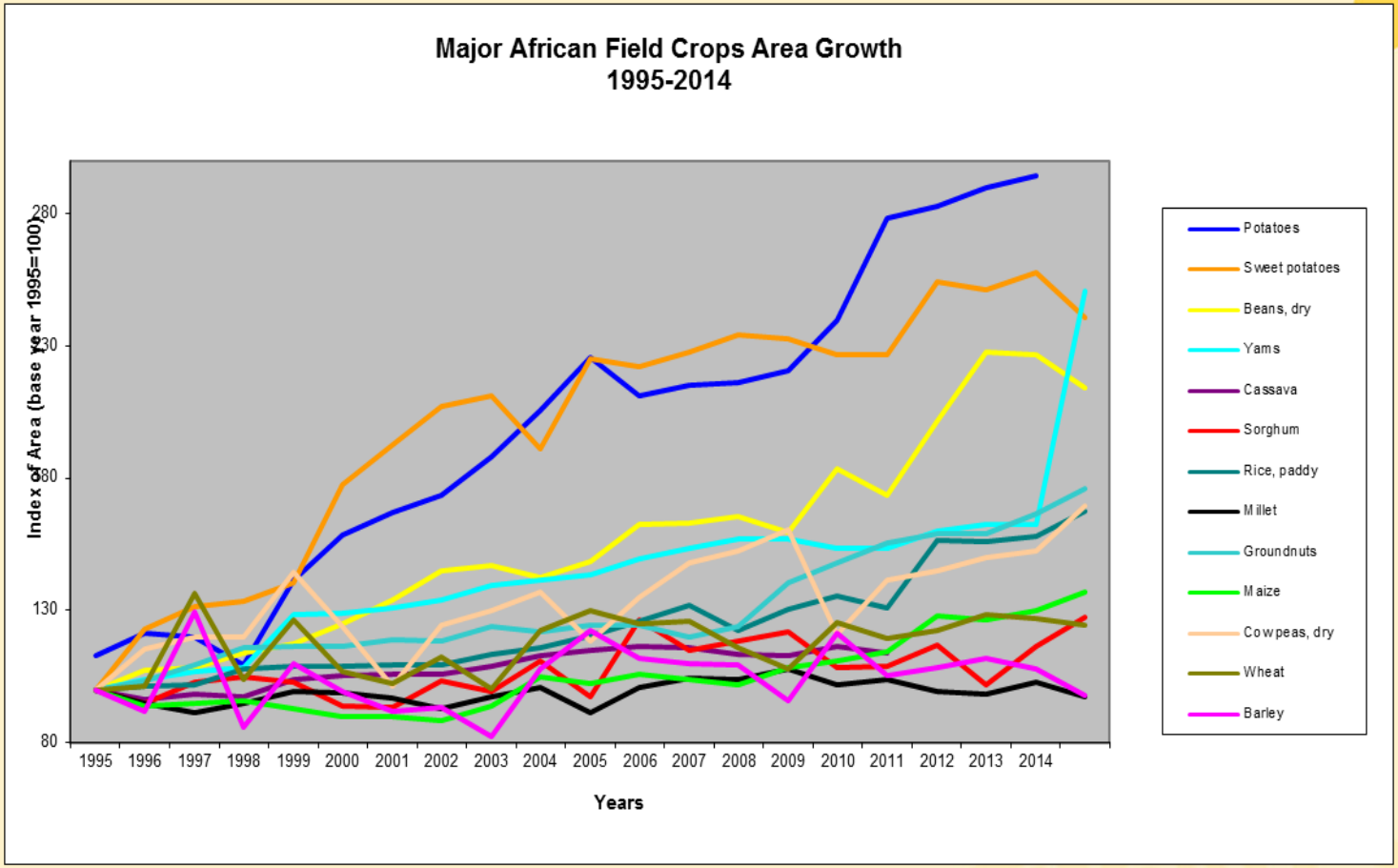
2016, the Year of Sweetpotato



2016 World Food Prize Laureates

Dr. Maria Isabel Andrade (second right) receives the M.S Swaminathan Award on 8 August 2017. Photo: Deepa Karthikeyan (RCME).

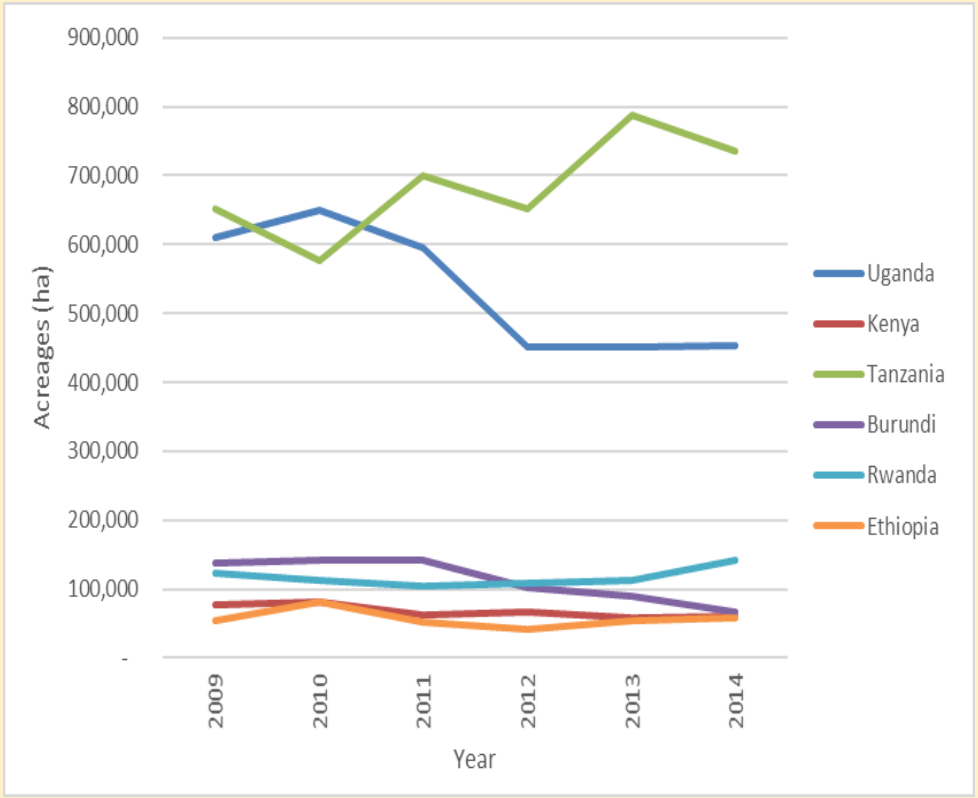
Trends in Sweetpotato and Staples in SSA



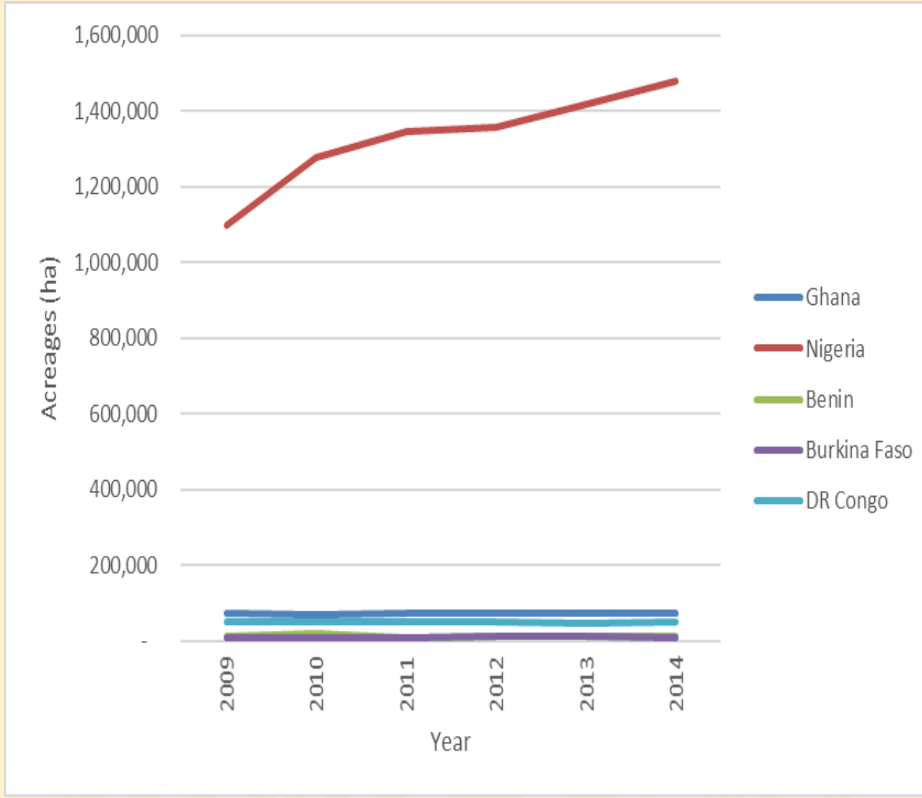
Area increased rapidly until 2010 then rate slowed down

The slow down (acreages)

East and Central



West Africa



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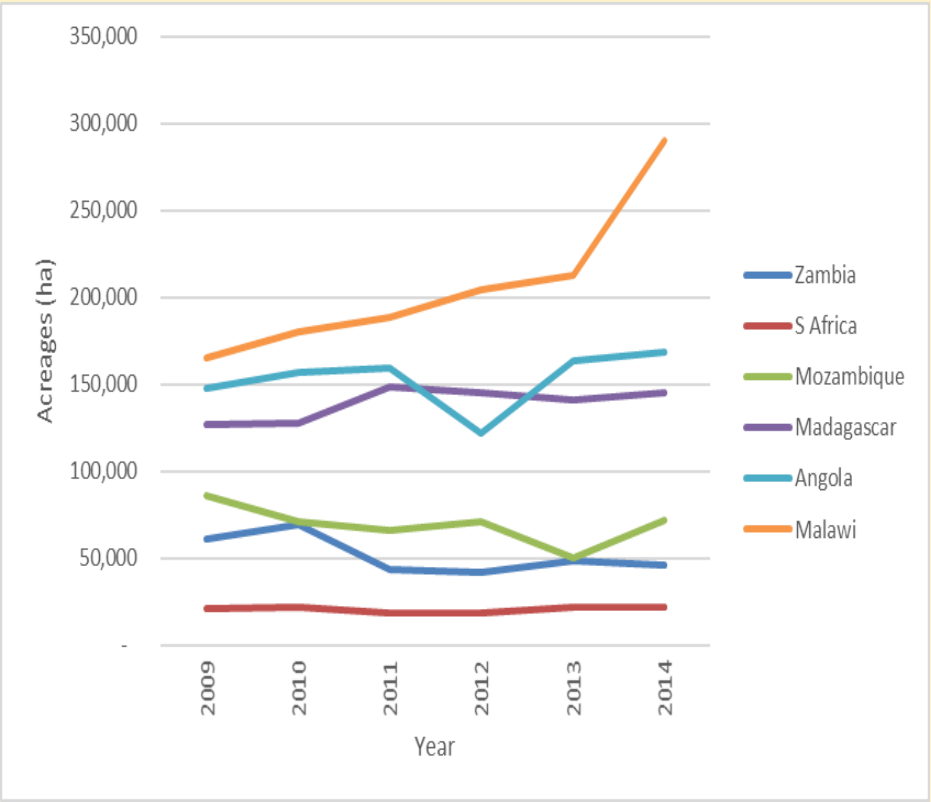

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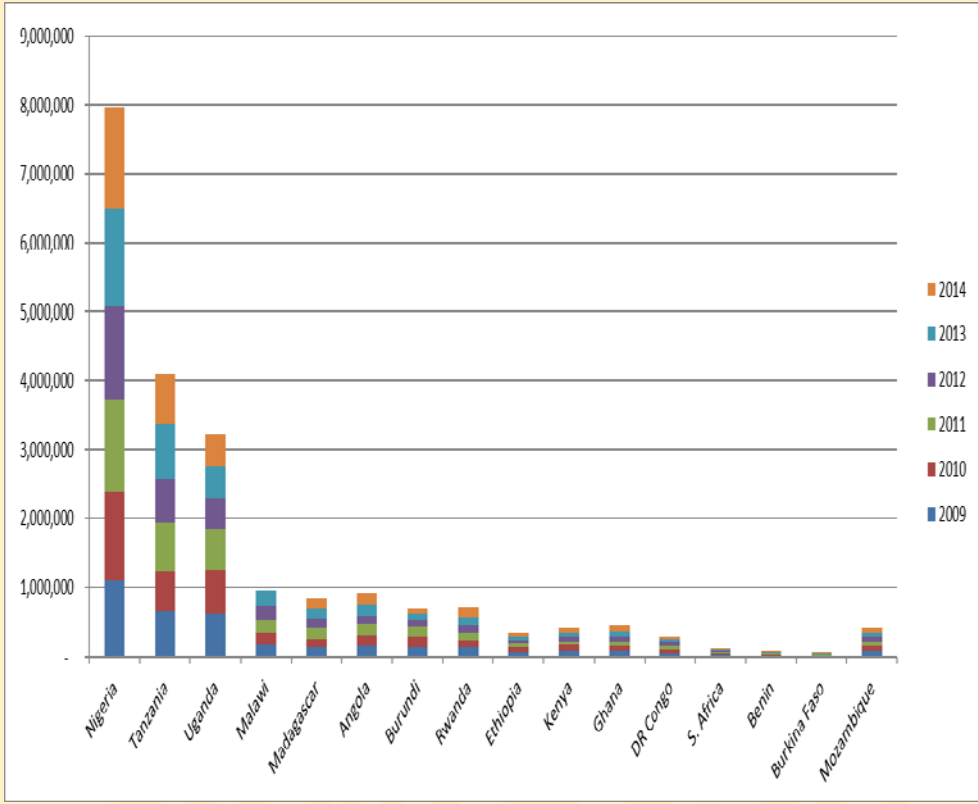
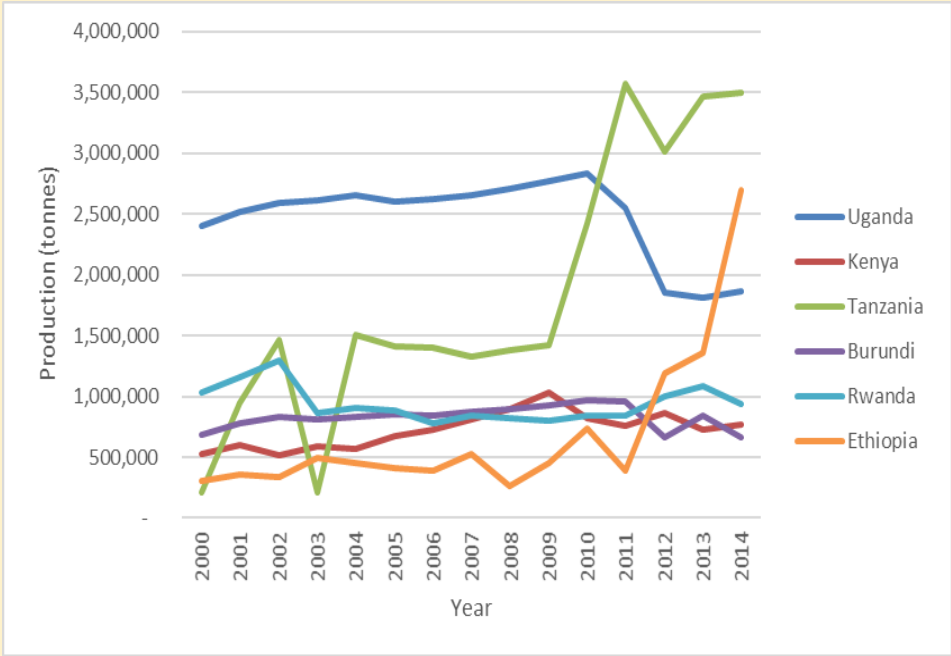


Production (tons)

East & Central



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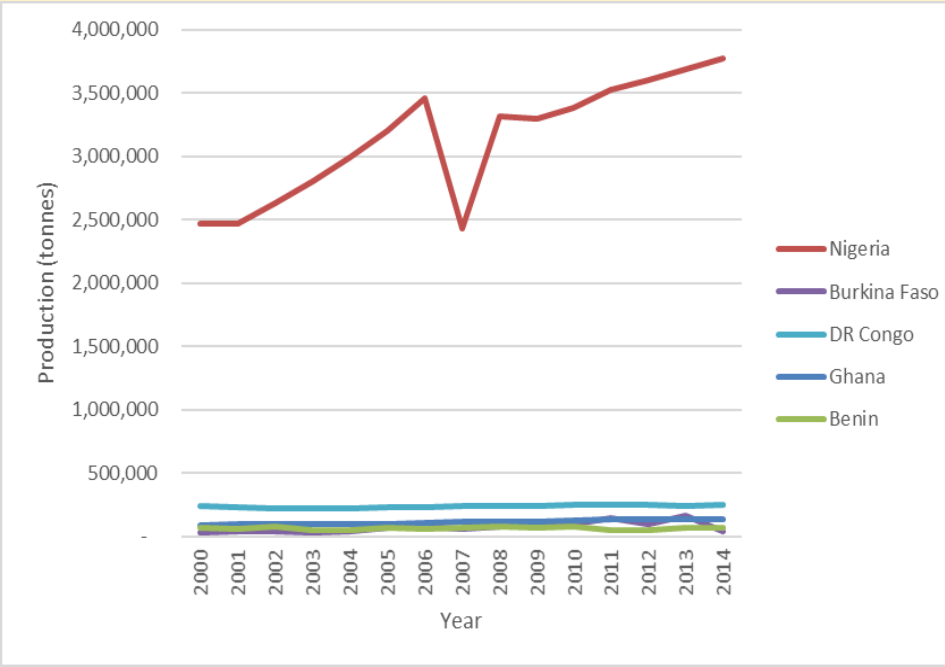

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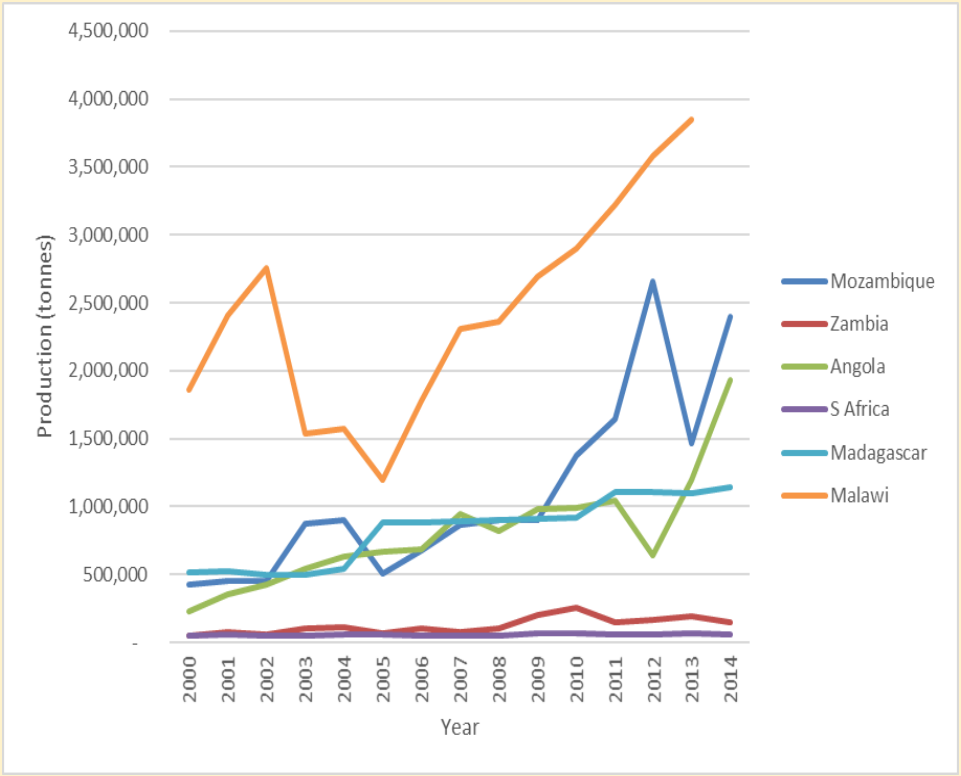

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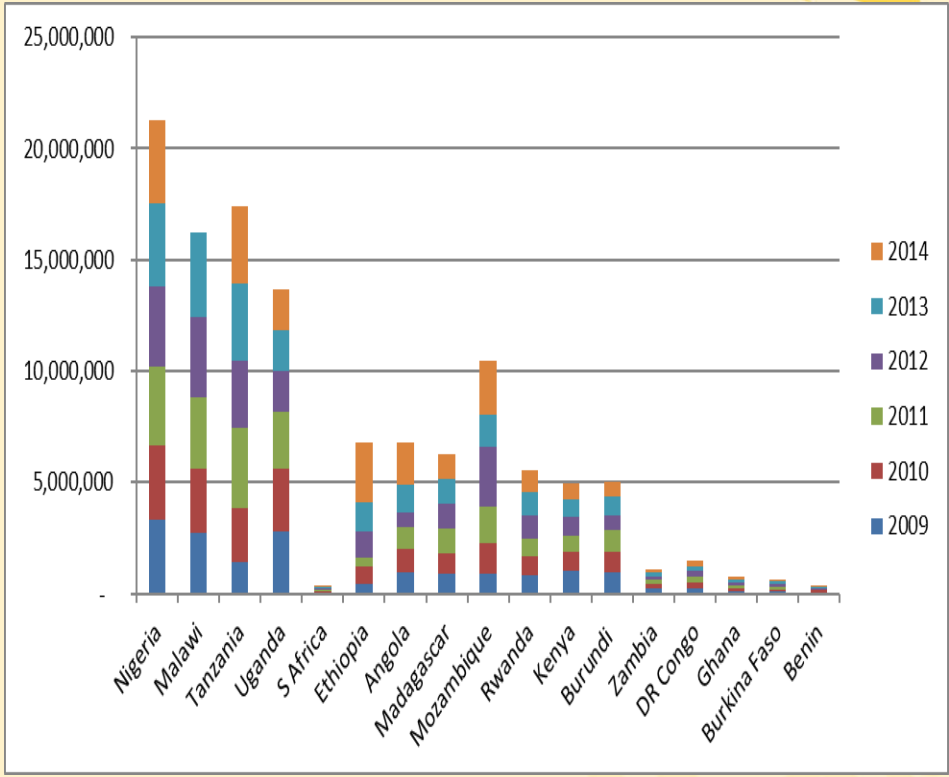
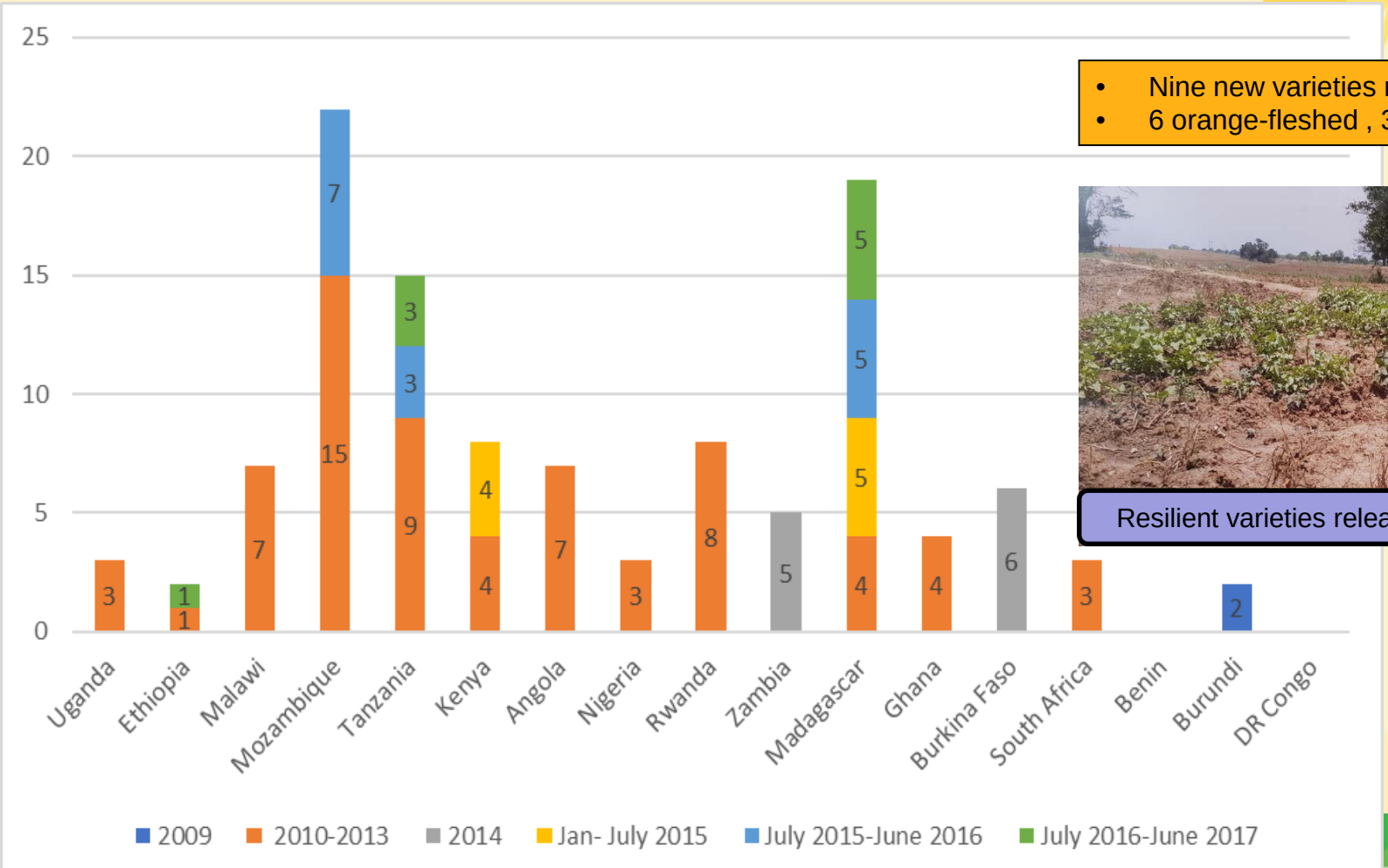


The SPHI goal …. 10 M by 2020 … with

Producing improved varieties continue to be a major effort….



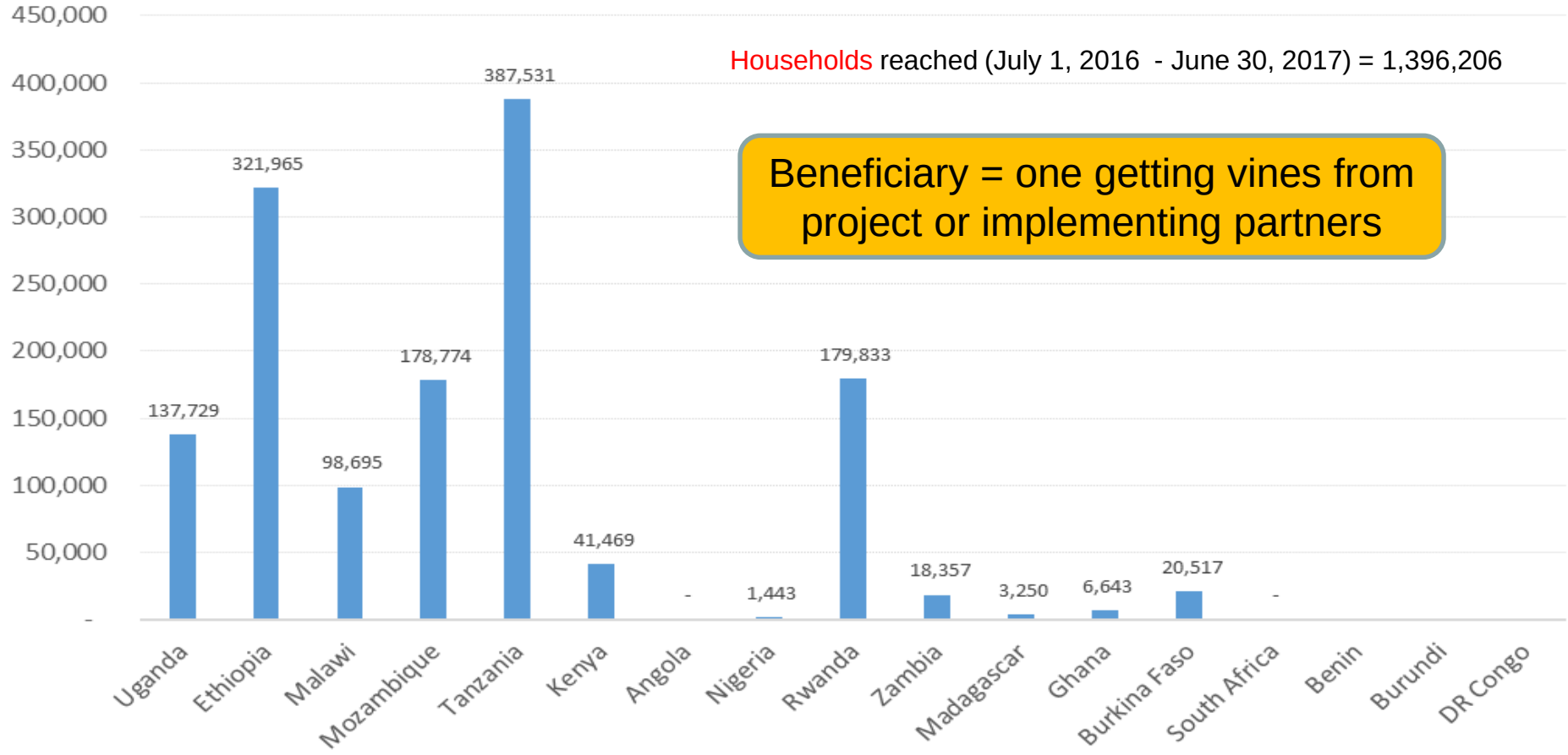
- Nine new varieties released in 2016/17
- 6 orange-fleshed , 3 non-orange fleshed

Resilient varieties released in Mozambique

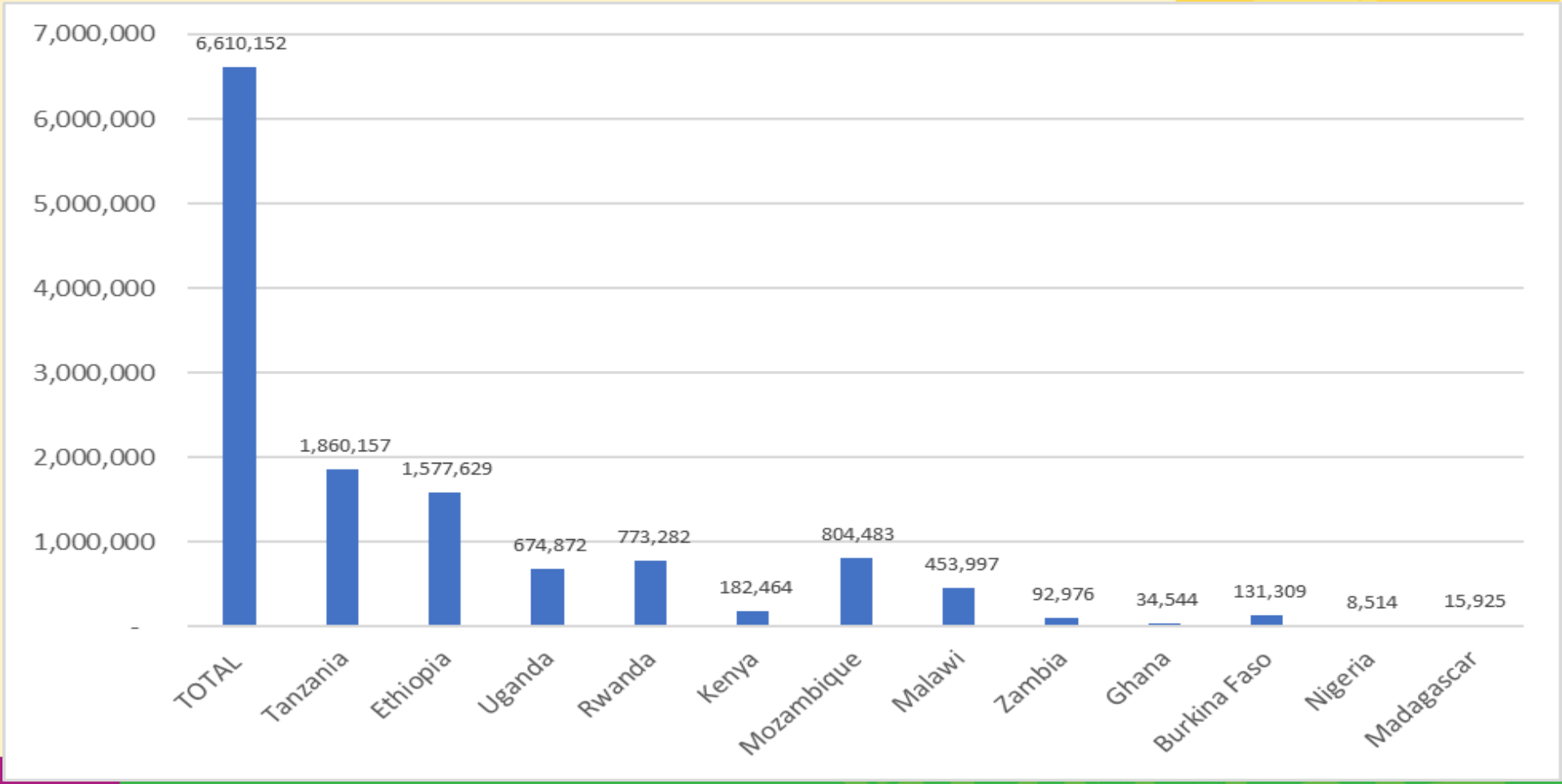
Much progress in putting better vines into hands of the vulnerable…

Households reached (July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017) = 1,396,206

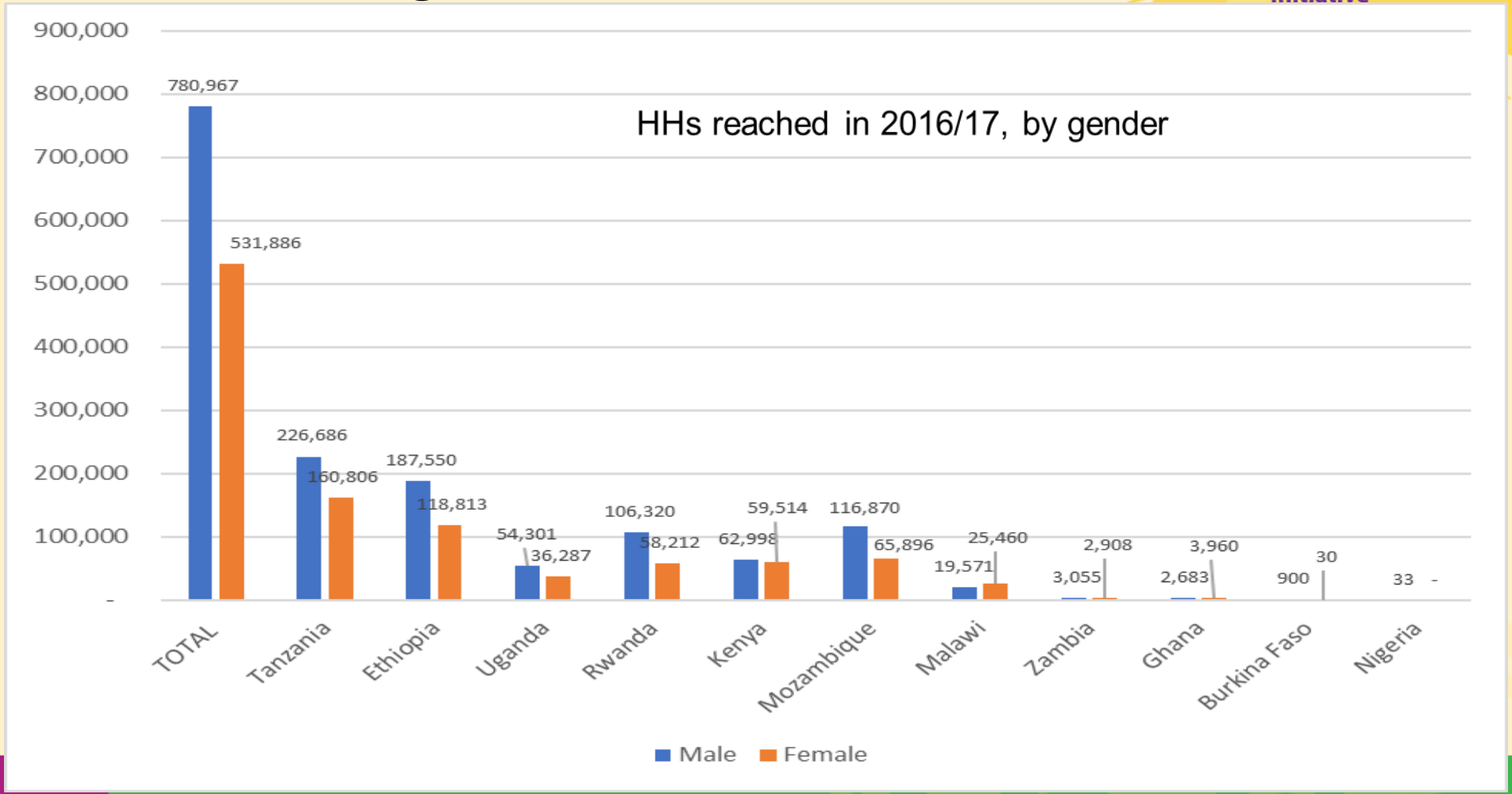
Beneficiary = one getting vines from project or implementing partners



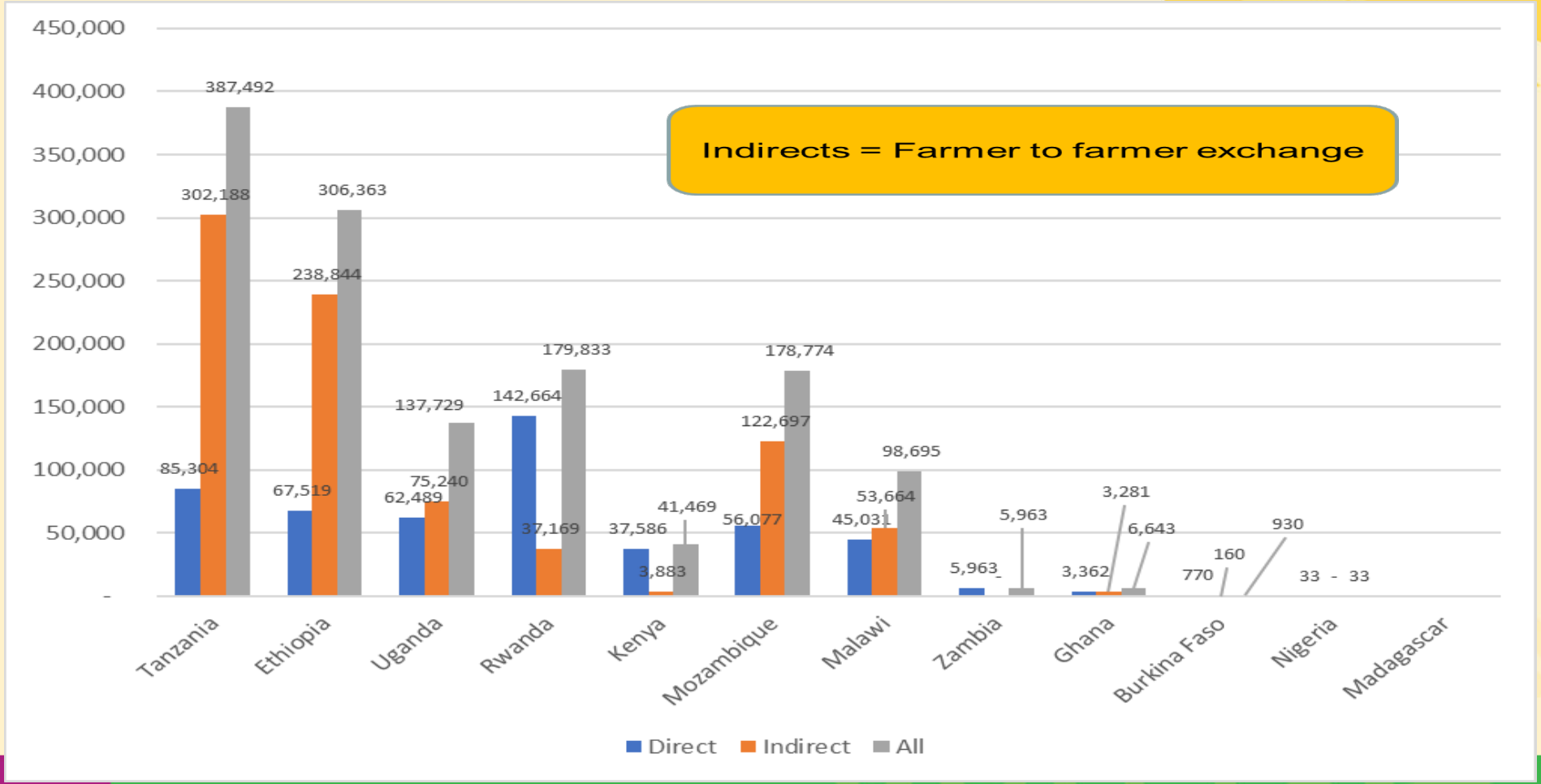
Individuals reached: July 1, 2016- June 30, 2017



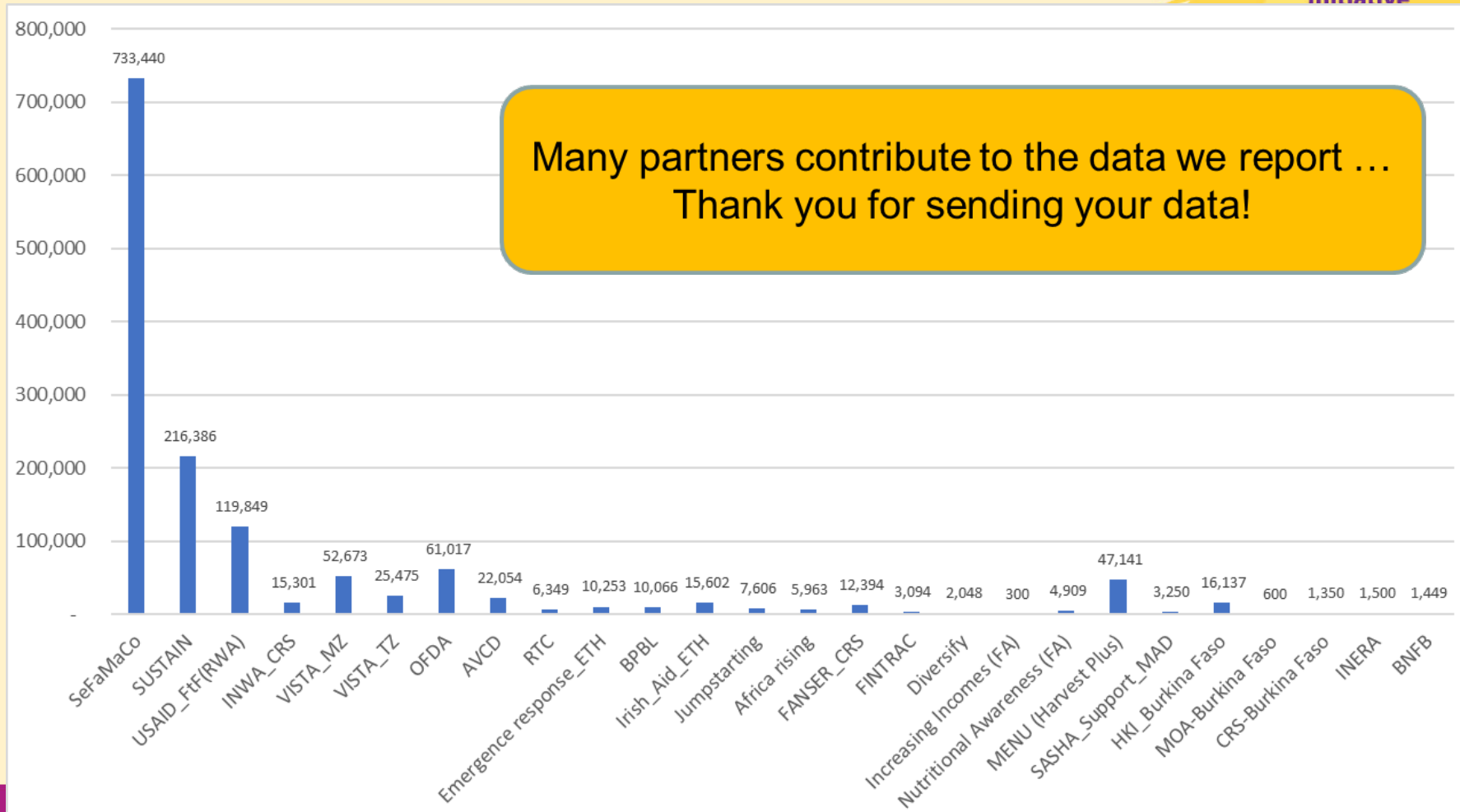
Projects and partners paying a lot of attention to gender



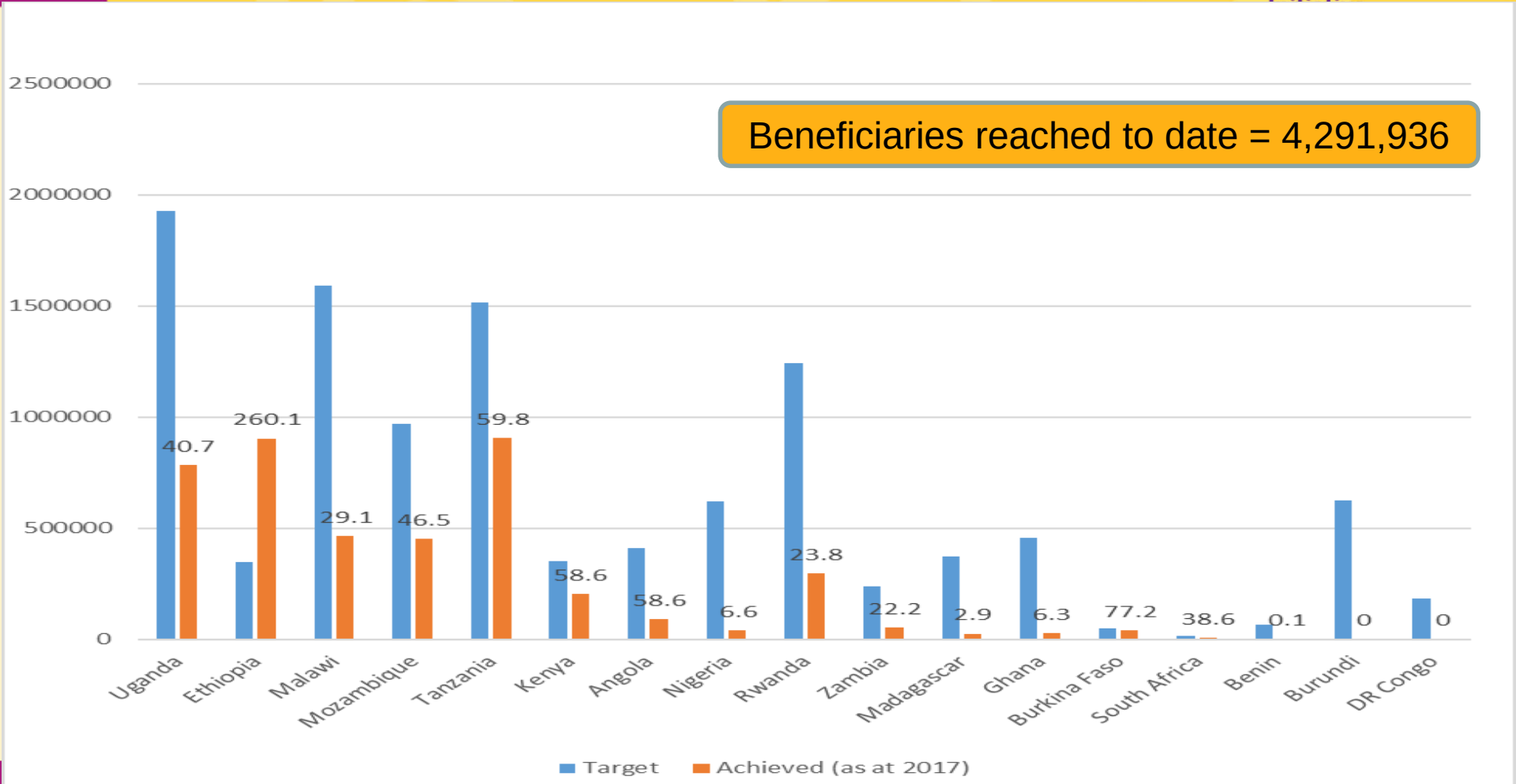
A lot of beneficiaries being reached indirectly … by design



Beneficiaries by partner/project



Progress against TARGETS, by Country



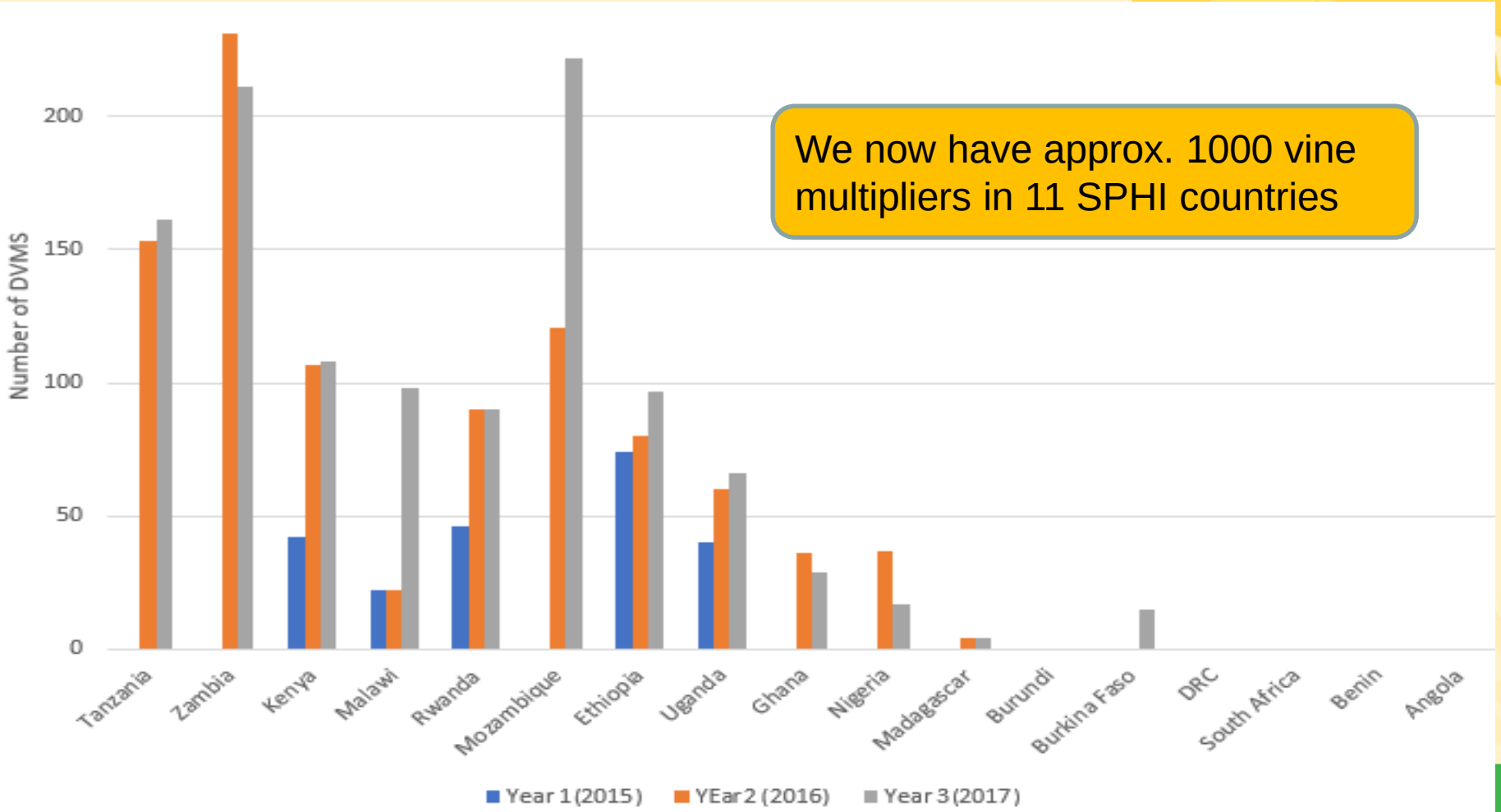
Improvement in diet quality

		Mean household DDS		Mean child DDS	
Country	Project	Baseline	Endline	Baseline	Endline
Mozambique	Nutritious OFSP (Niassa)	5.6	5.4	3.00	4.78
Nigeria	Jumpstarting project	n/a	5.20	n/a	5.75
Ghana	Jumpstarting	4.86	4.68	2.23	3.83
Tanzania	VISTA	4.15	6.11	0. 386	4.61

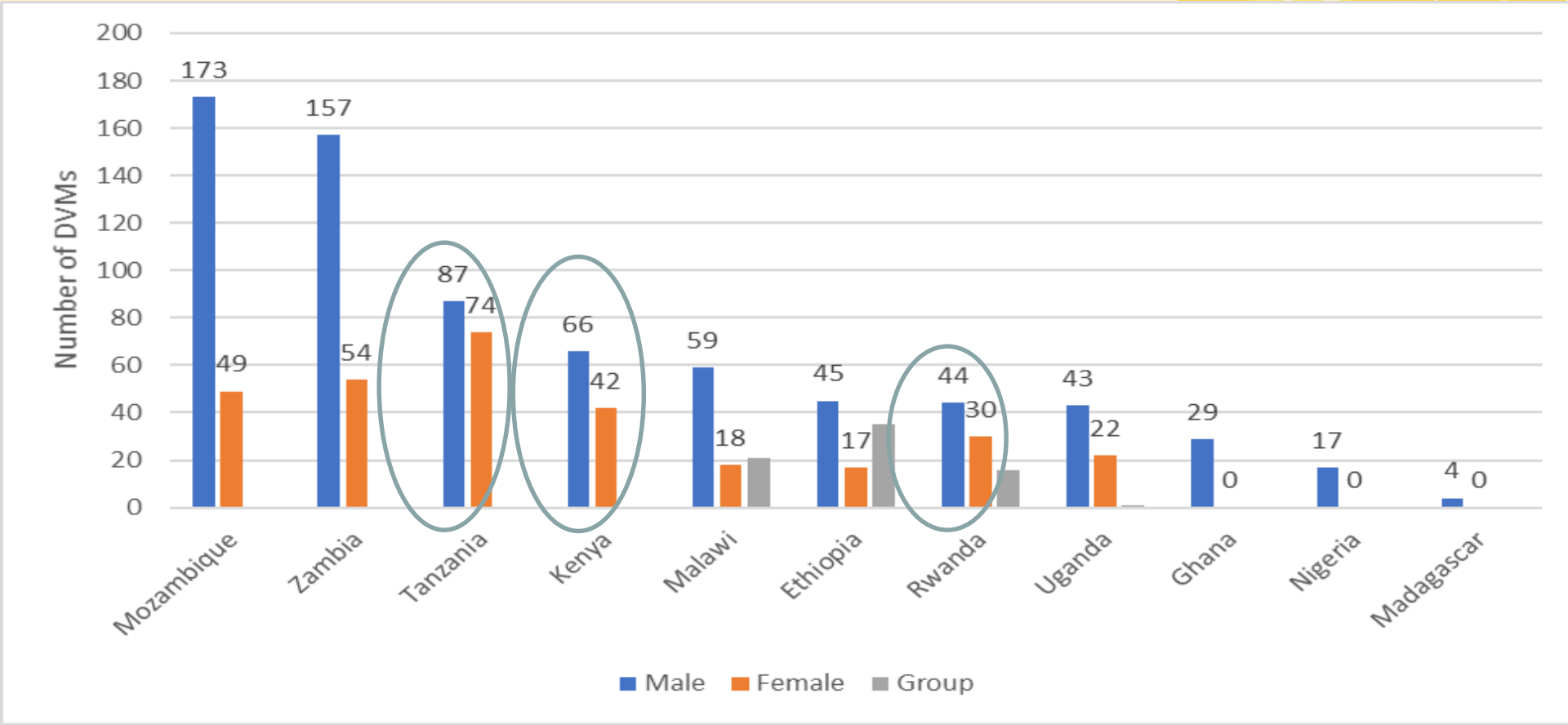
Households producing OFSP

Country	Project	Percent of households producing OFSP	
		Baseline	End line
Mozambiq	Nutritious OFSP (Niassa)	**12**	**95.4**
Nigeria	Jumpstarting	**n/a will be close to 0**	**61.0**
Ghana	Jumpstarting	**48.2**	**83.0**
Tanzania	VISTA	**0.4**	**83.9**

Multipliers improving vine access



of female multipliers increasing



Prioritized Mapping Vine Multipliers Using Improved ODK Smart Phone Tool

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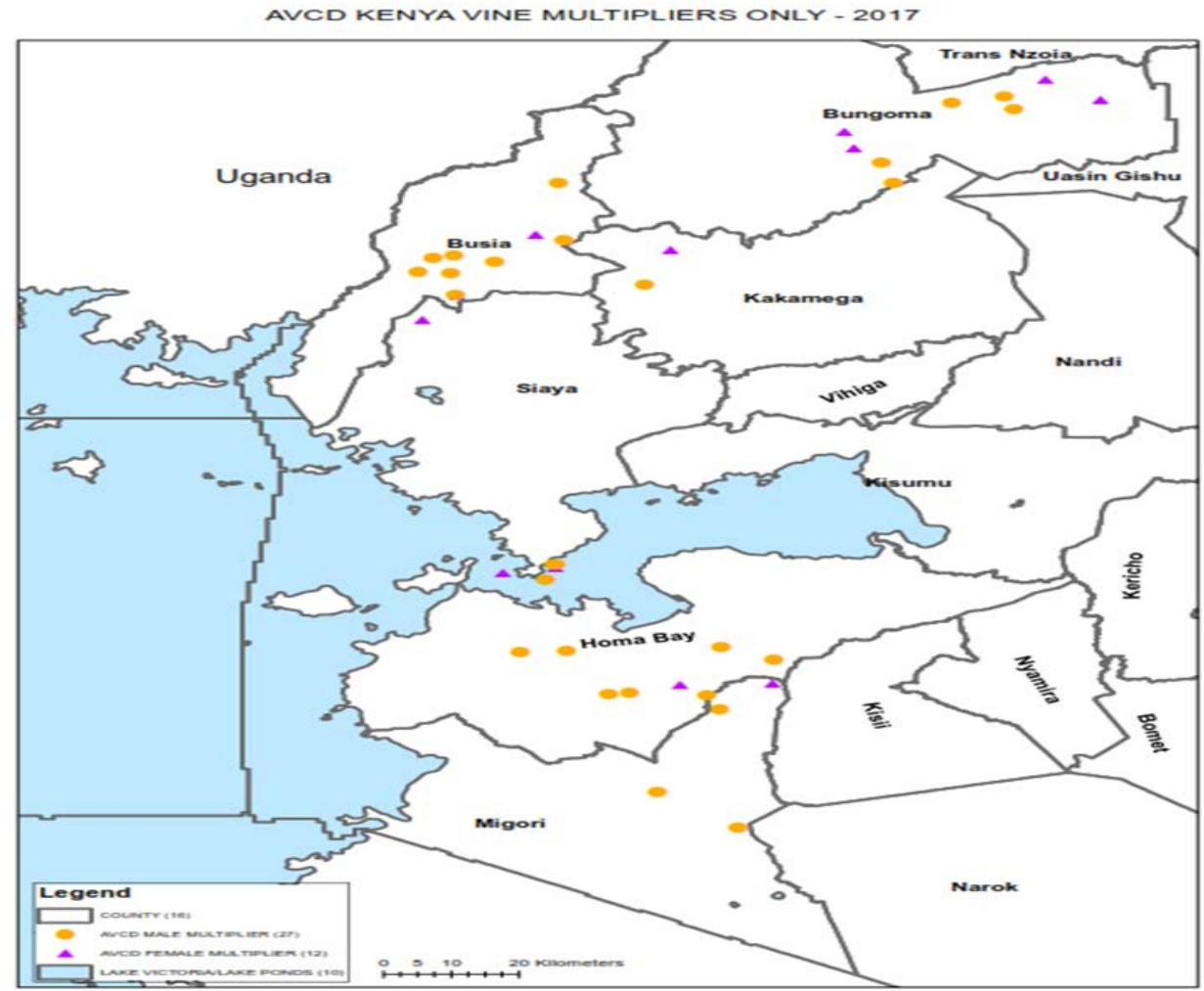

In summary…

- 2016 was a great year for SPHI
  - External recognition
  - Much progress in dissemination

- But we still have ground to cover
  - 6 million HH to go

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