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A Market Information Exchange...

Information has transformed businesses...

Rural Africa is no different...



Esoko is pioneering how...









Do services like Esoko make markets more efficient?

Too early...

But we can talk about how it's helping individuals...



How does it work?

1. Info Agents profile farmers in the field

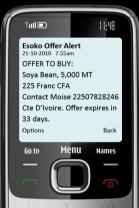
4. Farmers use info





2. Configure & set 'preferences' in Esoko database





3. Send content by SMS:

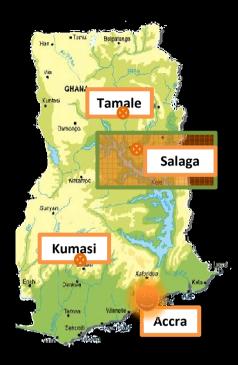
Personalized & Automatic

Impact on farmers...



Example 1: SEND Foundation





Eastern Corridor Agro-Market Information Centres (ECAMIC) project

- Services about 5,000 members
- Has built cooperatives
- Set up micro-credit systems
- Has provided 200 mobile phones at a discounted rate
- Has trained together with Esoko over 300 farmers







SEND Pilot Results



Interviewed 62 smallholders
Average 40% income increase
Benefiting by:

- Better negotiating
- Selling into new markets
- Better timing to market







"I now receive better prices for my products"

"I now direct buyers to my community to buy from me when prices are good"



"I now have animals "

"I now wait for good prices before I sell my products"





They've changed marketing strategy & made more money

Example 2: GiZ/MOAP Cape Coast Ghana



- 23 FBOs involved
- 153 farmers receiving alerts
- 2 trainings so far & 1 Follow-up M&E visit
- 31 surveyed Average of 56% income increase



Specific value chains



Children help



Phone surveys + m&e



Not only farmers...

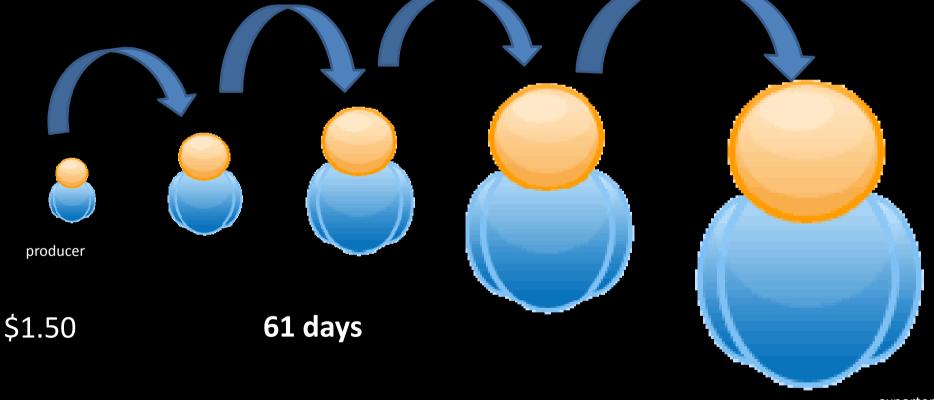




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Example 3: ASNAPP

Voacanga africana (exported at \$7/kilo)



exporter

\$1.50 of \$7/kg export price

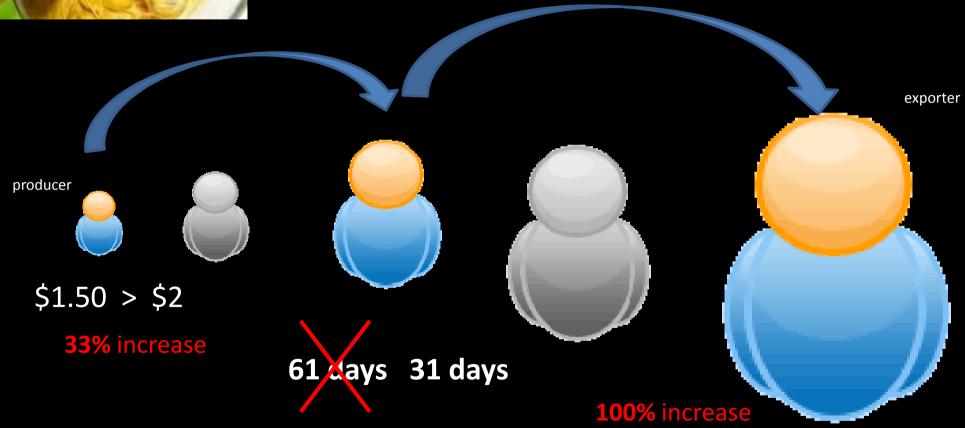






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After these stories...

• Scalable?

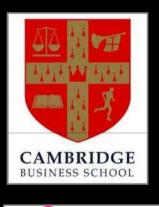
• Sustainable?

• Just early wins?



Measuring how services like Esoko really promote market efficiencies is:

- Difficult
- Complicated
- Lots of time
- Expensive









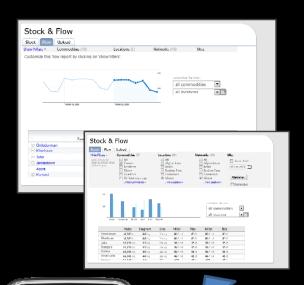


We are certain about one thing. . .

Businesses also need information services



Apps that use SMS to both push AND pull....

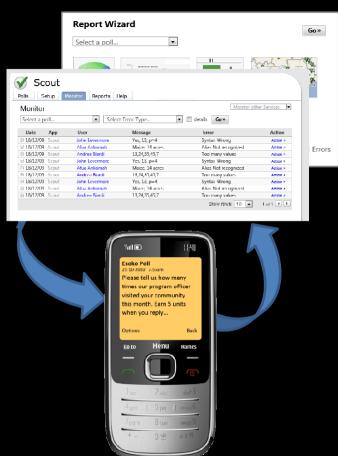




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Direct Marketing & Advisories using SMS Push!





Polling Questions
Track Field Responses
Analyze Data in Reports

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