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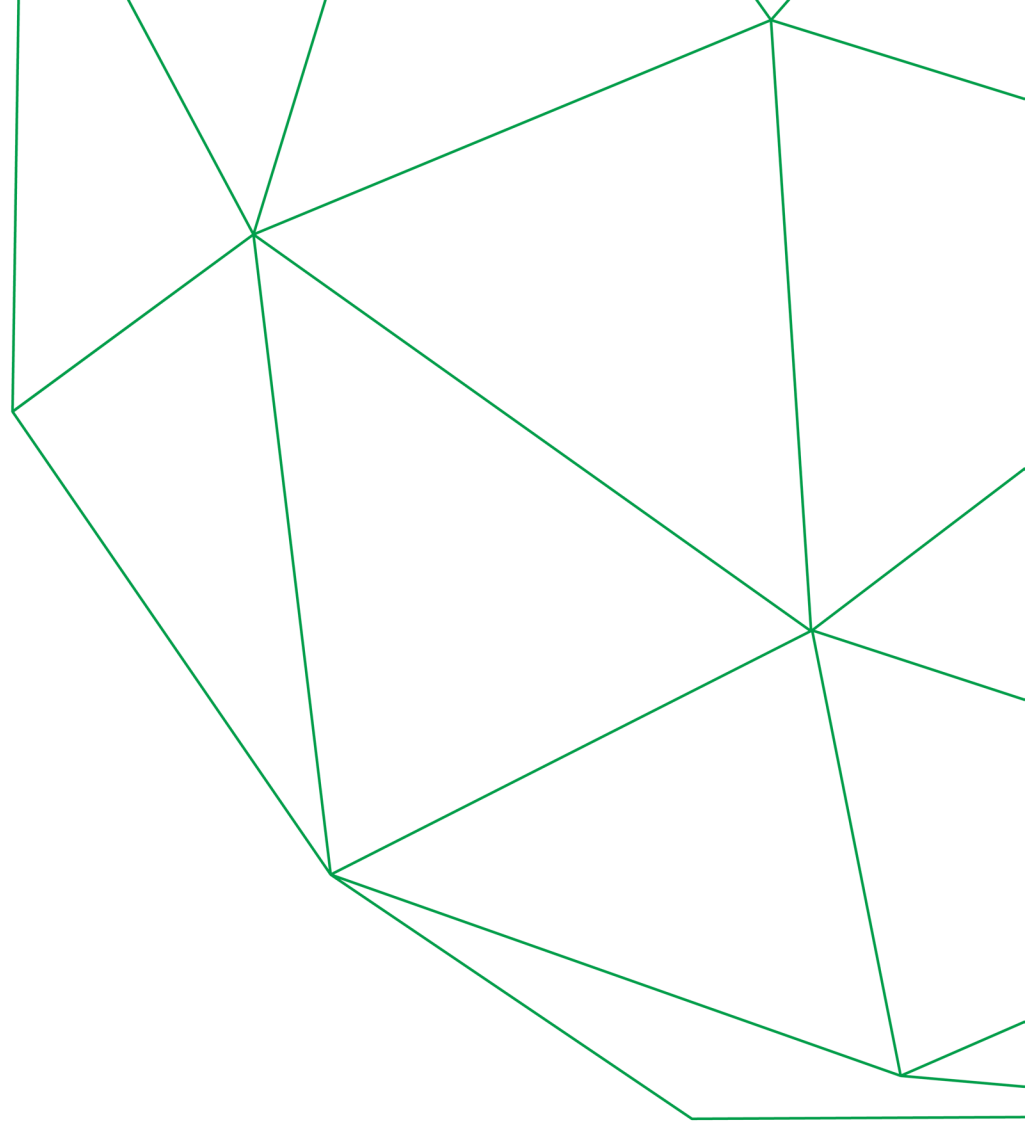
Financing Food Security and Resilient Rural Livelihoods

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The Green Climate Fund's approach to food security

Delivering GCF's strategic plan means connecting resilient production with the services and markets that turn it into food security

Global GCF Portfolio

\$ 5.1bn

Committed to agriculture, water and resilient livelihoods **across 175 projects in 113 countries**

Target beneficiaries

75m+

New or more resilient livelihoods

16.5m+

With enhanced access to food

THREE CORE INVESTMENT PATHWAYS

Promoting resilient agriculture

Climate-resilient production and landscapes

Climate-informed advice and risk services

Information, early warning and risk management

Reconfiguring food systems

Managing carbon footprints, lower food loss and stronger market links

Our Strategic Focus:

Centering on
Smallholders

Food-water-energy-
ecosystem nexus

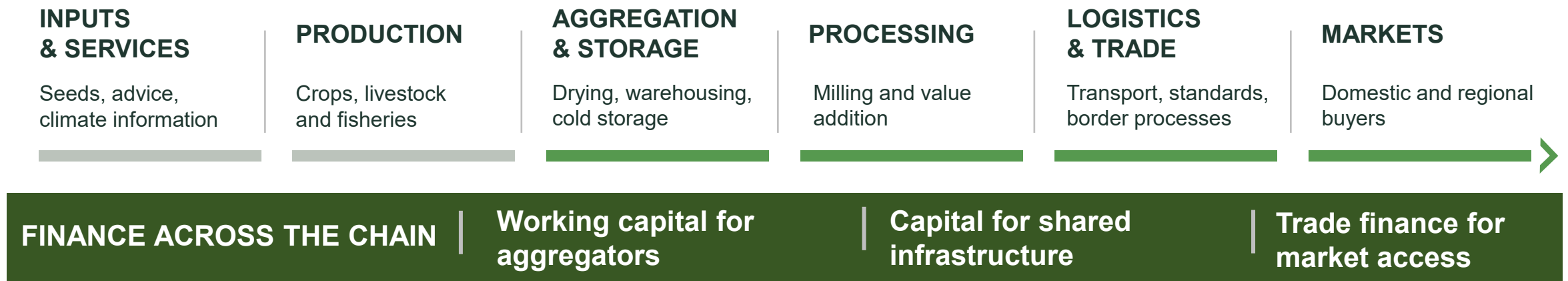
Value Chain
Approaches

Crowding-in Private
Sector Finance

Pivoting towards
Food Systems

Improving resilience food security requires investment across the entire agri-food value chains

Investments beyond production: preserving, processing and moving food



HOW THE LINKS CREATE VALUE IN THE REGION



Drying and storage protects harvests; milling opens access to larger buyers.

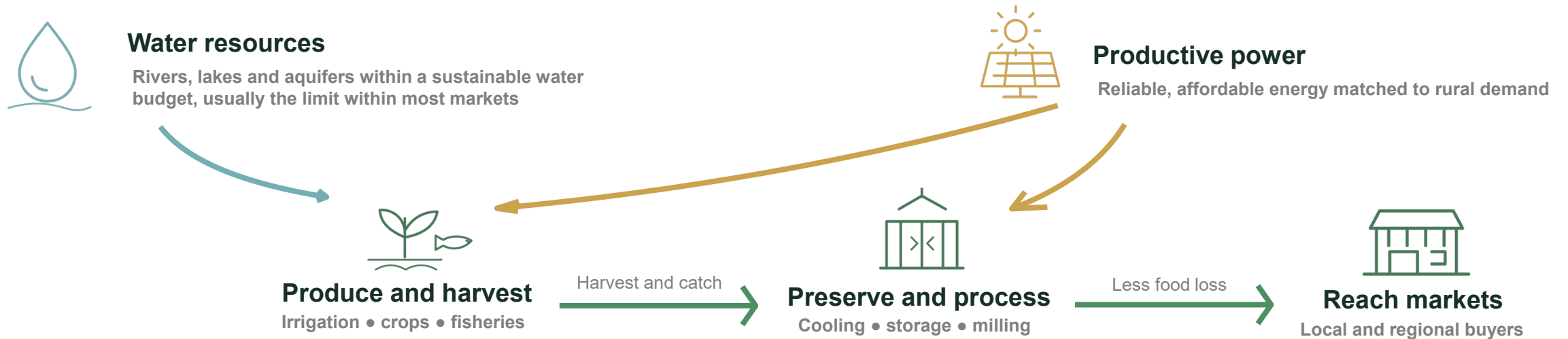


Better livestock handling, transport and cold chains reduce losses and improve access to coastal markets.

Food security gains depend on how water and energy are used together across the food system

Optimizing the whole system means more food and rural income within water limits and viable energy costs

ONE CONNECTED INVESTMENT SYSTEM



SAHEL / IRRIGATED CROPS

Solar pumping + efficient irrigation + milling, sized to water availability

LAKE CHAD / FISHERIES

Shared water management + solar cold chain + market access

Local financial institutions can turn climate capital into repeatable lending for the entire value chain

THE DELIVERY CHANNEL

GCF + PARTNERS

Longer-term capital

Risk sharing

Climate-credit support



LOCAL FINANCIAL ESTIMATIONS

Microfinance and rural bank networks

Close to farmer groups and small rural enterprises

Agricultural and commercial banks

Capacity to lend to businesses and shared assets



RURAL CLIENTS AND ENTERPRISES

Farmers and cooperatives

Seasonal production and services

Value-chain enterprises

Aggregation, storage, processing, trade

Local presence helps lenders originate and service loans around the cash flows of rural businesses

THE OPPORTUNITY

20.4m

Microfinance clients in 8
WAEMU countries (2025)

521

Active microfinance institutions in 6
CEMAC countries (2024)



Build products, skills and lending portfolios that local institutions can continue to grow

What GCF has advanced recently in the space

FP257



RE-GAIN: Scaling solutions for food loss in Africa



POST-HARVEST RESILIENCE

\$75.6 million of GCF grant
Scales food-loss reduction solutions

WHAT THIS OPENS

More of each harvest can reach households and markets



FP262



Green Climate Finance Facility



LOCAL INSTITUTIONS AS LENDING CHANNELS

\$27 million of loans and grants
Climate-smart agricultural lending via La Banque Agricole

WHAT THIS OPENS

Lending capacity anchored in a local bank with rural reach



FP293



Food Securities Fund Accountable Cocoa & Coffee Tranche*



VALUE-CHAIN WORKING CAPITAL

\$56 million GCF equity & grant
Working capital + TA capital for cocoa and coffee value chains

WHAT THIS OPENS

Climate-resilient supply chains and stronger rural livelihoods



* Project covers several countries in Latin America and the Caribbean as well

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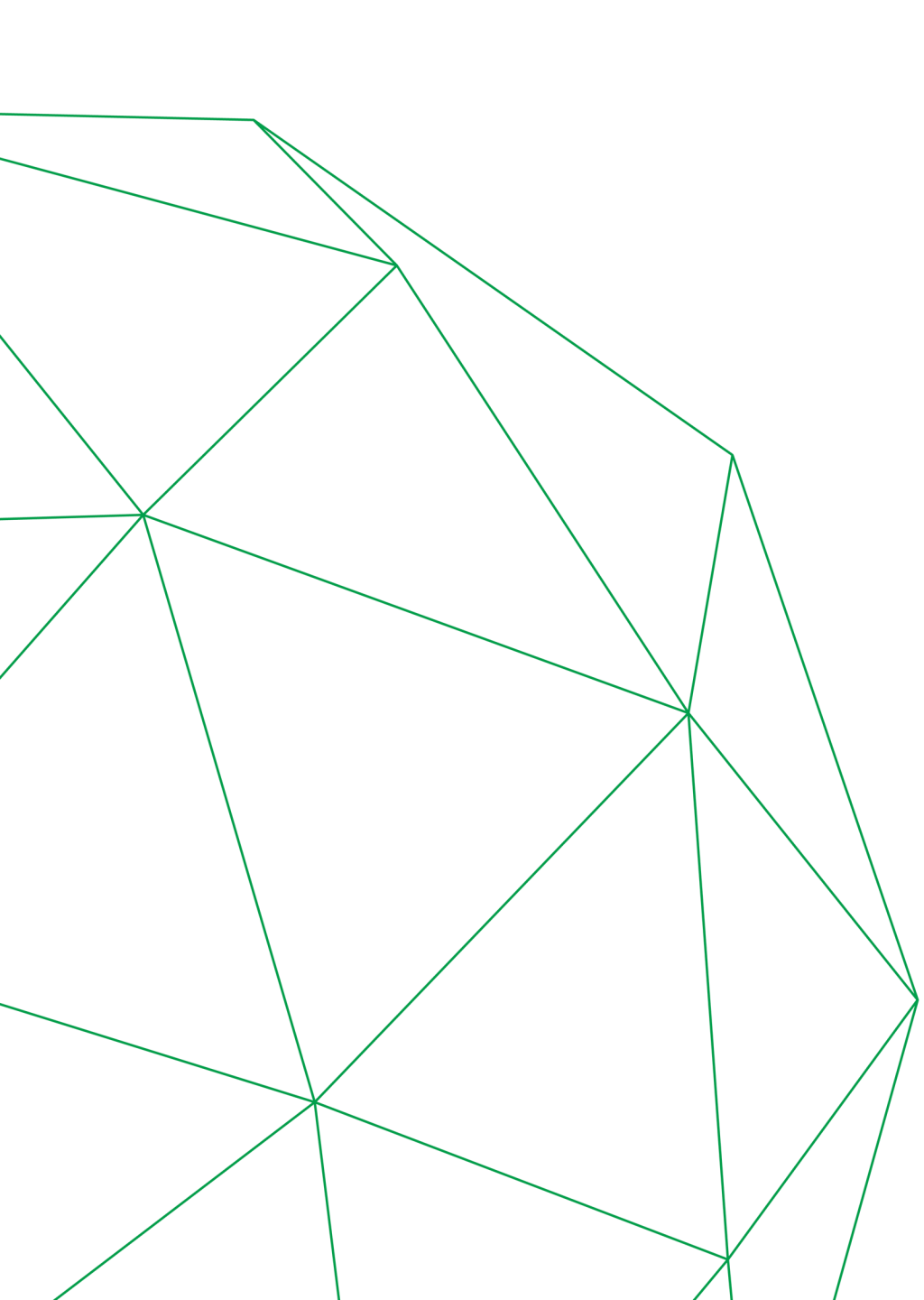
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Thank you

Your views can help how GCF works with you

GCF 2026 Stakeholder Perception and Satisfaction Survey

Tell us about your experience engaging with GCF.

Parlez-nous de votre expérience avec le GCF.

