

Annex

Table A1: Root Causes of High Postharvest Losses in Liberia

Problem	Causes V	IV	III	II	I
High post-harvest losses	Spillage, shattering, rotting, etc.	Poor harvesting, drying/handling practices	Lack of training		
	Poor quality of produce	Little/no bulk sales; no market/buyers Disease and pest infestation	Uneven harvest times Poor growing, handling or processing, drying, storage, etc. conditions Poor handling or processing, drying, storage, etc. conditions	Staggered planting Lack of capital Lack of training Lack of proper handling, processing, storage, etc. infrastructure Lack of information/skills	Poor planning Lack of training Inadequate public, private sector investment
	Market glut	Lack of adequate storage infrastructure Lack of relevant skills or knowledge in storage Limited markets or market access	Lack of capital Lack of training Inadequate road infrastructure	Lack of skills Lack of proper handling, processing, storage, etc. infrastructure	

Intervention areas proposed by PDT.

Intervention areas addressed by other EG projects (e.g. FED, SHINE, etc.)

The PDT proposes that taken together, these sets of interventions will address the broader structural and institutional constraints affecting input security to minimize postharvest losses in Liberia.

Table A1 contd.

Problem	Causes	IV	III	II	I
	V Market glut (continued)	Limited markets or market access (continued)	Limited market information	Limited information flow	Inadequate extension advisory system
					Input supply chains are not integrated
					Ineffective networks or absence of networks
		Lack of capacity to add value to produce; convert produce into other in-demand, marketable forms or to explore other markets	Inadequate agro-processing and handling equipment or infrastructure; or lack of adequate facilities	Lack of capital	
			Lack of skills Lack of access to innovative technologies	Lack of training	
	Lack of skilled labor Difficulty in assessing or tracking post-harvest loss	Lack of training Limited data availability	Barriers to collecting, analyzing, and using information Inadequate attention to women's role		

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Intervention areas that are addressed by other EG projects (e.g. FED, SHINE, etc.)

The PDT proposes that taken together, these sets of interventions will address the broader structural and institutional constraints affecting input security for agriculture in Liberia.

