# Improving Business, Improving Lives **The Katalyst Story**

















Consolidating and enfluencing in the Bangladeshi context

By December 2017, **4.69 million SMEs** and farmers benefitted income increase in **USD 689 million** 

Development of **new tools**:

Such as the systemic change measurement framework with SenseMaker, the Women's Economic Empowerment (WEE) index and an improved calculation of the Progress Out of **Poverty Index (PPI)** 

Private sector partners increased to about 75 Staff 100

### Selected achievements:

- Health care education policy
- Low cost quality compost production
- Better packaging reduces post-harvest losses
- Global recognition of agri-helpline by mobile phone
- Contract farming and dedicated credit lines Increase maize production
- Poor farmers gain access to quality seed
- Public-private collaboration improve farmers' access to information and services
- Improved pest management techniques

Shifting from Gender mainstreaming to WEE

Anchor initiatives for **inclusive market** development in the national context

### **Donors**

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Deepening systemic change through knowledge capitalisation

**Anchor business models** with public and private stakeholders

Nationwide geographical coverage

Working in selected agricultural sectors, such as Maize, Farmed Fish and Vegetables

Katalyst successfully audited as the first project globally based on the **standard for results** measurement developed by DCED

Katalyst recognised as a global leader in **Market System Development** 

Working in 17 Sectors

Swiss Development Agency UK Department for International Development Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency

Embassy of the Kingdom of Netherlands



## Reaching grater scale in sectors

Large scale and systemic changes in targeted industrial and rural sectors

Succes of market-based intervention without any subsidies

Comprehensive sector strategies and new interventions with growth potential, pro-poor relevance and feasibility

Implementing environmentally and socially responsible business practices

Strong branding of Katalyst starts



Set up communication unit

a robust system for measuring impact

MRM starts with setting up

**Co-facilitators** implement 80% of the interventions

Continued in the north, going national in Bangladesh

Staff: 90

DCED standard evolves with key inputs from Katalyst

Inclusive Markets (M4P) approach can be achieved through working directly with market actors

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**Developing local markets** for transacted and embedded public BDS

Geographical focus in northern region

Working through co-facilitation Sector development: in 19 sectors and 40 locations

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SME Promotion shifts towards **promoting markets** for Business Development Services



## **Early days of the Inclusive Markets Approach**

Katalyst seen as testing ground, supported by DCED and Springfield Center

Focus on competitiveness and enabling environment of SMEs in order to create jobs and additional income, more holistic and systemic approach

Business Development Services Programme

**Testing market development** for

Focus on strengthening generic BDS **providers,** providing technical and financial

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