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Climate-Smart Credit

What is Climate-Smart Credit?

Climate-smart credit incorporates climate-smart agricultural and land-management practices into loan terms. When a client signs a loan agreement, they also sign a land-management agreement which requires the client to manage their land in a way which is designed to protect them and their farm from climate-change related events.

 A farmer signs a loan and land management agreement

Smallholder farming clients gain access to credit in order to develop their farming enterprise, on the condition that they adopt climate smart farming practices.

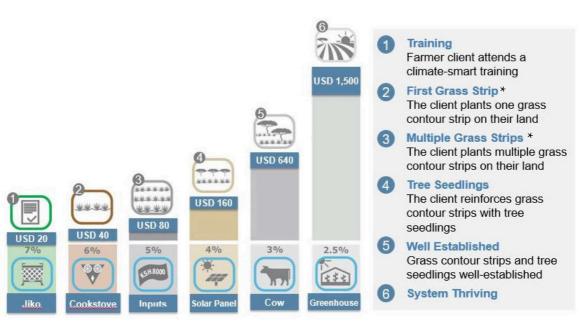
- 2 Repayment and Implementation
 The farmer implements the required climate-smart agricultural and land management practices on their land
- Monitoring
 F3 systems are used to monitor implementation of climate-smart practices
- 4 Climate Smart Credit Scoring
 When a farmer complies with the climatesmart requirements of their loan
 agreement, they are provided with a score
 which boosts their credit score
- (5) Results
 With implementation, farmers build their resilience to climate change and protect agricultural lending portfolios from climate change risk



An example of a Climate Smart Credit Product

This credit product incentivises improved soil conservation to protect soils from heavy episodic rainfall projected to increase with climate change in certain areas of Kenya. Farmers who employ this system protect their soils, improve their yield and reduce their likelihood of credit default. In this specific instance, our partner lender was able to reduce interest rates to reflect reduced client risk.

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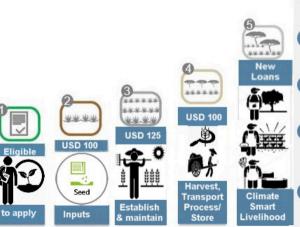


* - Note: Mark Ellis-Jones (Head of F3-Life <mark.ellis-jones@f3-life.com>) was interviewed in November 2018, and confirmed that Vetiver Grass was the "Grass" that was promoted in Kenya for the piloting of the Climate Smart Credit scheme.

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Farmer client attends a climate-smart training
First Grass Strip

contour strips on their land

The client plants one grass contour strip on their land

Multiple Grass Strips
The client plants multiple grass

Training

- The client reinforces grass contour strips with tree seedlings
 - seedlings

Tree Seedlings

Well Established
Grass contour strips and tree
seedlings well-established