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Presentation outlines

- ✓ **Need Assessment of Cooperatives in Cocoa Supply Chain in Ondo State, Nigeria – Objectives & Key Findings**
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- ✓ **Partnership / Collaboration for sustainability**
- ✓ **Adaptation of ILO training tools**
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Need Assessment of Cooperatives in Cocoa Supply Chain in Ondo State, Nigeria

- This study was conducted for ILO between May and December 2020. Under the Accelerating Action for the Elimination of Child labour in Supply Chains in Africa (ACCEL Africa)
- The general objective of the study is to conduct a needs assessment of cooperative enterprises and other similar producer organizations including cooperative support organizations operating in the Cocoa sector in Nigeria. Particular attention will be on the Cocoa supply chain in Ondo state, Nigeria.



Plate 1: The Lead Consultant (Dr. Oluwole Akinngbe) addressing the members of Alade Idanre CMS ltd in Idanre LGA, Ondo State before the commencement of the interview schedule



Plate 2: The Consultant interviewing a member of Itaogbolu CPMS Ltd in Akure North LGAs, Ondo State



Plate 3: FGD at Laje community with Alaje CPMS Ltd Ondo in Ondo West LGA, Ondo State



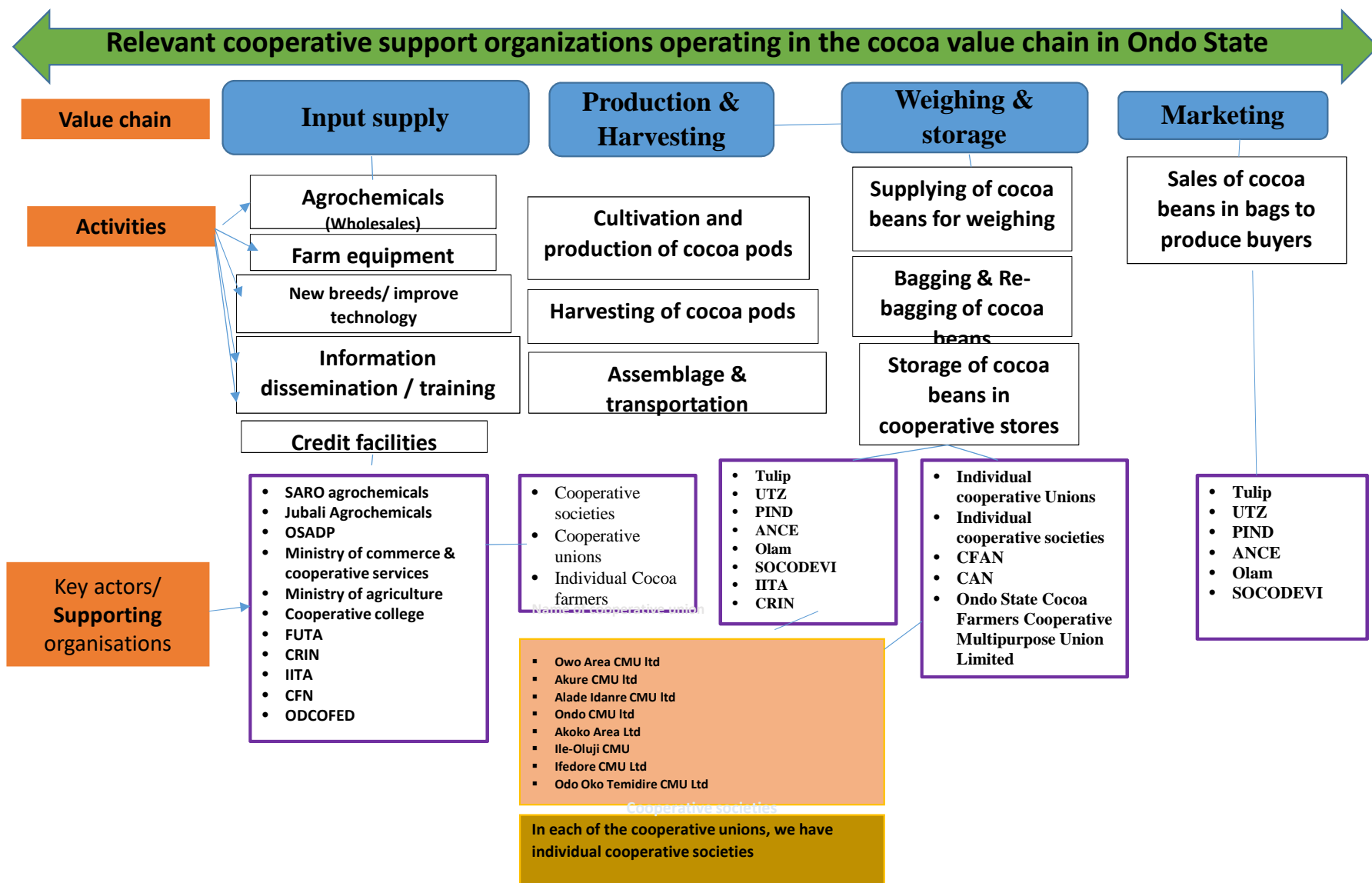
Plate 4: The Director of Cooperative Services, Ondo State (Mr Braiye Williams) and ILO Consultant (Dr. Oluwole Akinagbe) immediately after the KII section at the Director's office



Plate 5: The Deputy Director, Federal Ministry of Employment & Labour in Ondo State (Mr. Folayan Olusola Michael) and ILO Consultant (Dr. Oluwole Akinagbe) immediately after the KII section at the Director's office

THE MAJOR FINDINGS

- The cooperatives operating in the cocoa value chains in Ondo state operates under the umbrella of Ondo State Cocoa Farmers' Cooperative Multipurpose Union Limited
- Each of the union had affiliated cooperative societies and these societies are registered with the Department of Cooperative services, Ministry of Commerce and Cooperatives, Akure.
- Self-help organizations and NGOs like Agro traders limited, TULIP Cocoa processing Ltd, PIND, are operating in the cocoa value chain in Ondo State.



Major challenges of the cooperative societies as regards their operations

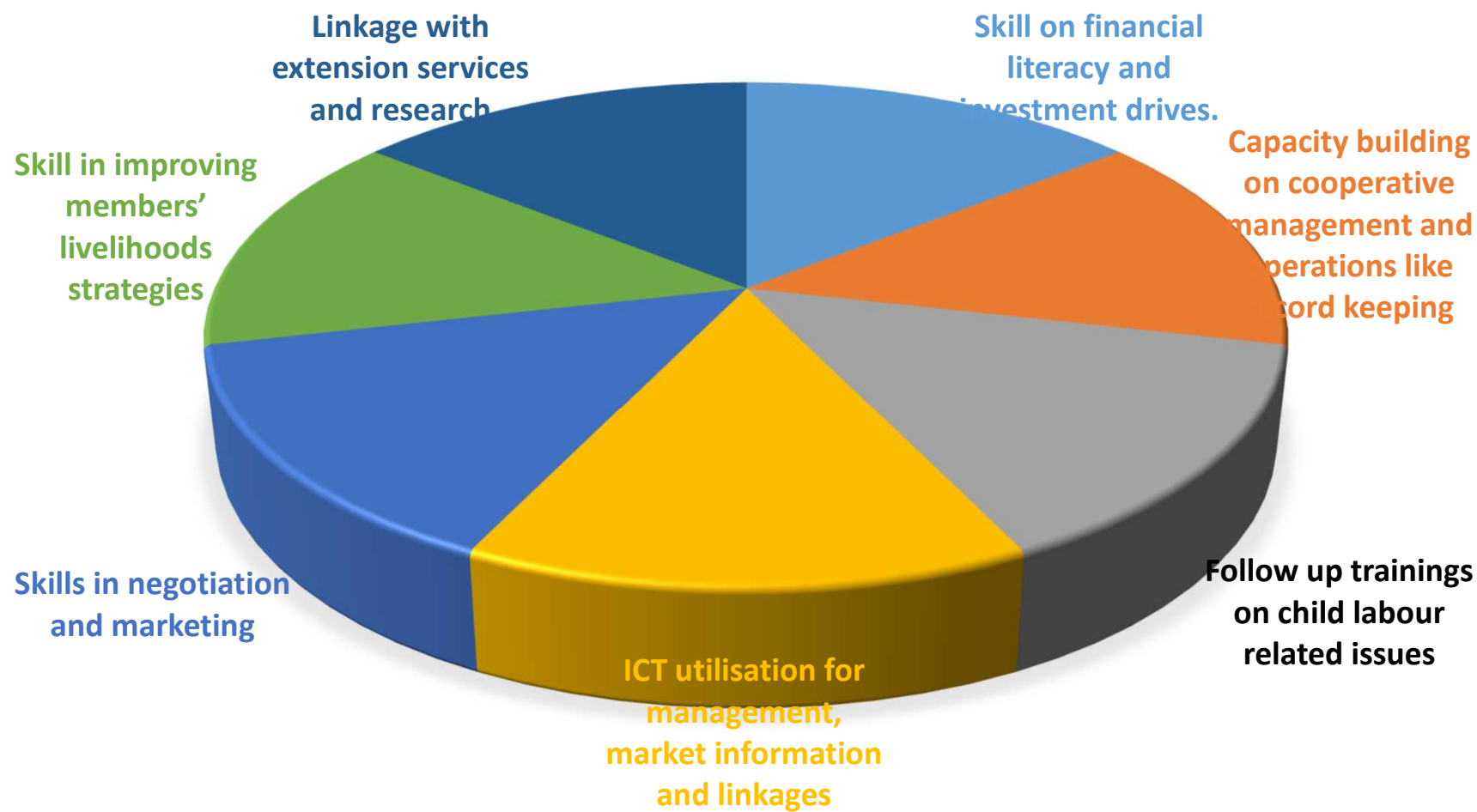
- Non-availability of inputs at the right time
- Poor access roads to cocoa farms
- Inadequate herbicides and chemicals
- Inadequate fund.

Major challenges of the cooperative societies in fighting child labour

- Poor financial status of cooperative society in improving the investment drive of the cooperatives
- Poor mobilization strategies among cooperative members on how to pull resources together in addressing the issue of child labour
- Poor community mobilization and awareness-raising campaigns on child labour within the communities where cooperative members operate.

The SWOT analysis of Cooperatives

<p>Strengths:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Increasing number of cocoa farmers who are willing to join the cooperative societies ▪ Increasing support/advocacy for cocoa production in the country ▪ Organised programmes/training to improve the knowledge, change the attitude and enhance the skill of cocoa farmers/cooperative societies ▪ Existing cooperative structures in the state ▪ Increasing access to social capital and solidarity 	<p>Opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Increasing demand of cocoa products. ▪ Increasing support by international partners/donors for capacity building. ▪ Government quest to diversify economy from oil based to agriculture.
<p>Weaknesses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Low level of financial literacy knowledge ▪ Poor knowledge and utilisation of ICT for cooperative operations. ▪ Lack of modern facilities /infrastructure for cooperative activities such as in weighing cocoa beans and market information to enhance profit level and trust by members. ▪ Poor cooperative management and business skills that affect effective operation of cooperative unions and societies. ▪ Poor access to market information ▪ Unavailability of infrastructure to enhance transportation and delivery services in cocoa production. ▪ Poor leadership skill in cooperative management 	<p>Threats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Incidence of pest and diseases which may affect the cocoa quality ▪ Restiveness arising from Fulani –Farmers clashes, community clashes among others.



Top seven identified skills gap and training needs for cocoa farmers Cooperatives societies in Ondo State

Implementation of Recommendations from Need Assessment of Cooperatives in Cocoa Supply Chain

- ILO is implementing capacity building activities on cooperative development and social finance in the cocoa value chain — **based findings and recommendations**

WHAT I HAVE DONE SO FAR ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINDINGS

- Consultative meetings with relevant key national stakeholders in Ondo State
- Collect their inputs, views and recommendations on the capacity-building plan proposed by the ILO
- These collaborative meetings will enhance ILO and other self-help organizations and NGOs working in cocoa value chain partnership / collaborations in reducing child labour in cocoa sector in Nigeria.

Partnership and Collaboration for Sustainability

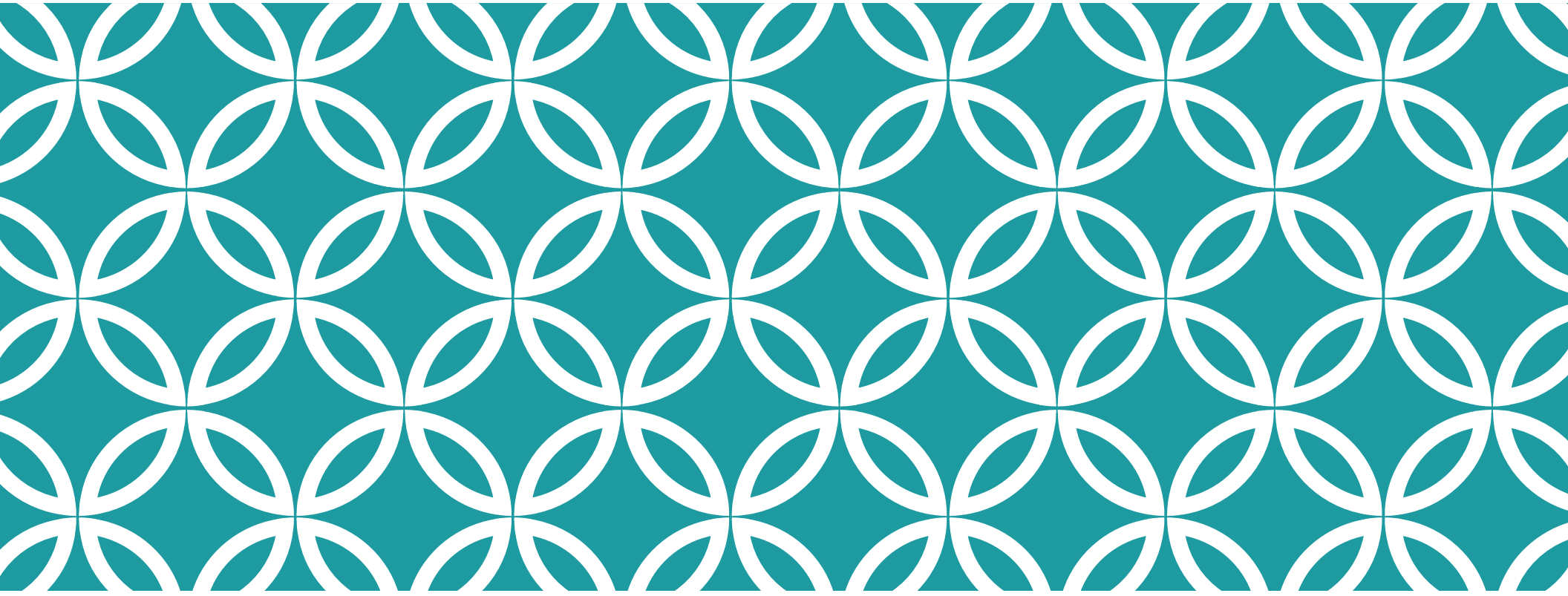
- To help to place the cooperative societies on the stead of market identification, global price monitoring among other benefits like e-trading and access to fund, which will invariable prevent children from child labour, **there is need for Introduction to ICT facilities and training of cooperative members and executive members in cocoa value chain.**
- This required partnership and collaboration for sustainability.
- **ILO may facilitate the partnership between the cooperative societies, Ministry of Commerce and Cooperative and other development partners and institution**
- Development partners and institution such as PIND, Agro traders could donate ICT facilities (Computer sets and internet facilities) to cooperative societies, while FUTA and Ministry of Commerce and Cooperative will provide resource persons for the training.

Adaptation of ILO training tools

- ▶ The role of cooperatives in eliminating child labour - A facilitator guide to train field trainers developed by ILO was adapted for the propose training.
- ▶ The tools need be to structure to reflect the local realities in rural Nigerian communities.
- ▶ Some of the image and case studies need to be modified to reflect that of cocoa farmers in Nigeria

LESSONS LEARNED

- The ILO tool on the Role of Cooperatives in eliminating child labour - A facilitator guide to train field trainers is a useful training tools that Cooperative Unions/Societies, Cooperative Federation Ltd, Department of Cooperative Societies in government ministry and other development partners and institutions could adopt to train their members in eliminating child labour.
- With the adaptation of this tool and modification to reflect the local context, preparing for and delivery a training on role of cooperative in eliminating child labour will be made easy.



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