

# *Main obstacles on the ground for cashew farmer/ communities*

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# Access to finance

Access to finance during...

Establishment phase

- Land preparation
- In ability to scale i.e. acreage threshold in order to be profitable

Maintenance Phase

- Inability to implement yield improvement measures
- Intercropping rota scheduling
- Input i.e. crop protection

# Mechanisation

Mechanisation.....

- In ability to adopt sustainable pruning practices... direct correlation to overall yield

# Value addition

Value addition virtually non existent

- Needed to increase revenue per acre
- Leads to a “downward domino effect “on overall management of the business of farming cashew

# Climate and others

## Climate.....

- Unpredictability ....correlations and implications to yield
- Access to irrigation...need further investment in underground aquifers exploration
- Pest/disease/long-term effects of pesticides use
- Need for crop insurance measures

# Markets

- Transparency/fluctuations, is the farmer getting the best deal?
- Developing local markets for by products...its implications to revenue