



Farm input subsidy programmes (FISPs) embedded in the Green Revolution approach have failed to ensure food security, improved rural livelihoods and reduced poverty. **INSTEAD**, they have created a worrying dependency by farmers on the inputs provided (certified seeds, fertiliser and pesticides) and forced them into a never ending debt trap.

Vouchers, fertilisers and other inputs are often lost or stolen before they reach the farmers. Those farmers who do receive them often sell them on to wealthier farmers.

Some FISP criteria exclude the most vulnerable groups – especially women farmers – who are also sidelined by district officials and village chiefs. These groups also **cannot afford to pay** the membership fees of farmer organisations and the contribution required to qualify for the subsidy.

FISPs **do not** help countries to build resilient and sustainable farming and food systems. Instead, they increase food insecurity and poverty, and degrade African soil and water resources.

Why are FISPs failing to meet their objectives?

