

MAIZE IS NOT THE ONLY FOOD

What can universities do about this?

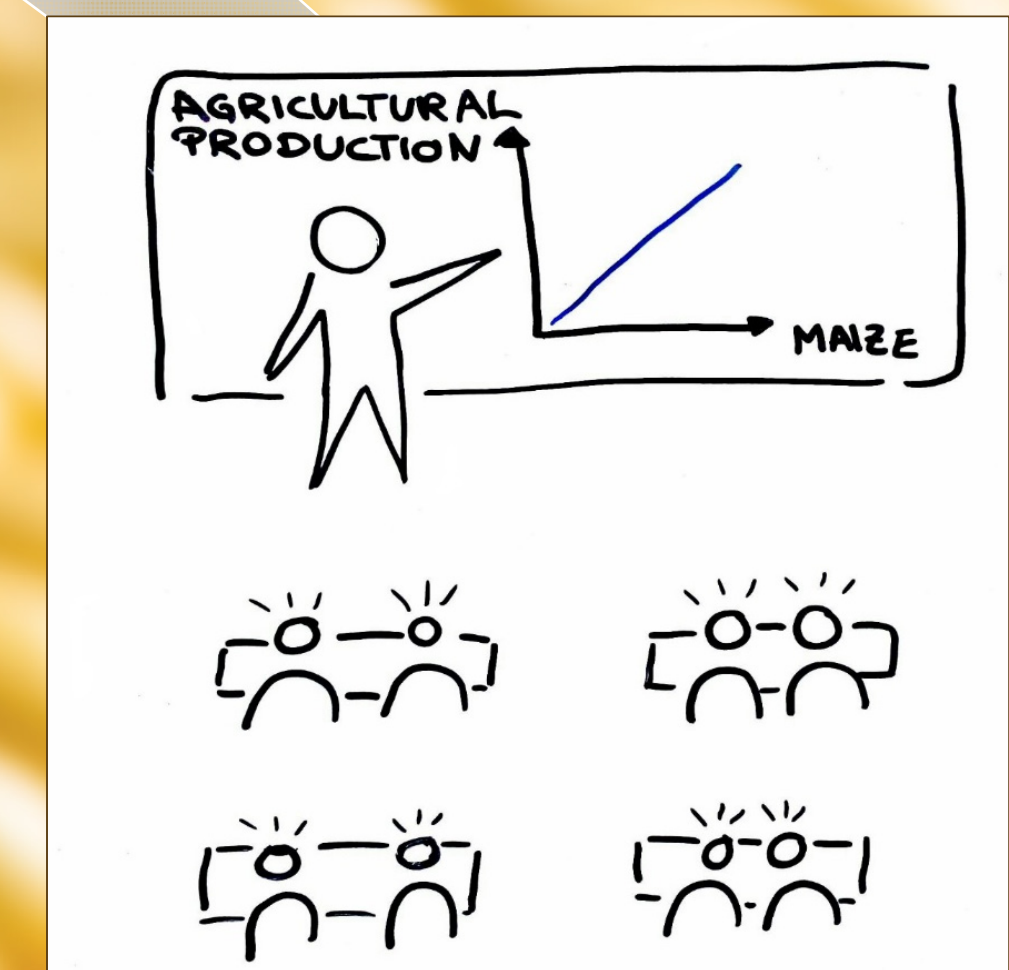
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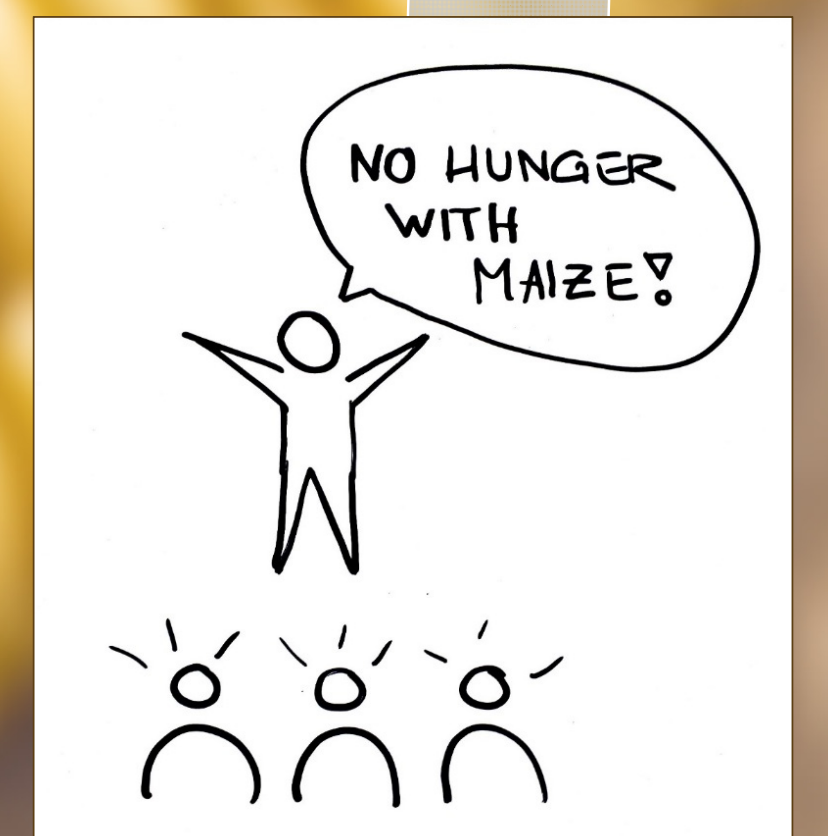
1 A 2016 survey in Kenya, Uganda and Malawi confirmed farmers emphasise on maize production, very little legumes and vegetables; high level of soil degradation; poor dietary diversity among farm household members.



2 Research team planned trials on improving agrobiodiversity, but in the implementation phase trials on maize production were included.



3 Discussions among researchers revealed that maize production is still embedded in local universities, affecting training, attitude and practice of lecturers.



4 As a result, students and extension officers promote intercropping systems with maize as the main crop and distribute maize seeds.



5 Poor crop diversification of farmers has negative impact on both human diet and soil degradation.



6 Paradigm change needed at all levels



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