# Rapid appraisal of innovation support services in agricultural innovation systems for agroecological transition: the RAISSA approach

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#### Introduction

- Agroecological transition (AET) is crucial, particularly in a context of agricultural inputs supply chain disruptions
- There is therefore an interest in strengthening the support to stakeholders (farmers, farmerbased organizations, processors, advisors, policy makers....) engaged in AET
- Agro-ecological innovation niches should be supported through adequate innovation support services (ISS) (Fig. 1.)
- The RAISSA approach will complete the range of existing Agricultural Innovation System (AIS) diagnoses tools
- The aim of this poster is to present the **RAISSA** approach and its interest for decision makers to formulate and orient innovation and research policies toward AET



#### Fig. 1. Eight categories of innovation support services (adapted from Faure et al., 2019)

**Rapid Appraisal of Innovation Support** Services in Agricultural Innovation Systems for Agro-ecological Transition (RAISSA) aims at producing an **innovative approach and a** tool for performing diagnoses of support service ecosystems by identifying and support services (ISS) dedicated to supporting AET.



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## Materials and methods

The approach has been applied to the Ghanaian context using a stepwise approach adapted from Q-method (Sy et al, 2018) which is a powerful and statistically rigorous tool (Fig. 2).



#### Fig. 2. The Workflow of the RAISSA approach



Images of interviews during the data collection from stakeholders

### Results

- **30** Innovation Support Services listed
- 80 stakeholders potentially engaged in AET identified
- 26 interviews conducted

## **Conclusions and perspectives**

- 1. AET is an emerging issue in Ghana that started from a social movement towards a current internalisation by decision makers
- 2. Our results will support the formulation of recommendations to decision-makers about the services to deploy in implementing relevant policies for AET in Ghana
- The coming steps are data analysis and workshops to 3. discuss the RAISSA approach and the results with stakeholders

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