Powering Agriculture plans to implement the following major activities over the next financial year of October 2016 to September 2017

- Establishment of a public-private partnership investment fund to support the commercialization and scale-up of clean energy technologies and innovative business models for farmers and agribusinesses.

- Milk cooling in Kenya: Powering Agriculture Partner GIZ / BMZ has joined forces with the University of Hohenheim and the Green Innovation Center in order to explore solutions for improving the dairy value chain in Kenya by introducing solar-powered milk cooling systems. In the beginning of 2017 a research paper on specific value chain settings and economic analyses of milk cooling solutions will be available.

- The identified knowledge gaps within the energy/ag nexus will be further investigated in the follow-up FAO/Powering Agriculture study “An enabling environment to foster investments in sustainable energy interventions in the agrifood sector” (forthcoming). The final report is planned for October 2017. It will assess the specific financial and economic implications of the identified energy technologies in the agrifood sector, the technology suitability for a specific development context, the actual return on investment expected, as well as the enabling conditions and policies needed to trigger the much sought pro-poor investments in the sector with regard to clean energy solutions. The study will also feed into a stakeholder dialogue in countries that provide case study materials.
• The development of technology specific gender guides and technology specific environmental compliance guides for the use by the Innovators
• Holding a Powering Agriculture Xcelerator (PAX) acceleration training program for Powering Agriculture Innovators at the Powering Agriculture Hub in Kenya

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