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## 2022 Annual Report



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**Achievements** 

- Sales: 184 machine sales (106 MCTs, 57 Chaff Cutters, 21 Small Shellers), up from 132 last year
- Technical: Brought new products to market, managed leaner production process
- Management: Transitioned team and organization into new structure, received investment and grant support
- Impact: 60 service businesses started with Imara Tech products and 1200 farms mechanized!

Dear all,

We are happy to share with you Imara Tech's annual report for 2022.

This year, Imara Tech products enabled over 60 agricultural service businesses to start and provide 1200 farms with access to mechanization. Our mission to empower rural farmers with mechanization remains at the core of what we do and we see this reflected in our annual impact survey: when we asked our customers what Imara Tech does well, many spoke of Imara Tech's role in providing technology to communities and educating people about agricultural entrepreneurship. We are still a long way from mechanizing every farm in Tanzania but we are thankful for the chance to support our customers and for the ways in which they support us in our mission.

Underlying each of this year's achievements is a notable change in the way we operate. At the end of last year, we made a decision to change our leadership, organizational structure, and growth strategy. One year later, we remain confident that this was the right move. Every member of our team has adapted and grown and we are ending this year proud of the progress and motivated to take on the challenges ahead.

We are grateful to work alongside dedicated staff, operational partners, investors, funders, clients, and supporters that share our vision. Each one of you continues to play an important role in our journey – thank you for being a part of our year!

Alfred Chengula Managing Director Elliot Avila Director



## **2022 Year in Review**

## Sales

#### <u>Achievements</u>

- Sales: 184 machine sales (106 MCTs, 57 Chaff Cutters, 21 Small Shellers), up from 132 last year
- Channels: A big focus on B2B sales: 40 units sold to 4 clients
- Territory: Greater team focus in Dodoma region of Tanzania: 47 sales
- Marketing: Traction from digital advertising and exhibitions: 31 sales from TV/Instagram leads, 26 from exhibitions

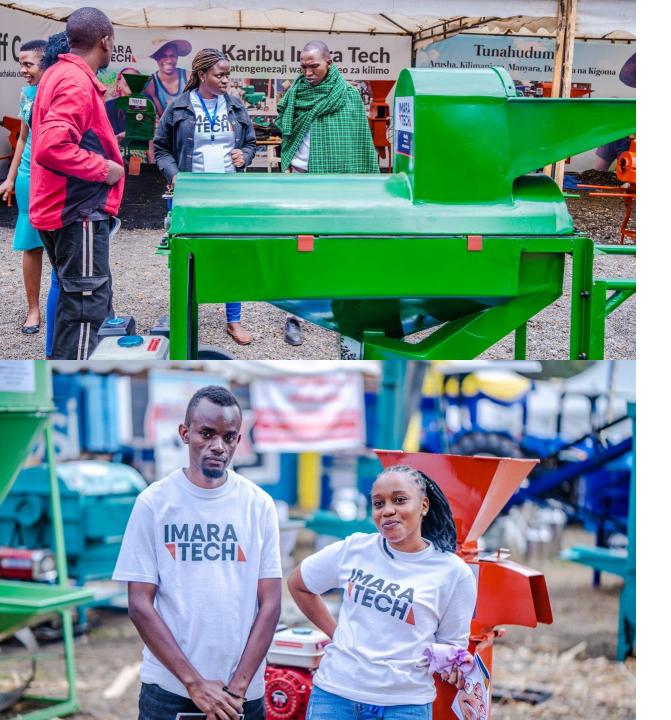
## **Challenges**

- Agents: low ROI from agents (23 agents sold 37 units)
- Product quality: high costs on service and maintenance with B2B clients (see technical slide)

#### Looking Forward

- B2B: strong pipeline going into 2023
- Territory: focusing more on Dodoma where there is a strong partner presence, untapped market, and easy access to other regions





## **Technical**

#### **Achievements**

- Team: Smaller full-time team reduced overhead costs
- Costs: Maintained COGS despite increased costs of off-the-shelf materials
- Products: New products reached market: 57 chaff cutters and 21 shellers sold

#### **Challenges**

- Product quality: challenges with breakage of beaters in MCT, finishing issues (welds and sharp edges), issues with off-the-shelf components (tires and engines)
- Reduced team size complicated the production process: increased reliance on contractors

#### Looking Forward

 Production: Investing in new welding equipment to improving welding, utilizing more CNC fabrication equipment, and investing more into building capacities of the technical team

## **Management and Head Office**

#### <u>Achievements</u>

- Leadership: Alfred stepped into the role of MD and while co-founders Elliot and Adriana stepped into supporting roles
- Finance: no major cash flow issues/challenges! Better organized expense reporting
- Grants/Investment: Renewed Sprint project with WFP Innovation accelerator, secured grant from Commission of Science and Technology Innovation Fund for 40M, received angel investment support

#### **Challenges**

• Finance: Inventory (stock and CAPEX) management system still underdeveloped resulting in difficulties with accurate accrual-based accounting

#### Looking Forward

 Adopting an asset-management system that will help workshop, sales, and finance teams better account for inventory





## **184 Machines Sold**

resulting in...

60 Service Business Started with Imara Tech Products

**\$50,400** in Customer Revenue

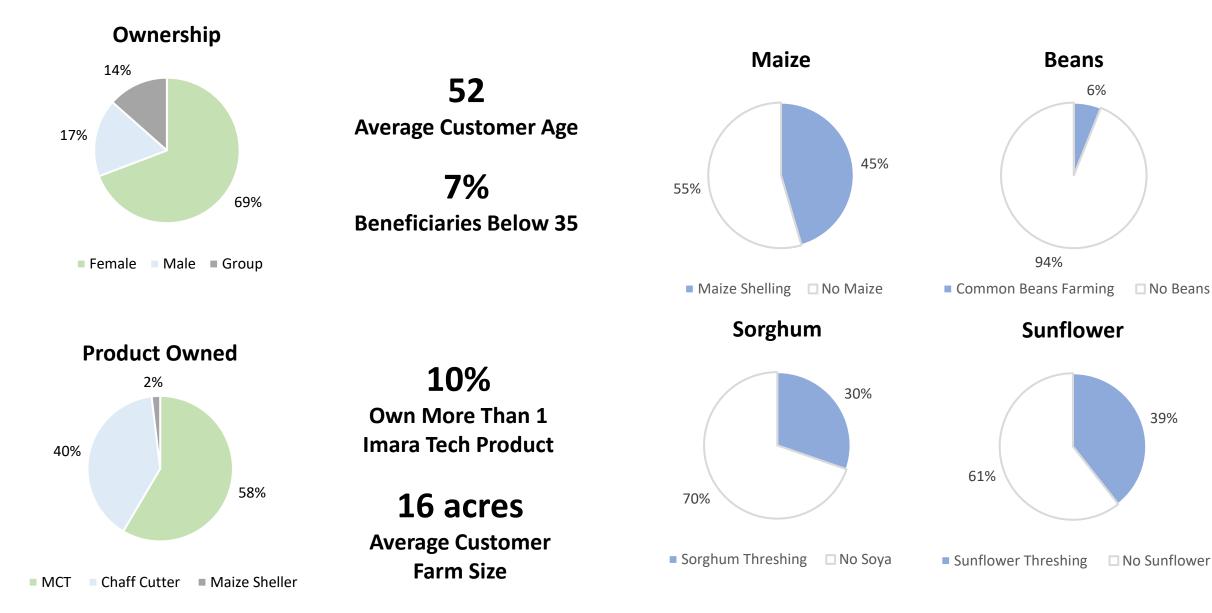
1200 New Farms Reached

\$68,400 Saved by End-Users

## **Customer Impact Survey Results**

From customers who purchased Imara Tech products

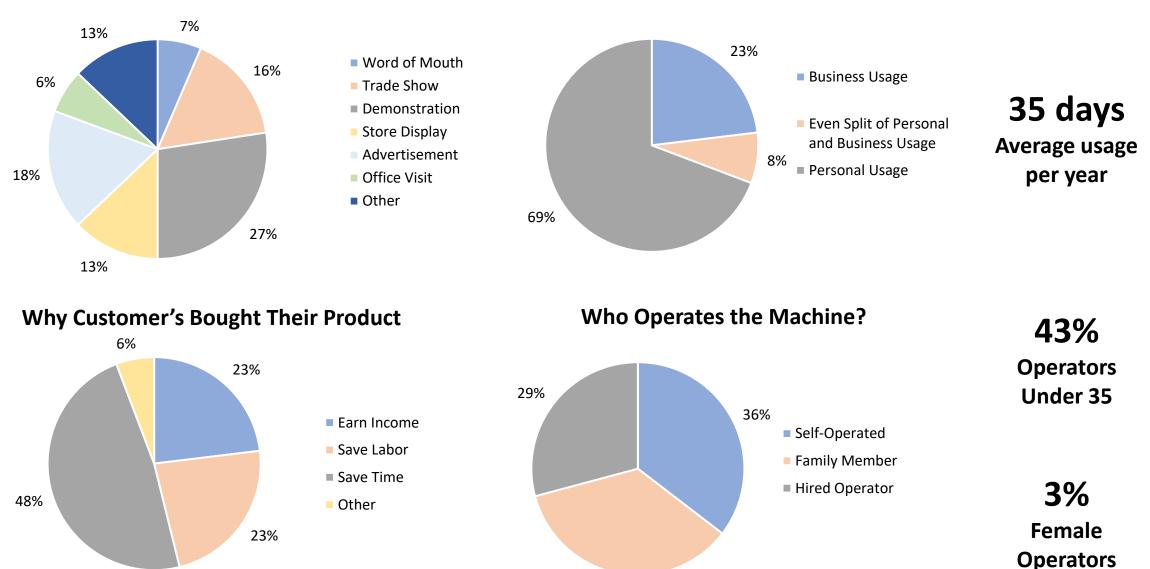
## **Customer Demographics**



## **Crops Processed by Customers**

## **How Customers Use their Products**

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#### How Customers Learned About their Products

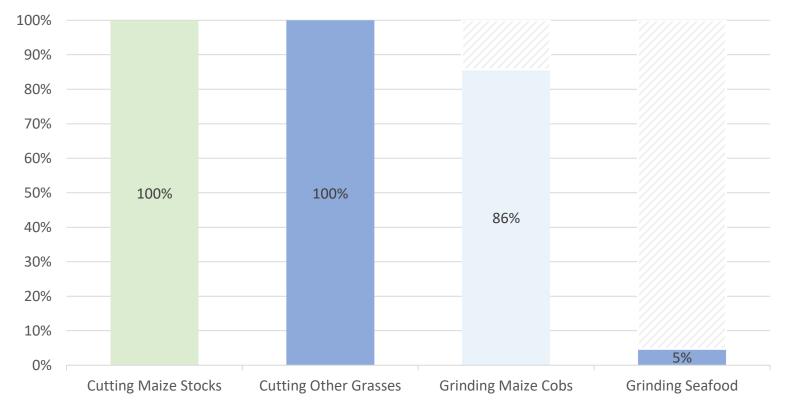
35%

## **MCT Business Customer Findings**

<b>\$42</b> Median Reported Earning per End-user	X 20 Median Re End-users	eported Ex	<b>\$840</b> xpected Income per MCT Customer	<b>80 acres</b> Median Reported End-user Farm Size
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## **Chaff Cutter Findings**

- **9%** Use their Chaff Cutter as a business, which earns them...
- **\$75** per month by renting out their machine



#### How Customers Use Their Chaff Cutter

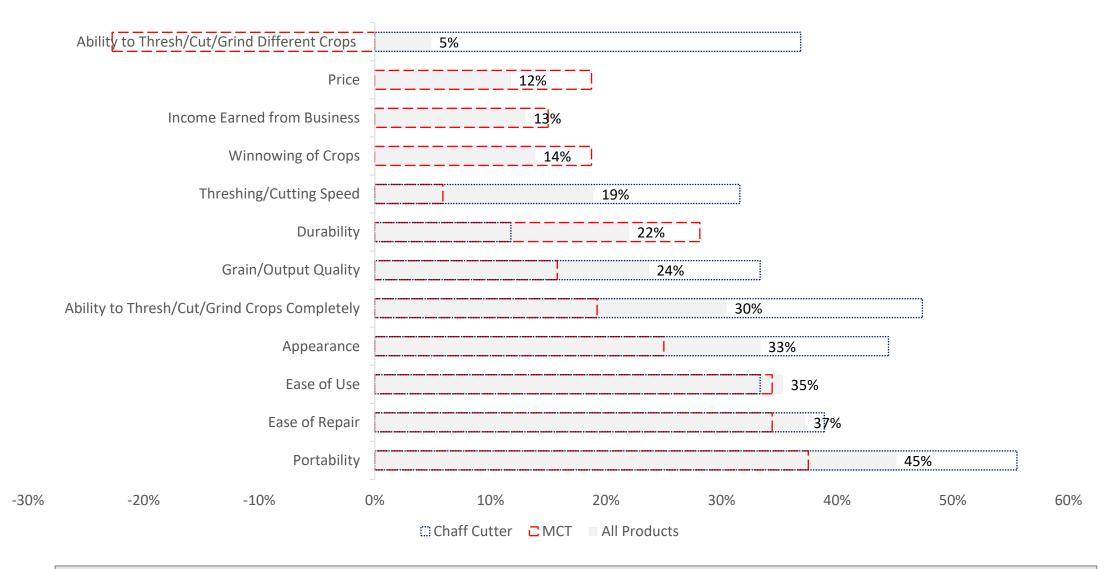
## **Overall Impressions**

**25%** NPS Score for All Products

> **9%** NPS Score for MCT

60% NPS Score for Chaff Cutter

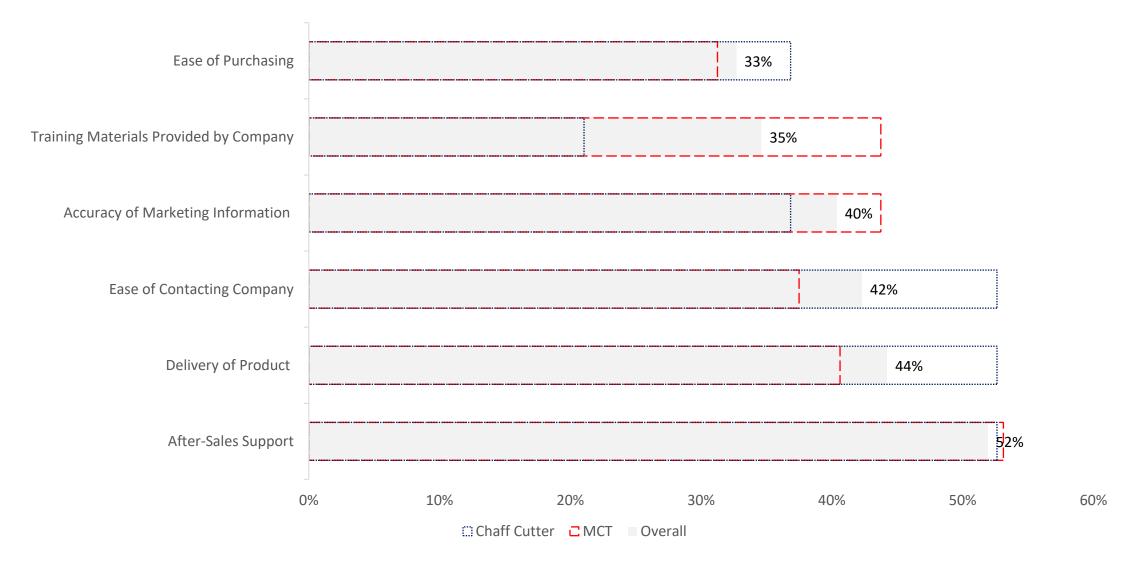
## **Net Promoter Score of Imara Tech Product Features**



Q44: Please rank the following features of your product:

Options were Very Poor, Poor, Neutral, Good, or Very Good. NPS calculated by Very Good respondents counted as Promoters, Good counted as Passives, and all others counted as Detractors

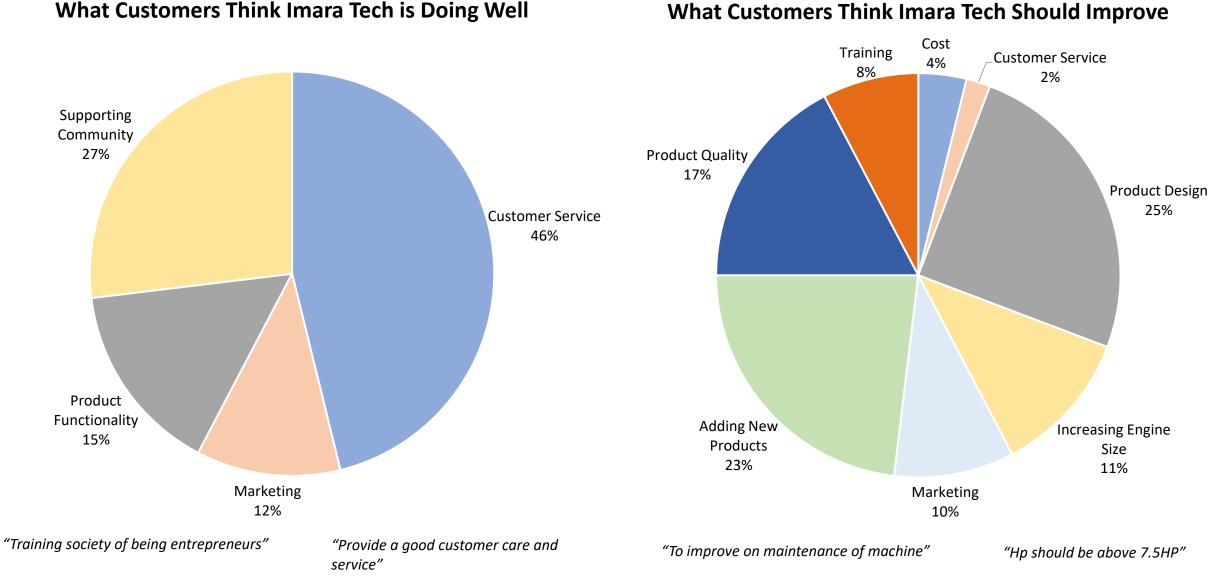
## **Net Promoter Scores of Imara Tech Service**



Q45: Please rank the following based on your interactions with the Imara Tech team:

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## What Customers Think of Imara Tech (Open-Ended)



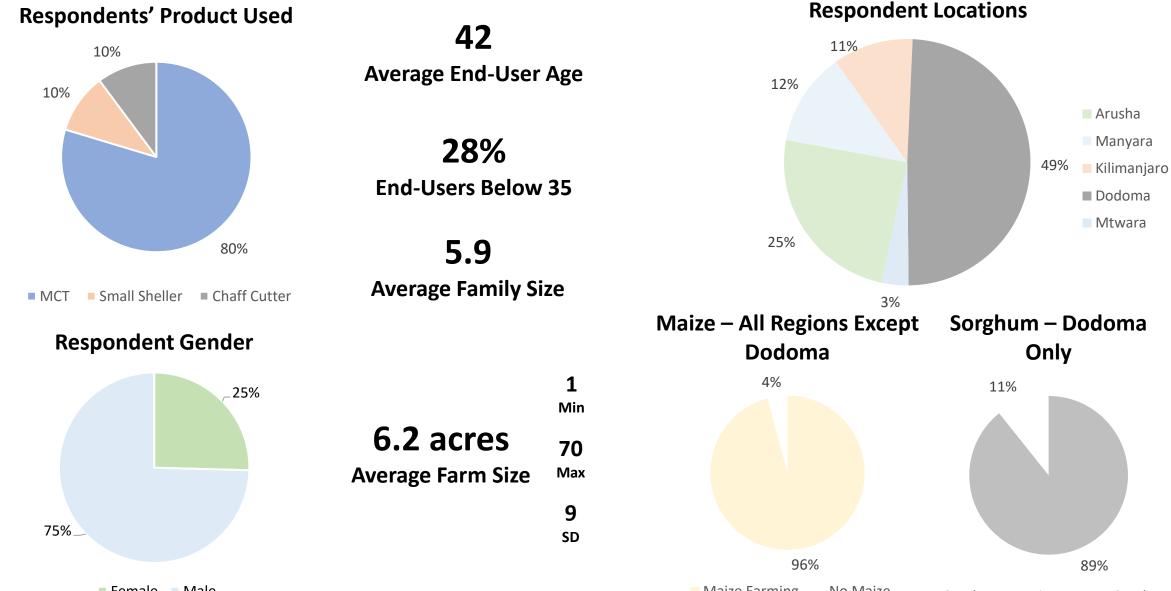
"Supporting the farmers through the technology it's reduce losses and it reduced costs"

"Increase marketing so as to reach every farmers from urban to interior rural areas"

## **End-User Impact Survey Results**

For farmers who purchase the services from Imara Tech customers

## **End-User Demographics**

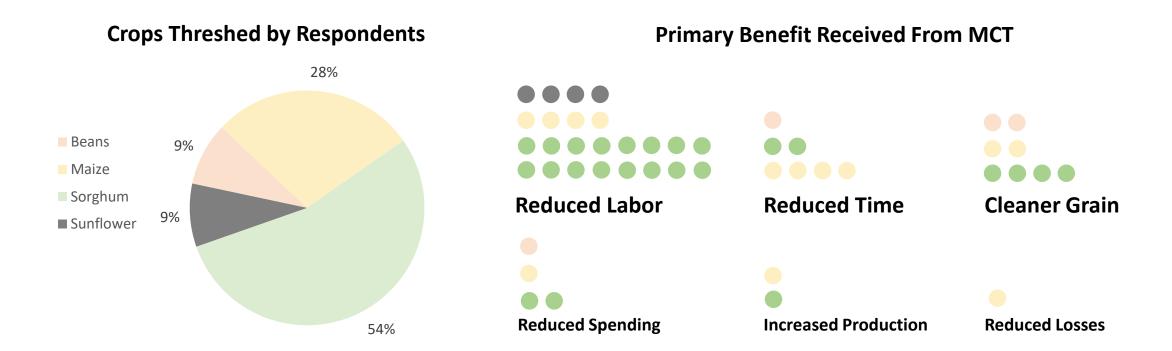


Female Male

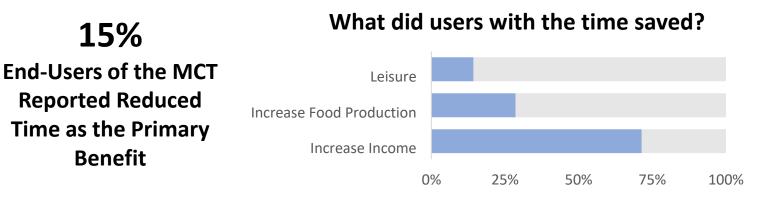
Maize Farming No Maize ■ Sorghum Farming No Sorghum

## **MCT: End-User Impacts by Crop**

	Respondents	Average Time Saved (Hours)	Average Money Saved (\$)	Average Bags of Grain	Average NPS Score
Beans	4	9	\$24	47	50%
Maize	13	16	\$66	98	54%
Sorghum	25	17	\$81	57	68%
Sunflower	4	7	\$73	40	50%
All Crops	46	13	\$57	63	61%



## **End-User Responses: MCT**



"engaging in poultry activities" "focus on my boda boda busir

"spend time on my retail shop"

"Participating in other agricultural activities"

#### **End-Users Testimonials: Positive Features**

*"It save time of threshing and increase quality of the maize than doing manually"* 

"Minimizing manual hired personnel"

"Portable and highly efficient"

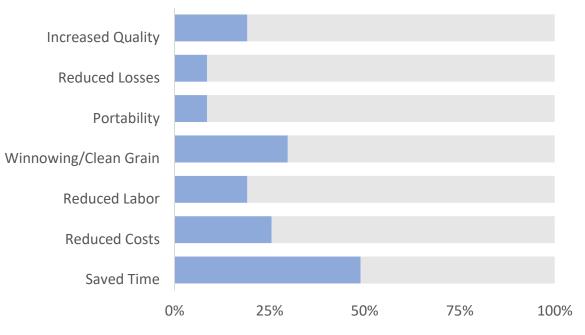
#### **End-Users Testimonials: What Should Change**

"It should be more faster and able to operate nonstop"

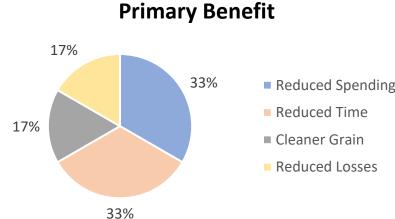
"More engine Capacity"

"Nothing"

#### What did users talk about in testimonials?



## **End-User Responses: Maize Sheller**

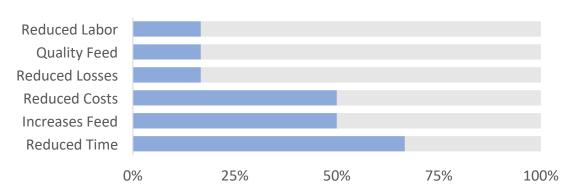


# What were users able to do with the time saved?

Reduced Spending	"increase my farming size"		
Reduced Time			
Cleaner Grain	"to run business"		
Reduced Losses	to run business		

## 50% End-user NPS for Maize Sheller

## **End-User Responses: Chaff Cutter**



What End-Users Talked About

*"It make good animal feed, it save time and cost"* 

*"Increase animals feed by grinding maize cobs, it's save cost and time"* 

## 83% End-User NPS for Chaff Cutter

## Thank you

to all of Imara Tech's partners and supporters!





































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