

Case study on Kenya

Agroecology without the Name?

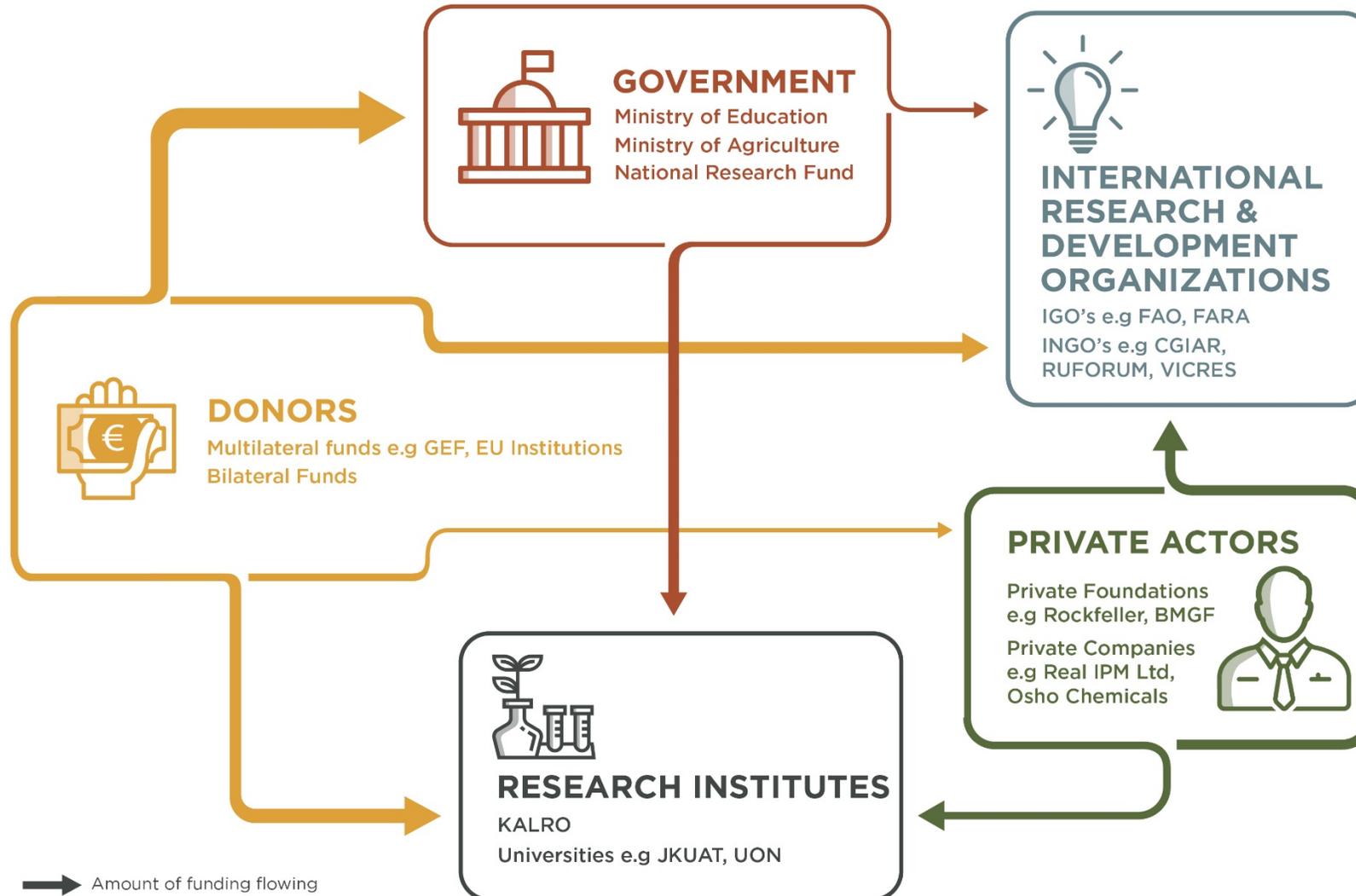
Trends in Agricultural Research and Investment in Kenya



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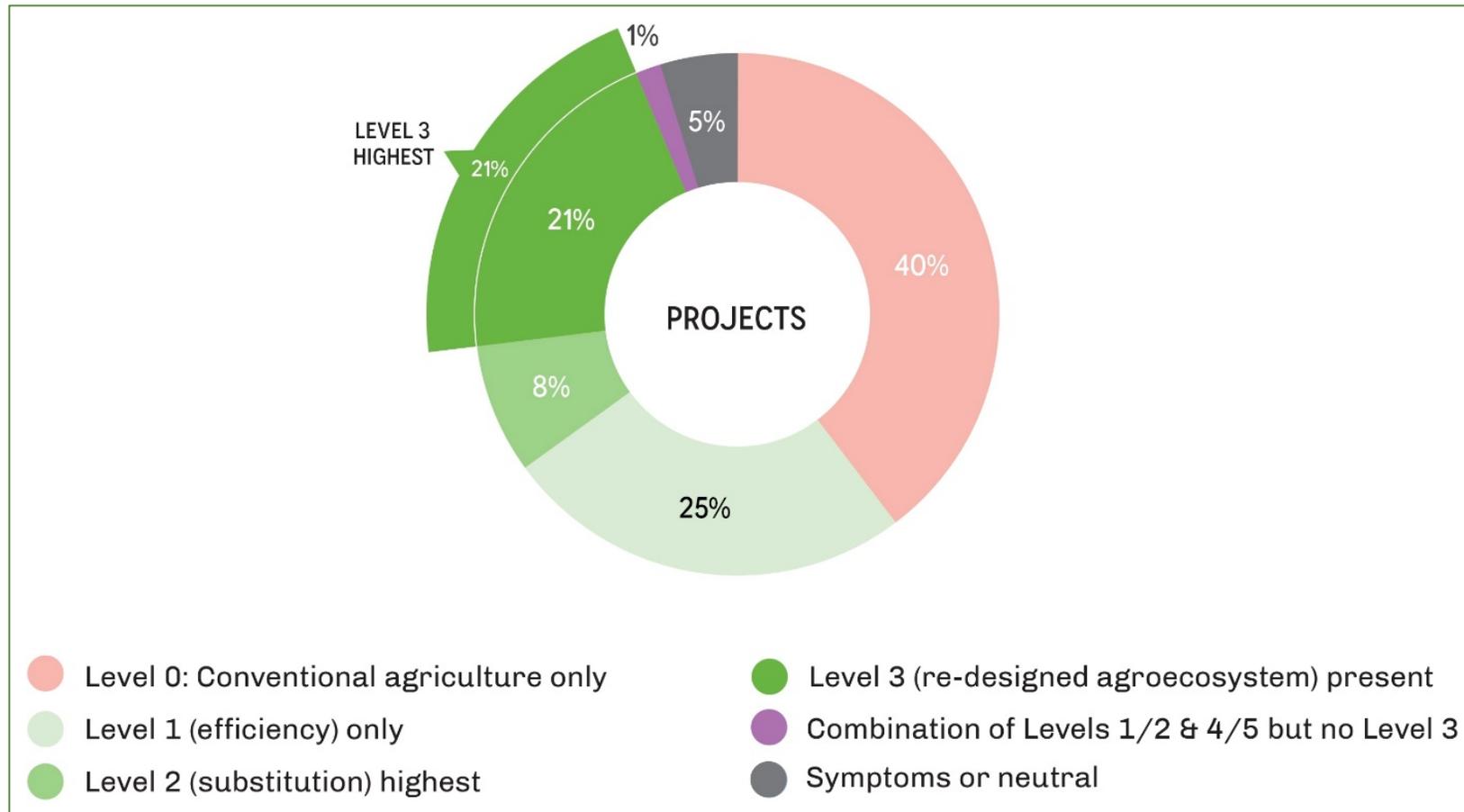
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MAJOR STAKEHOLDERS AND FUNDING FLOWS OF THE KENYAN AGR4D LANDSCAPE



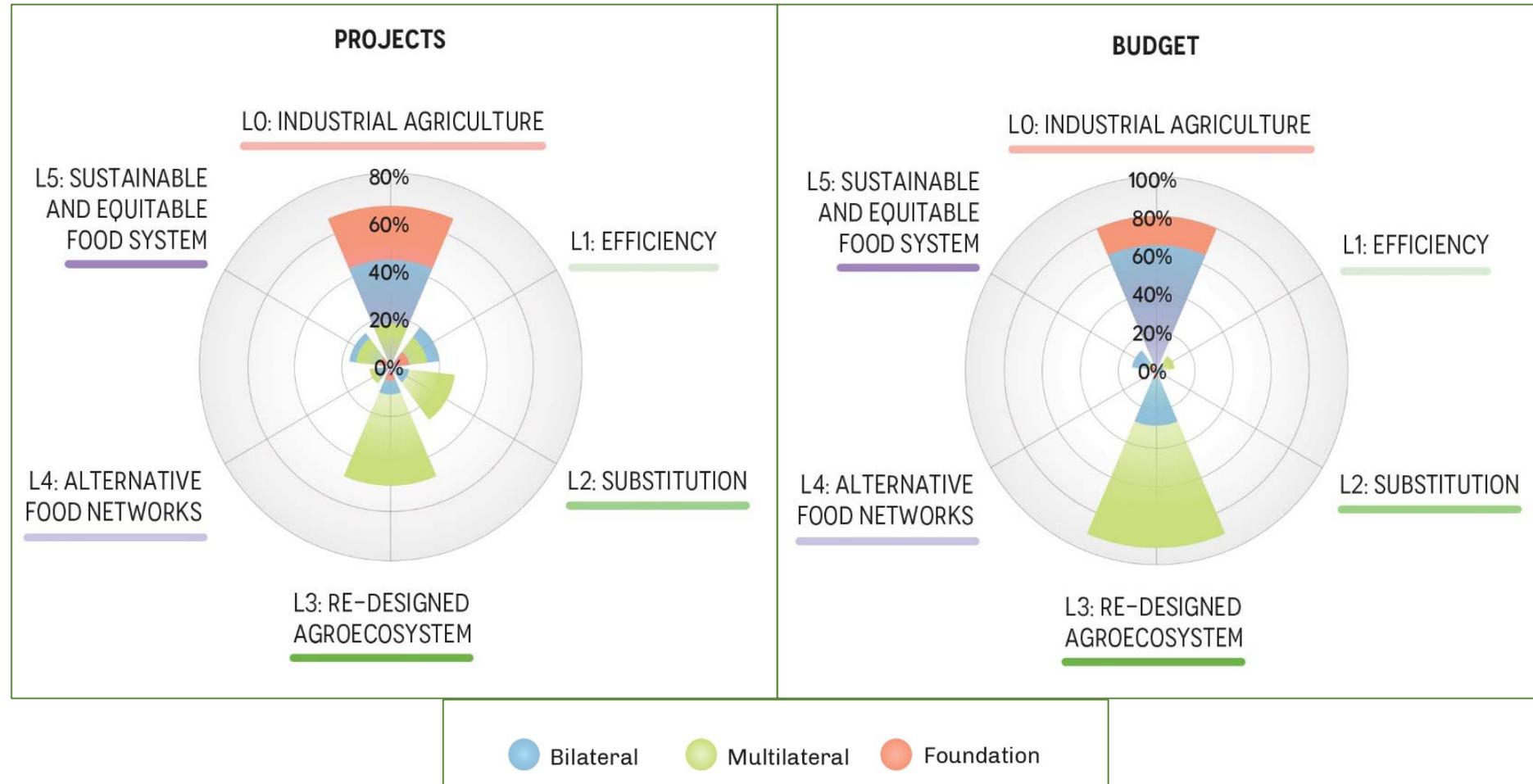
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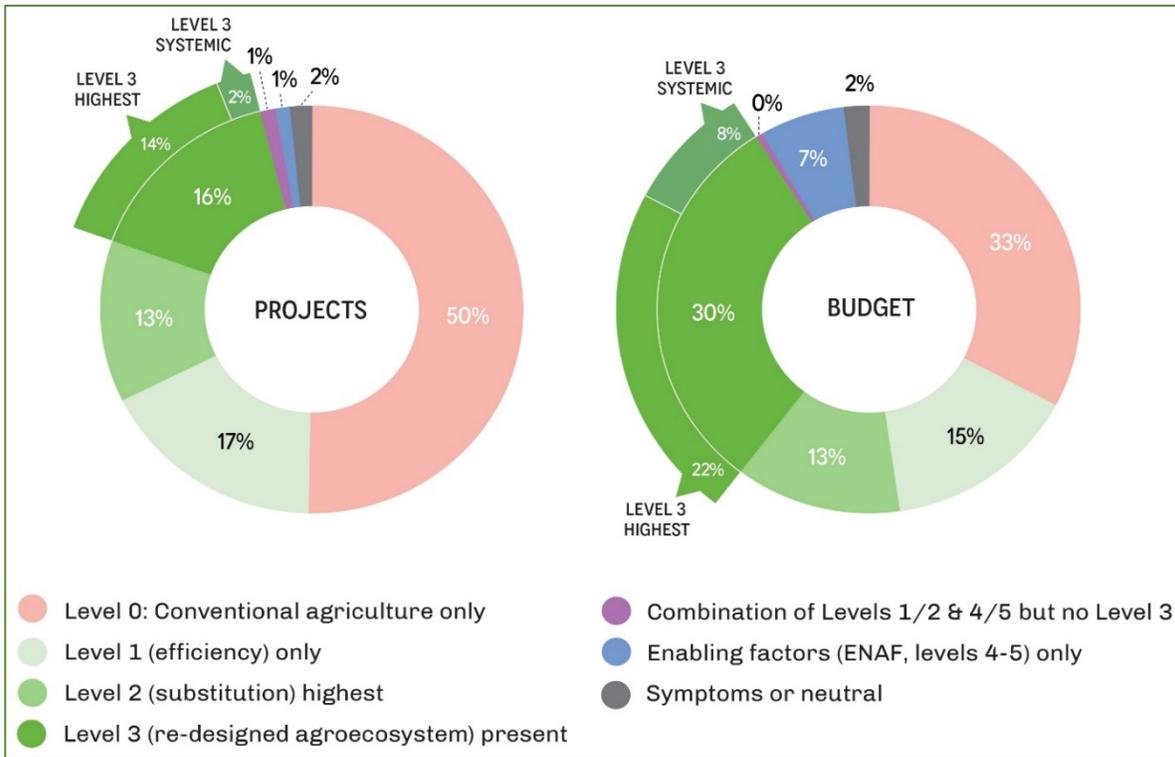
b) Projects funded by Bilateral, Multilateral and Private Foundations



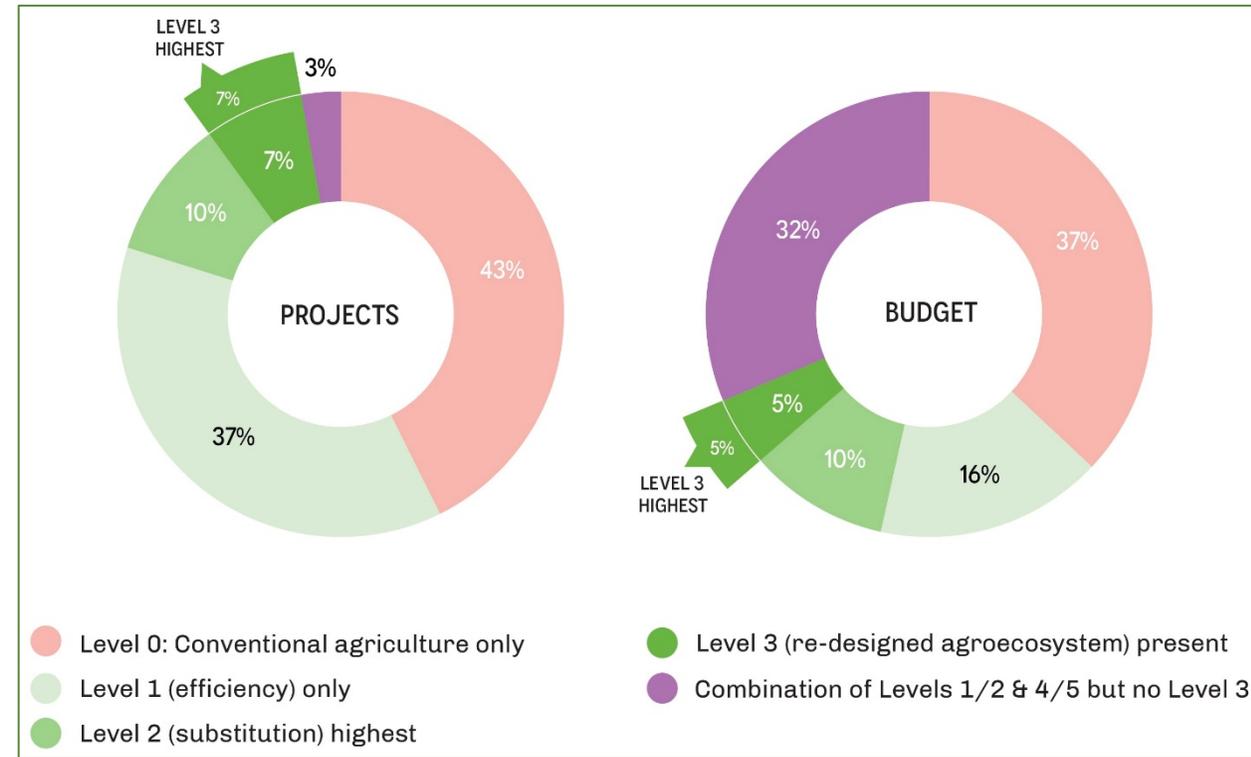
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Integration of Agroecology in Agricultural Research Projects

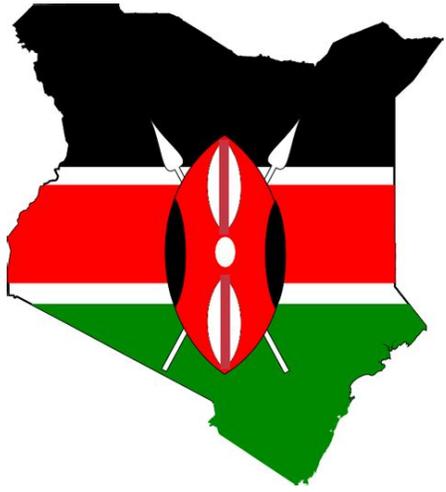
a) KALRO



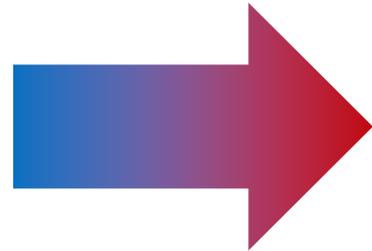
a) Universities



1. No concept of agroecology
2. **Agroecology as agroecological zoning**
3. **Agroecology as environmentally sustainable agriculture**
4. **Agroecology as environmentally sustainable agriculture with political and cultural components**



Driver: National objectives like Agenda 2030 are drawn upon by conventional agricultural R and D actors, including large multilateral funders



Lock-in: Co-option of systems perspective by profit imperatives threatens agroecology



***Opening:
Considering such
imperatives alongside
threats e.g. climate change
can show the potential of
agroecology –***



***BUT the role of corporate
profit must be explicitly
problematized.***



What are the main elements that drive the investments and what are the entry point for changes?

- ✓ Projects focused on individual elements of agroecology are predominant where research durations are short and present the best entry point for research conducted in Universities.
- ✓ Collaborative research between KALRO and other partners provide the best opportunity to enhance a systemic research approach, combining research at level three with some considerations on the socio-economic or political dimension of agroecology (levels 4 and 5).
- ✓ International Research centres (ILRI and icipe), through the work of prestigious champions, in collaboration with local universities and KALRO are promising to promote systemic research among private foundations, bilateral and multilateral donors.
- ✓ Connect non-profit outcomes to national and international development agendas, making reference for instance to Kenya 2030, the Paris Agreement and the HLPE reports.