

**Providing Solutions to Farmers** 







employs 36% of the country's labor force

Accounts for 70% of total exports directly and indirectly

4<sup>th</sup> largest milk producing country in the world

60% of rural population dependent on agriculture

19% Contribution to GDP

Pakistan Economic Survey 2019-20

	Agriculture Growth		
	2017 -	2018 -	2019 -
	2018	2019	2020
Crops	1.2%	-5.0%	3.0%
Livestock	3.7%	3.8%	2.6%
Forestry	2.6%	7.9%	2.3%
Fishing	1.6%	0.8%	0.6%

### **Major Crops Production**

	M Tonnes
WHEAT	25
MAIZE	7
RICE	7
SUGARCANE	67
COTTON - M Bales	6
	MAIZE RICE SUGARCANE

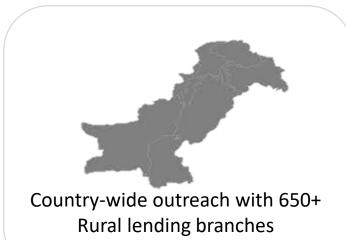


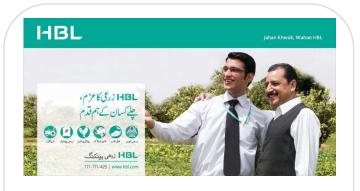


#### **LEADING THE MARKET**



Market leadership with 31% share of farmer financing amongst Commercial Banks





Largest on-ground Field Force (600+)



Convenient account access via Branchless agents and Mobile Banking



Field teams equipped with handheld devices



Best Bank For Agriculture 2016, 2017, 2018





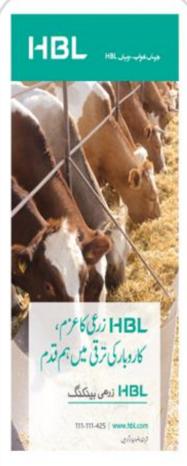




Farm Production (Running Finance for Crop Input)



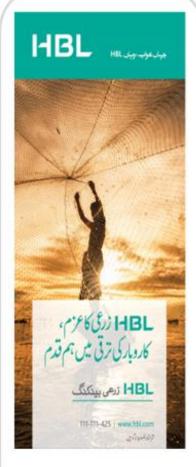
Poultry Financing (Working Capital and Asset Purchase)



Dairy & Livestock Financing (Working Capital and Asset Purchase)



Tractor Financing (Conventional and Islamic)



Fisheries Financing (Working Capital and Asset Purchase)



Farm Irrigation Solutions (Purchase and Installation of Irrigation equipment)











**AUDIENCE** 

Progressive farmers engaged in various parts of the agriculture chain

#### **SCOPE OF THIS PLATFORM**

- Organized structured programs of town halls where farmers are informed about agricultural finance products
- Value added discussions on agronomy and better farm management techniques
- Enhanced financial literacy amongst the prospective farming community in underserved agricultural regions



 Imparting knowledge and understanding to farmers about financial concepts, banking / financial products and services

#### **FINANCIAL LITERACY**



**SESSIONS** 

 Since the onset of Covid these sessions are being held virtually. HBL's field teams reach out to farmers in their villages for convenient participation through HBL's handheld devices





- Non-Crop contributes 61% of Agricultural GDP
- Portfolio diversification with enhanced growth in the Dairy segment
- Targeting dairy farmers with a herd size > 50 animals
- Financing product for working capital needs as well as animal purchase
  - Working capital for feed, medicines, inoculation, etc.
  - Term loans for purchase of local, exotic and hybrid breeds
- Robust controls through independent stock inspection of the herd





# HBL has invested in Naymat Collateral Management Ltd for the development of an Electronic Warehouse Receipt (EWR) ecosystem

- An EWR is a document issued to farmers, traders, processors, etc. against storage of their agricultural commodities in accredited warehouses with specific quality control parameters
- It gives financial institutions real time access to information on agri commodities, allows the creation of an on-line lien, and thus enables lending to farmers and other agriculture chain players with reduced transaction and operational risks
- This ecosystem should result in inclusive growth of the rural population with ease in access to finance, reduced wastage, improved quality and market-based price discovery







#### HBL IS THE FIRST BANK TO SUCCESSFULLY FUND AN EWR



Farmer visits accredited Warehouse to store crop produce

Operator performs quality testing and issues EWR against predefined quality grades







**EWR Financing** 

Farmer pledges the EWR with HBL for availing finance against stored commodity



EWR Trading

Farmer can trade EWR on PMEX



Selling



Private Sale

Farmer directly sells the stored produce and adjusts any financing taken against EWR



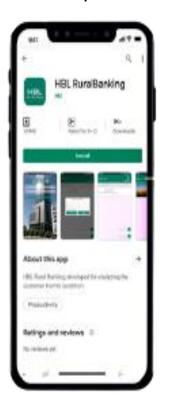
Sale to bulk buyer
Farmer sells to HBL's
bulk buyer partner





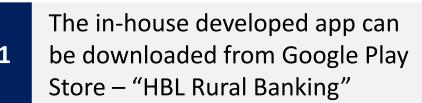
#### **FARM APP**

- Only Bank in the industry using this technology a repository of more than 13,000 images
- 500+ devices provided to the field force with 3G/4G connectivity
- Actual crop / farm assessment through this App
- Centralized storage of farm coordinates along with time and date stamp











Pictures of farmlands are captured using geographic coordinates for geo-tagging



Each farm image is auto date / time stamped



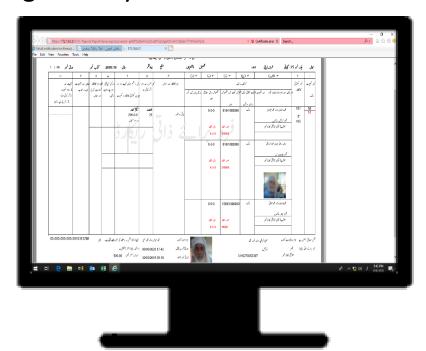
Centralized view and data repository of images.







- HBL is the first bank in the industry to have integrated its system with Punjab Land Record Authority (PLRA)
- Implemented in 200+ branches across Punjab the highest in the banking industry
- HBL is leading the market with 11,000+ extractions made from PLRA portal
- Recognized by SBP on their invitation, HBL conducted trainings for the banking industry







## **HBL's Development Finance mandate**

- > As Pakistan's pre-eminent financial institution HBL is conscious of its responsibility and role in contributing to the country's economic development
- > HBL is the only bank with a Board-level Development Finance Committee, formed in 2018
- ➤ The Development Finance mandate is to reach out to economically significant but marginalized and underserved sectors of the economy, through:
  - Testing innovative approaches.
  - Technology.
  - Major focus on rural economy and augmenting the Agri value chain.
  - Supporting the right partners in Agri value chain.





# Why agriculture?

### Majority of farmers spend their lives in debt and poverty traps making barely enough to make ends meet.

Inefficient production

2 Unfair Markets

Exorbitant Interest

- Low quality inputs.
- Obsolete mechanization/techniques.
- Absence of agronomical advisory
- Lack of investment
- No direct access to consumers.
- Exploitation by middlemen as selling agents.
- Absence of required linkages in the agri delivery chain.

Informal money lenders charge exorbitant<sup>1</sup> interest rates on credit and inputs.

Millions live in poverty and the overall agrarian economy suffers heavily.





# HBL is reaching out to economically significant yet marginalized and underserved sectors of the economy, leading to a more financially inclusive country.





In-kind financing instead of cash financing. The Bank will pay the cost of inputs directly to the supplier through the farmer's finance account.





On-farm advisory will be given by HBL agronomists.





Inputs will be provided through an input supplying company, at the farmer's doorstep.





Bank will arrange all mechanization services required by the farmer including land preparation and crop harvesting.





The harvested crop is sold to the pre-agreed bulk buyer who pays HBL the proceeds. This eliminates the middlemen / Arthi from the process.





After settling the loan, HBL transfers the excess amount to the farmer's account, as profit.





### Interventions in the integrated value chain | Farm-to-fork model

HBL enters into agreements with high quality crop input suppliers and modern mechanization service providers, and connects them with the farmers to whom financing is provided. Through these vendors, the farmer receives inputs and mechanization at their doorstep

HBL connects the farmers with bulk processors of their crop and facilitates the sale of the crop for the farmers, ensuring fair returns and removing market inefficiencies.



Crop sowing

Crop growing

Crop harvesting

Crop selling

SMEs/LSMs

HBL provides agronomic advice throughout the crop cycle, through trained HBL Agronomists.

HBL also connects the farmers with input and mechanization providers to cover their farming needs during the crop cycle.

Benefits for SMEs and large Corporates in the agriculture value chain, as they receive better quality inputs / raw materials.





# **Ecosystem development**

HBL is developing an Agriculture services ecosystem by working with multiple partners across the value chain

Input suppliers

To give farmers access to high quality crop inputs at their farmgate.







Mechanization service providers

For Agricultural mechanization, HBL has engaged organizations in pilots to provide latest machines to farmers on a rental model.







**Bulk buyers** 

HBL has engaged with bulk buyers to insulate the farmer from market inefficiencies at the time of crop selling













### **Capacity building**



Latest Land Preparation Agricultural Implements



Drones for Aerial Spray of Pesticides / Fertilizers etc.



Latest High-Powered Tractors



Mechanical Transplanting of Rice

During the pilots on Maize and Rice, HBL provided the latest agricultural machinery to its financed farmers on a rental basis, through mechanization services providers. The rentals were paid from the farmers' in-kind finance facility.

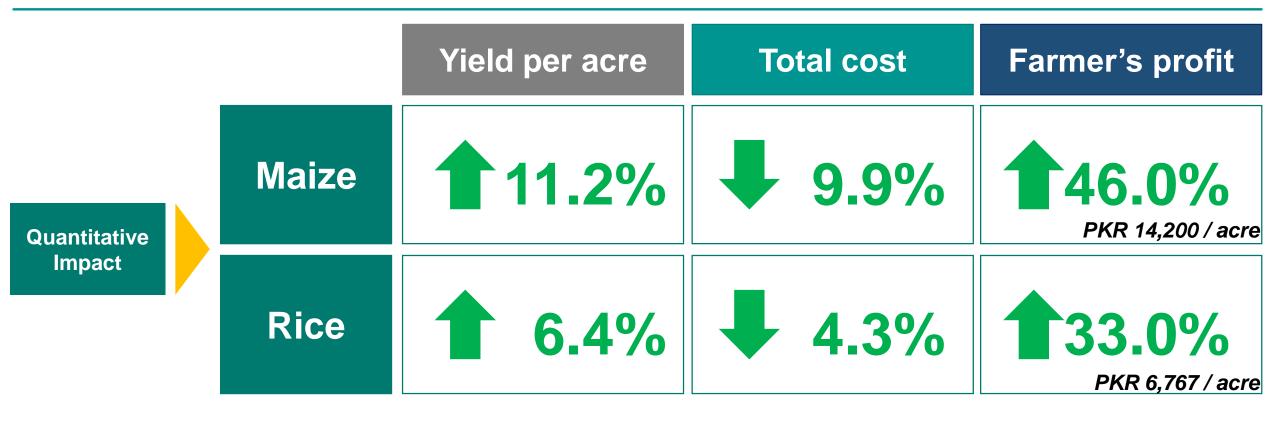
These machines are expensive and are only used 2-3 times a year. Instead of purchasing them, procuring their services on rent is more efficient and cost-effective.

Mechanization introduced during DFG pilots included tractors, farm implements, rice transplanters and harvesters.





### Completed pilots - maize and rice



Qualitative Impact

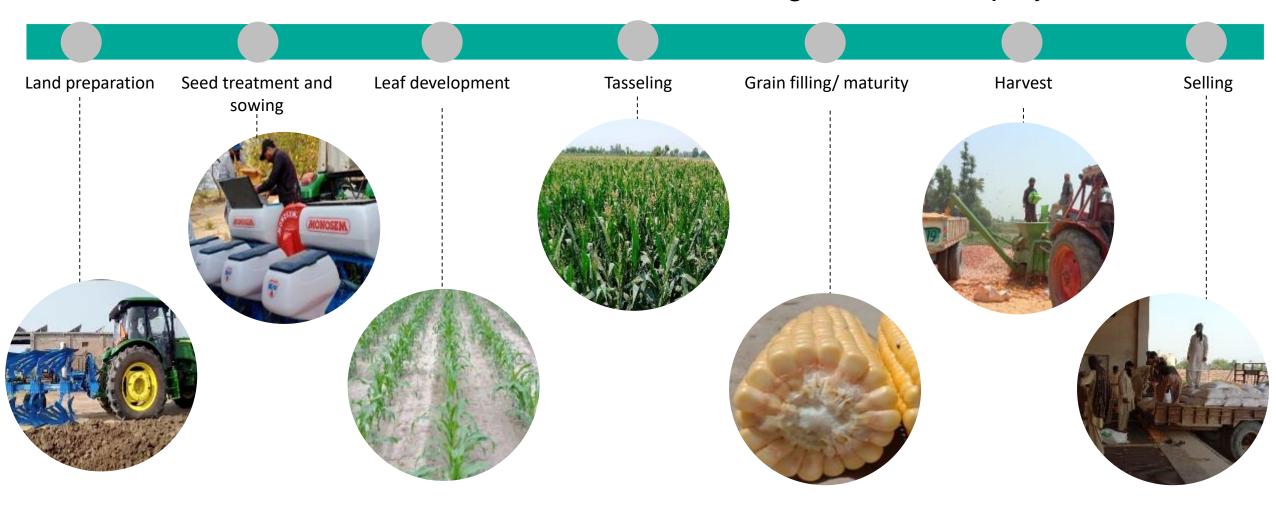
- Farmers paid cash in 15 days Normal cash payment happens in 42-50 days with 6-7 weekly tranches.
- > Service providers paid in 3 days.
- > HBL made the first clean lending under this model to help finance farmers who are currently unable to provide security collateral, as they do not own land and farm on leased lands.





# Completed pilots — Overview of pilot on maize

### HBL remains with the farmers throughout their crop cycle



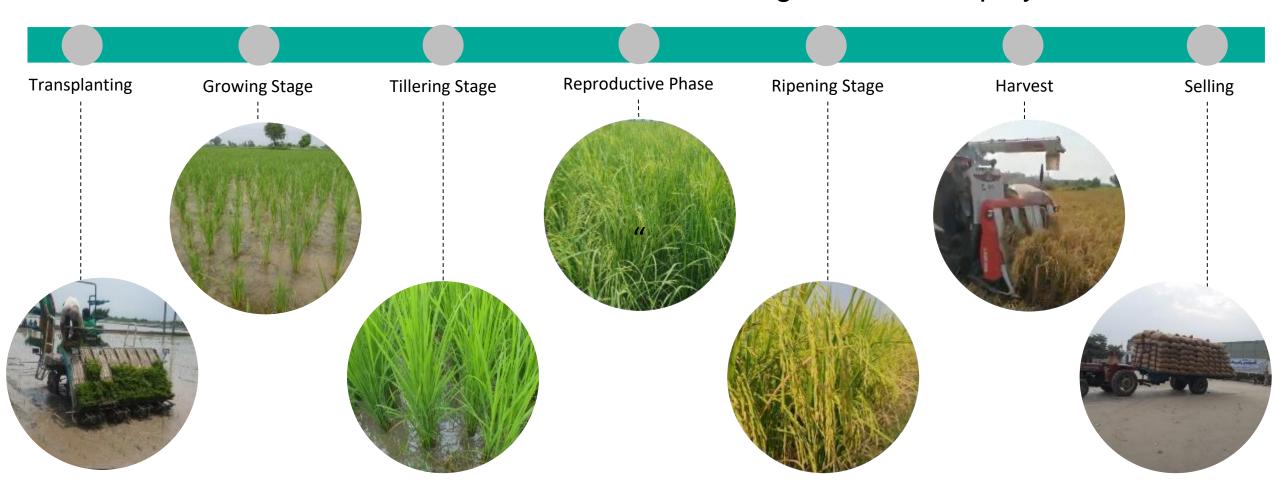
Source: Local Farmers + HBL Agronomy Team





# Completed pilots — Overview of pilot on rice basmati

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### **HBL** Pay - Digital Customer Onboarding

### **Digital inclusion**

#### **Digital Onboarding Journey**

Konnect Account Opening



**Document Procurement** 



Filling of Application



**Biometric Verification** 



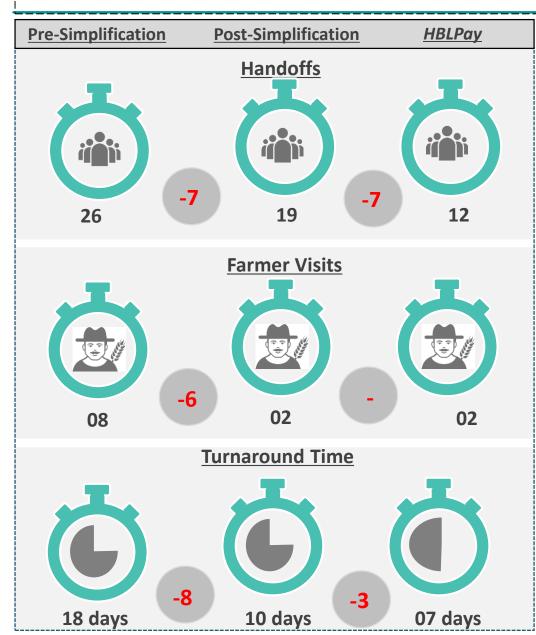
**Application Submission** 



- Digitally onboarding farmers in Gujranwala for the ongoing rice pilot by opening their basic Konnect accounts
- On-boarded farmers cover 133 acres
- Future upgrades will enable :
  - Full digitization of crop plan
  - Instant loan approvals against approved risk acceptance criteria

### Digitization will further Accelerate Time to Market and Ease of Doing Business

## **Digital inclusion**



- Account Opening and filling of application form has been converted to a digital process via the HBLPay App.
- Application moves virtually from desk to desk and with fewer handoffs.

- HBL's agronomy team and Konnect agents visit the farmers with digital devices in order to:
  - Open Accounts
  - Create Crop Plans
  - Apply for in-kind loans
    Via the HBLPay application.
- The entire application is processed digitally where the next user receives a notification when any application falls in their bucket.
- An escalation matrix enables quicker decision making.
- All reports are also pre-populated by the system, lowering errors and discrepancies.
- There is no involvement of mailing documents which further reduces TAT.



- Pilots initiated by HBL have been successful in creating a double-bottom line impact, by generating income for the Bank (with 100% recovery), and at the same time improving the economic well-being of farmers through increased yields and disintermediation of middlemen.
- HBL is currently running new pilots in Okara and Gujranwala. The present model finances local farmers through production loans for field crops. Going forward, we will be rolling out solutions for Livestock, Dairy and Fisheries.
- This journey will segue HBL into the informal economy of Pakistan and will help HBL reach a large and currently unbanked population, which is not reachable through a brick-and-mortar model. This will be driven by creating a digital ecosystem.
- HBL will also have the opportunity to meet the personal financial needs of the significant, but currently excluded, rural population of Pakistan.





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