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My world
Farmer Profile

- Age *32.5* yrs (Nat. av 55-60yrs)
- 34% female, 66% male
- 61% Education level-Primary School (*13-15* yrs)
- 73% have 2-3 cows, 64% have < 10 chickens
- Land size 71% <3 acres, 37% less than 1 acre
  (1 cow requires 1 acre of land)
- 29% entrepreneurs, 17% employed
Impact

• 95% increased knowledge in sustainable agriculture
• 87% have adopted new sustainable practices
• Increased yields - Milk, poultry, eggs, crops
• Increased incomes
• Increased livestock, soil and crop health
• Reduced livestock mortality
• Reduced veterinary and feed costs
  ...and...
• 69% share their messages
iCow has proved that successful agriculture starts in your head.

We **must invest** in building farmer knowledge!!
Our focus:
Ecosystems
Partnerships
Scale
Speed
Started in 2007

2013- 43 percent of Kenya’s GDP flowed through M-Pesa, with over 237 million person-to-person transactions.

M-Pesa products- money deposit and withdrawal, remittance delivery, bill payment, and microcredit provision.

M-Pesa has been especially successful in reaching low-income Kenyans: people living on less than $1.25 a day who use M-Pesa rose from less than 20% in 2008 to 72% by 2011.
• M-Pesa’s success is due to the explosive growth in access to cell phones in the developing world.

• In the first quarter of 2015, 900 million mobile subscribers in Africa, and 3.7 billion in Asia.

• Developing markets will continue to drive growth in mobile subscriptions for the foreseeable future.

• Approximately 255 mobile money services were operating across 89 countries in 2014.

• Accessible in more than 60 percent of developing markets.

• Sub Saharan Africa is the region where mobile money is most widely spread, followed by Southeast Asia and Latin America.
Mobile phones are bridging the digital divide in the developing countries