Public agricultural spending in the region increased by more than one-third in real terms between 2000 and 2011. This strong performance masks imbalances. About half of the spending occurred in just three countries: Kenya, Nigeria, and South Africa. And close to half of the growth from 2000 to 2011 came from just two countries: Nigeria and Uganda.


Notes: Regional total includes 45 of the 48 countries in Africa south of the Sahara: Equatorial Guinea, a high-income country, is excluded as are South Sudan and Somalia. For countries where data is unavailable—Angola, Cameroon, Comoros, São Tomé, and Príncipe—research spending and researcher capacity trends were estimated based on share of total agricultural output.