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Some countries in the region have adopted creative and out-of-the-box initiatives on public policy for both public and private investments. Discussions focus on what has been done so far, how these can be used by the governments, and further identify ways to promote policy dialogue and reforms, and public-private partnerships.

Title and Link	Overview
Investment in Research and Development for Basmati Rice in Pakistan	<p>This paper presents the argument that Pakistan needs to increase its investments in agriculture research and development. It identifies strategies to show how a Basmati rice development program can achieve sustainable funding and effective oversight and implementation. Basmati rice is Pakistan’s second-largest export earner but newer, long-grain, nonaromatic varieties have been cutting into its share of the premium rice market. The export value of Basmati rice has been impacted by leaf blight, trade practices, and market conditions. To address the issues, this paper argues that long-term vision and planning is needed, as well as a whole of government approach to help the value chain respond to present and future challenges.</p>