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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Compulsory REVISION comments	1. In table 1, you have decimals for some figures and none for others (e.g. 6.27, 10, 20, 30, 38.48, 40). Why? Consistency is important. Check all the figures in all the tables to ensure that the number of decimal places are same. 2. Are tables 2 and 3 results of the study? The information contained in those tables are more related to data. You may want to move them to the methodology section.	Done. Thank you very much for this comment. Table 2 is moved to the methodology section and is now Table 1. Table 3 is moved to the most convenient place in the results section. It gives value ranges and predicted signs of the independent variables in the regression model. This position of the table facilitates the comprehension of subsequent discussion to the reader.
Minor REVISION comments	1. Check the spelling of table in page 10 (tableau?) 2. Indicate full meanings of abbreviations in table 4 below the table (i.e., EDU, REG, CSIZE, EXPRICE, MKTEXP) 3. You applied a logistic regression model to analyze the factors that determine CVPA's participation.... --You may need to explain your choice of factors, either based on literature, observation or discussions with key experts. 4. You applied the IRR in your profitability analysis. Why is the IRR most appropriate for your study? 5. What are the policy implications of the findings of your study? It would be good to state one or	Done. Done. Done. IRR is the most appropriate indicator of profitability in a long-term investment plan, which is the case in this study that concerns a perennial crop and an investment in processing machines with a 10-year planning horizon. They are now added at the end of the conclusion and abstract: Producer price monitoring and lifting-up farmers towards professional business groups and innovative trade partnerships, with enhanced negotiation



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	two.	and investment capacities, will be key to increase farmers' income et ensure poverty reduction in the cashew sub-sector.
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	I find the findings in this study interesting and relevant.	Thanks!