

Food Security III and the GHFSI



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Proposed Outline for Session

- Introduction (30 min.)
 - Current hot topics for GHFSI
 - Overview of MSU food security program
- Focused presentations (60 min.)
 - Improving small farm productivity and market access
 - Regional dimensions of food security
 - Implications for GHFSI strategy
- Discussion (60 min.)

Hot Topics (for today's presentations)

- Productivity and market access:
 - Elements of successful agricultural transformation
 - Workable strategies for the poorest 25%--is the future only for “commercial” farmers?
 - Constraints/solutions for increasing fertilizer use
 - Keys to boosting the rural nonfarm economy
- Regional dimensions of food security:
 - How to link market-based policies with safety nets?
 - Focus on staple foods or allow countries to choose?
 - Regional production/marketing investment approaches?
- Implications for GHFSI strategy and implementation

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Food Security Projects at MSU

- USAID-funded cooperative agreements housed in Dept. of Ag. (Food and Resource) Econ.
 - Food Security in Africa (1983-1992)
 - Food Security II (1993-2002)
 - Food Security III (2003-2012)
 - Global mandate since Oct 2008
- “Food Security Group (FSG)” refers to:
 - Food Security III Leader + associate awards (2/3 \$)
 - [Related projects](#) involving same faculty team (1/3 \$)

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FS III Associate Awards

- AFR/SD (support to COMESA)
- Mali
- Mozambique
- Zambia FSRP
- Previously: Mali, West Africa, Malawi
- FSA and FS II country projects: Ethiopia, Rwanda, Senegal, Zimbabwe

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Other Related Projects

- Kenya (Egerton/Tegemeo, USAID funding)
- Malawi (SOAS-DfID: input subsidy impacts)
- Mozambique (MCC: land, coconut rehab.)
- Zambia (DAI, SIDA: linked to Zambia FSRP)
- Gates Foundation (staple food markets)
- Syngenta Foundation (reg'l ag. integration)
- Hewlett Foundation (market info., reg'l trade)
- Cotton (World Bank, USAID/WACIP)
- Senegal (SAGIC: reg'l trade & input mkts) [Back](#)

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Support to CAADP

- Eastern/Southern Africa:
 - AFR/SD associate award to support COMESA and ACTESA
 - COMESA AAMP (ag. mkts. training & policy dialogue)
- West Africa:
 - USAID funding to support CAADP investment planning in Mali; compact signed Oct. '09
 - ECOWAS funding (via USAID/WA and France) to support regional CAADP (compact signed Nov. '09)
 - Helped develop 5-year “mobilizing programs” (2010-2014)
 - Likely future involvement in capacity strengthening and analysis needed to guide implementation

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FS III Approach

- Demand-driven, collaborative design and implementation (host country, USAID, MSU)
- Integration of research, outreach, and capacity building (human, institutional)
- Policy orientation supported by empirically based research and analysis
- Sustained focus on selected themes and countries/regions
- Including African researchers and analysts in the team boosts quality, credibility, and impact

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FS III Research Themes

- Improving food systems performance:
 - Farm productivity and technology use
 - Staple food and input markets, market information, market reform, “food sheds” and regional trade
- Improving the food security of vulnerable groups: understanding household income and livelihood dynamics
- Food security interactions with the environment and natural resource management

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Agenda for Future Research

- Overall theme: Successful transitions and drivers of change
- Sub-themes:
 1. Sustainable increases in productivity
 2. Marketing and supply chain efficiency
 3. Land policy and access
 4. Household-level poverty alleviation and safety nets
 5. Managing food price and supply instability through marketing and trade policies
 6. Agricultural sector information capacity building
- Expanded activities:
 - Central America and South Asia
 - Collaborative activities with other MSU capabilities and disciplines (climate change, water resources, health and nutrition)

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Publications

- FSG Web site (www.aec.msu.edu/fs2/index.htm)
- “Lessons learned” syntheses:
 - Full paper (www.aec.msu.edu/fs2/papers/idwp101.pdf)
 - 4-page brief (www.aec.msu.edu/fs2/polsyn/number84.pdf)
- In-country publication series
- Policy Synthesis briefs
- International Development Papers and Working Papers
- Journal articles, books, etc.

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Hot Topics (2)

- Other topics for discussion:
 - Productivity and market access:
 - Constraints to full participation of women
 - Keys to successful ag. credit and risk management
 - Issues for GHFSI:
 - How to ensure that food security programs are country-owned and agriculture-led
 - Other GHFSI implementation challenges

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“Hot Button” Topics

- Related to presentation on productivity and market access:
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- Related to presentation on regional dimensions of food security:
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- Implications for GHFSI strategy:
 - Challenges to GHFSI implementation
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