Since our last quarterly update, these items have been added to our web site:

### Awards Received by FSG Faculty and Students

- **Nango Dembele** was awarded the title of *Chevalier de l’Ordre National du Mali*. Malian President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita granted the award in recognition of his longstanding contributions to food security and improved agricultural policies in Mali. A former faculty member and alumnus (PhD 1994) of AFRE, Dr. Dembele is currently Minister and Food Security Commissioner of Mali.

- **Ryan Vroegindewey**. Second place win in Global Focus photo contest. The [winning photo](#) will be displayed in a gallery in MSU’s International Center lobby, as well as featured in the annual MSU International magazine and other university publications to promote international awareness and understanding.

### Press Reports and Success Stories

- **African governments should fund agricultural research**. Moses Hategka. Africa Review. 10 December 2014.
- **Harmonizing agriculture, trade policies and research sharing key in Africa’s development**. Moses Hategka. New Vision. 04 December 2014.
- **David Tschirley** was [interviewed about changes in African diets](#) on WKAR’s Current State program on December 1, 2014.

### Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Food Security Policy (FSP)

- The Emerging Quiet Revolution in Agrifood Value Chains and Livelihoods in Myanmar. Keynote speech by Dr. Tom Reardon for the LIFT Annual Forum 2014. Yangon Myanmar. [Burmese](#), [English](#).
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**Myanmar: Improving Food Security Research and Analysis Capacity**

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- **Mizzima Burmese. “News in Burmese on seminar on "Role of Food security Networks in the Policy Process: Lessons from Developing Countries."” 10 December 2014.**

**Mozambique Policy Analysis and Planning Capacity**

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**Policy Presentations**


**Workshops and Training Materials**

  - Agenda ([Eng](#)) ([Port](#))
  - **Keynote speech: The Role of Agriculture: Looking Forward.** Channing Arndt.
  - **O Papel da Agricultura Perspectivas Futuras.** Channing Arndt.
  - **The Emerging “Quiet Revolution” in African Agrifood Systems: Challenges for Mozambique.** David Tschirley, Michael Dolislager, Jason Snyder, Thomas Reardon.
  - **Evaluating Mozambique’s Agricultural Investment Plan: Round Two.** James Thurlow, Rui Benfica, Benedito Cunguara.
  - **Avaliar o plano de investimento na agricultura de Moçambique: Segunda ronda.**
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**Research Reports**


**Guiding Investments in Sustainable Agricultural Intensification in Africa: GISAIA**

**Outreach and Policy Engagement Activities**

- Ex Ante Institutional Assessment of the proposed Agricultural Credit Subsidy Program of MAFC. David Mather, Anna Temu, Daniel Ndyetabula, Betty Waized, Isaac Minde and David Nyange. Presentation by D. Mather in meeting with Director of Crop Development, Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Cooperatives, Dar es Salaam. 12 Dec 2014.
  - The Changing Landscape of Tanzania’s Agriculture: A need for evidence-based policy making. David Nyange.
- Is Small Still Beautiful? The Farm Size-Productivity Relationship Revisited. Milu Muyanga & T.S. Jayne


**Capacity Building Activities**

- STATA Short Course Training – 10 November 2014. The goal of this training is for MoFAS staff to understand how the impacts of Malawi’s input subsidy program are measured.
  - List of Registered Participants
  - Opening Speech by Prof G.Y. Kanyama Phiri
  - STATA training manual 1 (Draft)
  - Training Program (STATA Introductory Course)
  - Closing Speech by Assoc. Prof. Alexander Kalimbira
  - Report on STATA Training in Malawi, 10 – 14 November 2014

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<td>• <strong>Appropriate policy as a key to up-scaling: Examples from West Africa</strong>. John Staatz. Presentation to the Syngenta Foundation for Sustainable Agriculture Scaling Up Symposium. Basel, 9 December 2014.</td>
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<td>• “<strong>With good policy and the right investment, West Africa’s farming can flourish—Mali, Michigan and markets</strong>.” Interview with Professor John Staatz by the Syngenta Foundation for Sustainable Agriculture.</td>
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### Presentations
  - Post Conference Highlights: The People (Saturday, November 8th, 2014); and The Sunday Nation and The Standard (Sunday, November 9th 2014).
  - Media Coverage
  - Videos:
    - KBC (Kenya), Land speculators a threat to Kenya’s food security efforts. November 7th, 2014.
    - KTN (Kenya). Small scale farming under threat and governments asked to come up with agricultural policies. October 28th, 2014.
  - Print:

### West Africa Market Information Project-Phase II (WAMIP II)

### Research Reports
- A partial equilibrium approach to estimating the potential payoffs of providing improved agricultural market information in the form of price forecasts. Andrew Muganga Kizito and John Staatrz. Journal Cahiers Agricultures, Volume 23, issue 4-5, July-August-September-October 2014.

### International Development Working Papers
- **IDWP 136.** Destination or Distraction? Querying the Linkage between Off-farm Income and Farm Investments in Kenya. Melinda Smale, Yoko Kusunose, Mary K. Mathenge, and Didier Alia.

### Professional Publications