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The U.S. Government's Global Hunger & Food Security Initiative



Feed the Future Innovation Lab For Food Security Policy

AMENDMENT TO THE FINAL WORKPLAN
TO COVER EXTENDED PERIOD FROM
July 1 2019 – January 14, 2020

July 31, 2019

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The Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Food Security Policy (FSP) was awarded to a consortium comprised of Michigan State University (MSU), the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), and the University of Pretoria on July 15, 2013. A final workplan encompassing the period October 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019 was approved by USAID in February 2018 (see attached a copy of the approved workplan). This is an amendment of the final workplan incorporating following elements.

1. Extension of the workplan period to include July 1, 2019 to January 14, 2020
2. During this extended period, FSP Innovation Lab will use its allocated resources to accomplish following activities:
 - a. Completion of all the remaining Task Reports and posting them online, which includes:
 - i. Task 4: Final lessons/approaches on sustainable local policy research capacity (Synthesis Report 4)
 - ii. Task 5: C4(a) and C4(b) joint findings/recommendations (implications of structural transformation from farm to fork) (Synthesis Report 3)
 - iii. Task 6: C4(a) land related research findings / recommendations / policy actions (Synthesis Report 2)
 - b. Completion of Policy Research Briefs on findings and lessons on gender, nutrition, and other cross-cutting themes (as appropriate)
 - c. Completion of all Component 5 activities
 - d. Completion of the workplan and deliverables for four Buy-ins
 - i. CDAIS
 - ii. Literature reviews
 - iii. Tanzania mission buy-in (ASPIRES project)
 - iv. Zambia mission buy-in
 - e. Preparing and sharing a draft of the Final Project Report
 - f. Contract management and administrative support to meet all the reporting requirements
 - g. Outreach and communication to disseminate outputs of FSP supported activities
 - h. Support/cost-share (with the Livestock Systems Innovation Lab) a desk study to look at the risks of the presence of aflatoxin found in milk and the negative implications it has had on milk consumption by children in some African countries in recent years, and draw policy implications with the aim of enhancing the human health impacts.
3. Through this amendment, we are hereby requesting to drop the implementation of one of the recommendations made by the Mid-term External Review team:

EQ 4.1: Undertake one-time stakeholder demand assessment or survey into the routine FSP IL and Mission-funded AA and Buy-in M&E processes, but with the specific limited focus on final workplan stakeholder surveys or focus group by country and by C3, C4(a) and C4(b) to be designed and implemented in coordination with FSP communications team.

Rationale for dropping this activity: In discussion with the project Activity Manager, it was determined that the remaining time in the FSP IL was not sufficient to justify undertaking such a stakeholder demand assessment survey.

Support activities of the new Innovation Lab for Food Security Policy Research, Capacity, and Influence (PRCI). We plan to support the management team (i.e., Director, Capacity Building Lead, and technical and support staff) of this new Innovation Lab at Michigan State University in the planning and implementation of some of their start-up activities, which includes developing the workplan and MEL plan, administering the competitive process to identify policy research centers in Africa and Asia for capacity development, conduct stakeholder consultations to identify research priorities, and organize a lab launch event with policy research organizations, USAID missions, and other national, regional, and global stakeholders. In addition, we will support follow-up to the ILLC, launching of communities of practice, and beginning the formation of research teams. We will also support research and mentoring faculty on PRCI as they begin to form research teams with African and Asian colleagues. This support activity directly contributes to the following objective of FSP Innovation Lab:

Objective 2: Foster credible, inclusive, transparent and sustainable policy processes at country level.

Through this support, FSP will contribute to strengthening the building blocks for national policy systems, promote inclusion of and dialogue among all stakeholders around critical policy issues, and disseminate examples of successful innovation and best practices in policy system capacity building we have accumulated through the implementation of FSP IL over the past 6 years.

