BIFAD Member Reports on Outreach

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Outline

• Purpose of Outreach
• Visit by B. Deaton to Tanzania
• Visit by E. Murano to Ethiopia
• Visit by M. McVey to South Asia (India, Nepal, & Bangladesh)
Purpose

• Fulfilling charge from USAID Administrator Shah to BIFAD to engage USAID Missions and host country partners

• In-person visits to either a Feed-the-Future Inception Workshop or a Collaborative Research Support Program (CRSP) Workshop/Meeting
Typical Visit

• Visit to USAID Mission
• Meeting(s) with Ambassador and/or Mission Director
• Additional Site visits to partner projects and Feed-the-Future implementing partners
• Inception Workshops or CRSP Meetings
USAID has a long history of supporting higher education in Tanzania.

Selected examples include:

- Early 1990’s had a five year USAID-funded partnership between Tuskegee University and Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) in Morogoro
- 2005 – Integrated Pest Management (IPM) CRSP participation with SUA and Ohio State Univ (OSU)
- 2005 – International Sorghum and Millet CRSP
- 2005-2007 – Higher Education Partnerships for Agricultural Development with OSU, Michigan State Univ, SUA, Egerton Univ (Kenya) and Makerere Univ (Uganda)
USAID has a long history of supporting Tanzania. Recently, USAID celebrated a 50 year partnership with Sokoine University. Here, USAID Mission Director Robert Cunnane presented the University with a one million US Dollar check. This is the first direct grant to a Tanzanian institution under Feed-the-Future.

Photo Source: USAID Tanzania Facebook Page
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- Inception Workshops
  - Purpose
  - Participants
Inception Workshops

Kickoff Introductory Comments
Inception Workshops

Small group work, posting results, and review of work by other groups
Inception Workshops

Reporting the results of group recommendations
iAGRI - Tanzania

- Innovative Agricultural Research Initiative (iAGRI)
- Partnership of Tanzanian institutions (SUA & NARS) with consortium of six US institutions (OSU, MSU, UFL, VT, TU, ISU)
- Currently conducting ‘gaps analysis’ of where research needs to be done on eight topics
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• Plans for postgraduate training of 120 students
• Research by students will ‘fill the key gaps’
• From research lab to field trials to adoption by small-holder farmers
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- BIFAD Messages I Delivered
- Primary Observations I Made
- Main Takeaways to Share with BIFAD and Public
Summary

• BIFAD Messages Delivered
• Primary Observations
• Main Takeaways