Human and Institutional Capacity Development: Role of USAID and Title XII Under Feed the Future Programs

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• Review USAID’s legacy HICD efforts
• Study recent literature
• Assess current HICD programs
• Make recommendations to:
  – Strengthen institutional capacity and partnerships
  – Strengthen/increase access to US institutions by FTF country students
  – Enhance collaboration—FTF country institutions, US institutions, and other public/private institutions
  – Increase access to US technology
Recommendations

*Strengthen Institutional Capacity and Partnerships*

1. USAID should establish long-term Preferred Institution Partners Program

2. US institution Promotion and Tenure procedures should recognize scholarly international engagement

3. Long-term training programs should include:
   - Leadership training
   - Experience in using information technologies—both to receive and deliver content.

4. Develop a “branding strategy” to:
   - Advance HICD
   - Define metrics for a “high capacity” institutions
Recommendations

Strengthen Access to US Institutions by Students from FTF countries

5. Streamline contractual processes with US institutions

6. Comprehensively internationalize US institutions, more students and with emphasis on FTF countries

7. Invest in HICD to retain US influence in FTF countries

8. Support investments in HICD for girls and women
Recommendations

Enhance Collaboration between Developing Country institutions, US Institutions and Public/Private Sector

9. Broker collaborations across countries and with national governments to develop public-private partnerships

10. Work with country leaders and institutions to strengthen curricula relevant to agriculture and food sectors

11. Assist Missions in HICD, including annual HICD goals, metrics, and number of students attending US institutions
Recommendations

Building Developing Country Access to US Technologies

12. Invest in and nurture scientific and education networks

13. Invest in ICT infrastructure to enable HICD via global digital networks

14. Enable US and FTF higher education institutions to develop technologies for smallholder agriculture and SMAEs, with a vision of making food and agricultural production a business that attracts and inspires youth
Post Review/Report Steps

• BIFAD submitted recommendations to USAID

• Seeking input and dialogue:
  – This World Food Prize Conference
  – An e-consultation planned for November, 2014
Thank You!