

CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

OVERVIEW

THE CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS (CIP) at the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) works with American universities and international partners to increase the agricultural capacities of partner nations while ensuring that America remains a frontrunner in food security issues. CIP sponsors a variety of grants to fund agricultural research and innovation, supports research

in food aid nutrition quality and international crop productivity, and helps nations revitalize and strengthen successful Extension systems. CIP informs and educates its partners and stakeholders by inviting guest speakers for its Global Seminar Series, publishing the Global Endeavors newsletter, maintaining an active online presence, and coordinating with the USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) to arrange briefings between foreign visitors and NIFA staff members.

CURRENT PROJECTS IN:

Afghanistan, Bangladesh, and Burundi

FORMER PROJECTS IN:

Armenia, Bulgaria, Central America, Congo & Rwanda, Dominican Republic, Georgia, Ghana, India, Iraq, Nigeria, Poland, Russia, South Africa, and Ukraine

PROGRAM AREAS

AFGHANISTAN AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION PROJECT

NIFA, in collaboration with FAS, has awarded funding to a U.S. land-grant university consortium to help Afghanistan strengthen its agricultural Extension system. The consortium will work with Afghanistan's Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation, and Livestock as they attempt to deliver more effective, demand-driven Extension services in selected areas of the country. This project builds upon the innovations of Afghan farmers and promotes coordination to provide a pluralistic approach to Extension.

FOOD AID NUTRITION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (FANEP)

This program enhances short- and long-term health, focusing on infants and young children at risk for or suffering from malnutrition. FANEP improves the nutritional content, product composition, packaging, and other components of food products delivered through humanitarian assistance programs.

INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE AND EDUCATION (ISE)

From 2005 to 2011, CIP implemented the ISE competitive grants program to support innovative, campus-based projects that enhance the capabilities of U.S. colleges and universities to conduct international collaborative research, Extension, and teaching in agriculture and related fields. ISE grants increased the international content of agricultural curriculum, formed global research partnerships, and trained Extension agents to better serve diverse client populations and internationally-focused commercial interests. Many projects are ongoing and will be completed by 2016.

FOOD SECURITY

CIP facilitates NIFA's participation in the Feed the Future (FTF) program, which seeks to eliminate the causes of world hunger and establish partnerships with other nations to ensure families and individuals have reliable access to safe food. The FTF initiative also seeks to address the complementary issues of global poverty, disease, water scarcity, climate change, and depletion of natural resources in order to heighten food security at home and abroad.

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