

# WHAT IS PRCI?

- Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Food Security Policy Research, Capacity, and Influence (PRCI)
- A new innovation lab supported by USAID's Bureau for Resilience and Food Security (RFS)
- An expansion of five years of work by the Innovation Lab for Food Security Policy (FSP) in conducting food security research and building capacity to inform policy-making
- A partnership with local policy research institutes in Africa, Asia and Latin America to deliver on their vision to conduct high-quality food security research that influences the food security policy debate



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

## Innovation Lab for **Food Security Policy Research, Capacity, & Influence (PRCI)**

## CONSORTIUM PARTNERS

- Michigan State University
- International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
- Cornell University
- The Regional Network of Agricultural Policy Research Institutes (ReNAPRI)
- Institute of Statistical, Social, and Economic Research (ISSER), University of Ghana



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# KEY INFORMATION

## Lab Lead

Michigan State University Food Security Group (Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics)

## Funding

- USD12 million in core funding
- Up to USD27 million in funding from USAID mission and bureau buy-ins and associate awards
- Total funding of up to USD38 million

## Funding Period

June 1, 2019 to May 31, 2024 (5 years)



## PROGRAMMATIC ELEMENTS

- Competitive selection of centers for policy leadership
- Active mentoring of researchers
- Annual research conferences
- Creation and strengthening of partnerships and networks

## HOW WE HELP

The PRCI Lab offers an opportunity to tap into an emerging infrastructure of local think tanks, institutes, and networks to sustainably produce food security policy research that is responsive to local needs and informed by themes relevant at regional and global levels. This capacity development effort focuses on investing in data generation, analysis, and outreach for policy impact.

## PRCI's GLOBAL RESEARCH THEMES

- Inclusive agricultural and rural transformation (including for women and children)
- Healthy food systems
- Resilience



## EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Local centers' capacity is strengthened around self-defined priorities
- Strong links are created between global and regional/national research priorities
- Decision makers at local, regional, and global level demand more empirical research as an input into their decision making
- Improved policies and programs generate sustained, inclusive agricultural and rural transformation

## HOW WE ACHIEVE THESE OUTCOMES

### Co-Create

- (1) Design program activities using a **consultative approach** that ensures local leadership
- (2) Build on and **strengthen existing relationships**, institutions, networks and processes

### Excel

Apply the **best current thinking and practice** on (a) institutional capacity strengthening and (b) policy research in transforming agrifood systems

### Integrate

- (1) Treat research and capacity building as joint products through **mentorship**
- (2) Integrate global, regional, and local perspectives into a **unified research program**

### Customize

Empower research centers to define and pursue their **own capacity development priorities**