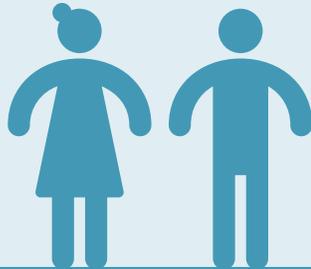


# HOW ARE FEED THE FUTURE'S AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH INVESTMENTS INTEGRATING GENDER?



LESSONS ACROSS **20** AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

## GENDER MATTERS IN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

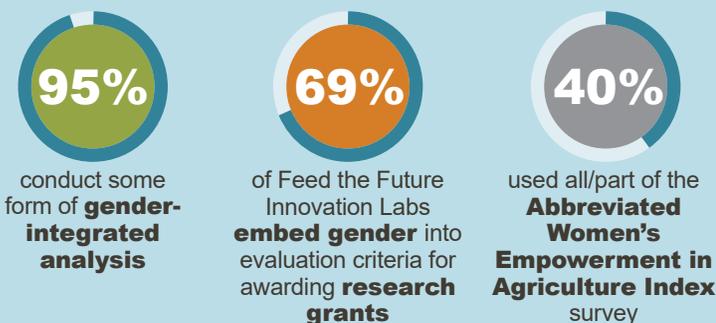


Gender influences agricultural technologies' adoption and effectiveness, who benefits from them, and women's empowerment.

## KEY FINDINGS AND BEST PRACTICES

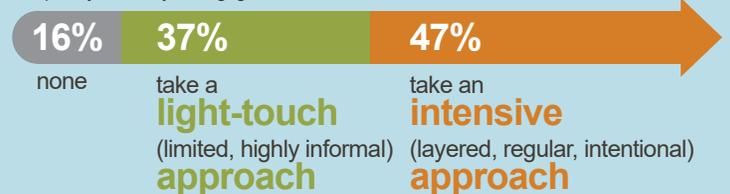
Gender integration in USAID's agricultural research portfolio is widespread and diverse. A solid foundation exists to support future USAID gender integration efforts.

### Research Practice



### Capacity Development

Frequency, Diversity of Engagement with Researchers

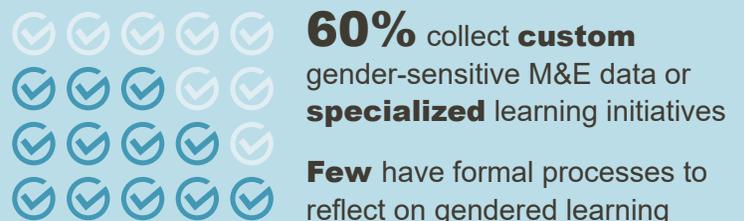


**Topics:** basic gender terms/concepts; commodity-specific gender issues; gendered survey design, data analysis, and market studies; etc.

### Operational Investments



### Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning



WIDE ARRAY OF CUSTOMIZED ANALYTICAL TOOLS AND METHODS USED TO ASSESS GENDER DIMENSIONS

Surveys for intended and unintended consequences

Consumer preference surveys

Agricultural labor profiles

Barrier analysis

Pre-tests to tailor technology rollout strategies

Time use studies

Household surveys

Market demand surveys

### Challenges remain:

- Gendered data and research insights did not readily translate to intervention, research (re)design, or practice shifts
- It was more common for an Activity to have a "star" gender project than to integrate gender throughout its research
- Overcoming bias against social science was frequently cited as an issue affecting resource prioritization and gender integration

### Recommendations include:

- Apply adaptive management to "connect the dots" between gendered research findings and insights applied to practice
- Broaden and deepen gender integration through resourcing more gender expertise and sustained capacity development
- Strengthen collaboration among Activities to enhance efficiencies and learning



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- Detailed examples, best practices, common constraints
- Case studies on the Feed the Future Peanut, Horticulture, and IPM Innovation Labs, plus Africa RISING
- Gender Integration Resource Index with 30+ analysis tools, capacity-building resources, and planning guides

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