

Adam from KDAD: Thanks to everyone for logging on! We'll be getting started shortly.

Julie MacCartee (BFS/SPPM) 2: We'll be getting started momentarily!

Adam from KDAD: Feel free to introduce yourself and tell us what organization you're with.

Deepa Thiagarajan: Deepa Thiagarajan, Michigan State University

Mark Varner: HI This is Mark from APLU in Washington, DC

Michelle Jennings (AFR/SD/EGEA): no audio for me

Clara Cohen (BFS/ARP): Hi everyone, Clara Cohen, USAID's Designated Federal Officer for the BIFAD. I'm very excited to be here!

Karen Duca (BFS/ARP): I don't hear anything.

AquaFish: We are unable to hear. We tried the call in number but do not have an access code.

Claudia Ringler: Hi, this is Claudia Ringler from IFPRI. I look forward to the summary.

Tara Steinmetz: Hello, Tara Steinmetz here from the Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Assets & Market Access at UC Davis.

Dave Hoisington: Dave Hoisington, PMIL, at UGA in Athens, GA

Laura Ostenso, Fintrac: Laura Ostenso from Feed the Future Partnering for Innovation.

Lusike Wasilwa: Loud and claeer in Kenya

Guy Hareau: Guy Hareau, International Potato Center (CIP), Lima, Peru

Julie MacCartee (BFS/SPPM) 2: Welcome, all! If you are having audio issues, you may wish to use a browser other than Google Chrome

Julie MacCartee (BFS/SPPM) 2: Also, we are recording this webinar and will post the recording on Agrilinks

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Julie MacCartee (BFS/SPPM) 2: Thanks for joining, everyone!

Julie MacCartee (BFS/SPPM) 2: You can download today's slides in the "Download Files" box at left

Cynthia Donovan: Hello. Cynthia Donovan, feed the Future Legume Innovation Lab at Michigan State University

Julie MacCartee (BFS/SPPM) 2: Please let us know if you agree with the key takeaways that the USAID staff present, or if you have other takeaways from the discussion

Adam from KDAD: If you're joining via phone and are not speaking, please make sure your phone is muted. Thank you.

Julie MacCartee (BFS/SPPM) 2: Any reactions to these takeaways on nutrition?

Cynthia Donovan: I would like to see work on household food consumption tied to household activities (ag production, nonfarm, etc.) and assets. Households will get tired of all the questions, so interviewee fatigue is a definite issue.

Julie MacCartee (BFS/SPPM) 2: Good points, Cynthia

Julie MacCartee (BFS/SPPM) 2: If you have any questions for the topic summarizers, please feel free to type them here. We'll pause for questions after these summaries, and again after the BIFAD reflections

Deepa Thiagarajan: Some related research considerations for nutrition in terms of the double burden- Other forms of malnutrition - specifically overweight and obesity - are also rapidly rising. The increasing prevalence of overweight and the closely related increases in non-communicable diseases is at least partly a consequence of changing diets and lifestyles. Nutrition research priorities must also take into account that the incidence of overweight is also closely related to poverty. Current trends in the prevalence of overweight is a part of societal transformations associated with economic growth and urbanization.

Mark Varner: The focus on this consultation was a realignment of the research agenda and not program implementation. There were many postings that were focused on program implementation. Does BIFAD consider this to be an indicator that more research is needed on program implementation?

Michelle Jennings (AFR/SD/EGEA): On the first point you must only look at our own lives and our own coping and risk management options, savings, insurance, frienda and family, etc...another interesting discussion was around Itaking an ASSETS based approach versus a livelihood and income approach

Karen Duca (BFS/ARP): I noticed that institutional capacity development was mentioned as important in refocusing research investments. I don't think that element was captured in the overall statement of being more strategic in prioritization of investment and private sector engagement. ICD could be strengthened within the existing portfolio.

Julie MacCartee (BFS/SPPM) 2: Thanks very much for your comments & reflections on the discussion

Victor Pinga: I second Mark Varner's point that more research is needed on program implementation.

Laura Ostenso, Fintrac: Building on Mark Varner's comment: The AgExchange will remain open until tomorrow, what are some questions that facilitators recommend more feedback on, particularly in terms of research questions that can inform practitioner work (in addition to research on program implementation)?

Julie MacCartee (BFS/SPPM) 2: Thanks for the plug, Laura - indeed, we welcome further comments through tomorrow

Karen Duca (BFS/ARP): When will the portal close tomorrow?

Julie MacCartee (BFS/SPPM) 2: We invite comments through 5pm ET tomorrow

Michelle Jennings (AFR/SD/EGEA): Good point Karen...it was discussed a lot although perhaps getting your head around a research question may be harder to pin point

Ruth Meinzen-Dick: To Cynthia Donovan: the FtF population-based surveys have data on men's and women's ownership of assets, plus diet diversity info, so that data can be analyzed more

Ruth Meinzen-Dick: (See Hazel Malapit's analysis of the various domains of women's empowerment on nutrition outcomes)

Ruth Meinzen-Dick: And speaking of that, I was rather surprised that the summary on ag-led economic growth didn't mention anything on gender! This was raised several times in the discussion

Julie MacCartee (BFS/SPPM) 2: Thanks for your comments, Ruth

Deepa Thiagarajan: You are correct Ruth. Women as part of human capital development was absent in the discussions.

Lusike Wasilwa: Yes indeed I do concur that the criteria used to prioritize research or develop research agenda is key and should include level of development in addition to crop and livestock systems

Gregory Collins (Nairobi/EA/FFP): Women's empowerment is also a clear predictor of whether households in Bangladesh escaped and remained out of poverty (IFPRI forthcoming) rather than falling back into poverty in the face of shocks and stresses. More research on women's empowerment as source of resilience (alongside the role of social capital, aspiration) is needed to build out our understanding

Richard Choularton: In the R4 Rural Resilience Initiative impact evaluation in Ethiopia, women-headed households benefited the most from insurance, investing more in farming their land rather than sharecropping it out.

Victor Pinga: Eileen Herrera provided a summary of yesterday's discussion, and I'm not sure all her points made it to today's summary slides on Ag-Led Economic Growth.

Julie MacCartee (BFS/SPPM) 2: Victor, thanks for pointing that out, we will check on her summary. Still lots of combing through all of the comments ahead!

Rob Bertram: thanks Victor...we'll make sure we integrate those..

Mike McGahuey: MSU research in Mali on child nutrition showed that nutrition was better when women had relatively more control over that portion of the family budget that went toward food. The study was conducted to try to explain the "Sikasso Paradox" where child nutrition was relatively high in high the Sikasso area where family incomes were relatively high. Apparently, Sikasso-area families were large and multi-generational where the elder controlled the purse strings.

Julie MacCartee (BFS/SPPM) 2: Sorry about that momentary take-over by the Attendees box! ;-)

Deepa Thiagarajan: Thanks John.

Jennifer Woodward-Greene: The development of research is best done full circle, the beginning is the ultimate beneficiary in developing relevant research goals that take into consideration their needs, and constraints. Engaging multidisciplinary expertise is a great challenge... but if we can learn what works, could lead to more comprehensive research that takes into account all the issues that lead to sustainable and relevant impact for producers. Mark Varner's comment gets at this... how do we collaborate successfully.

Julie MacCartee (BFS/SPPM) 2: Valuable comments, thank you for your input

Diane: canyou repaet the nameof the resource

Julie MacCartee (BFS/SPPM) 2: Here is a link to the Pray & Masters paper on Impacts of Agricultural R&D: <https://agrilinks.org/agexchange/agexchange-resource/impacts-agricultural-research-poverty-malnutrition-and-resilience>

Julie MacCartee (BFS/SPPM) 2: That's it, Diane :)

Claudia Ringler: There are very few donors left who are still interested in agricultural research and technologies. Most of the rest believe that hte private sector will "take care of it." Thus this is a lot more than comparative advantage, it's filling a major gap

Julie MacCartee (BFS/SPPM) 2: If new thoughts on food security research pop into your head over the next 24 hours, please do continue to add them to the AgExchange platform: <https://agrilinks.org/agexchange/aligning-research-investments-global-food-security-strategy-three-day-agexchange>

Julie MacCartee (BFS/SPPM) 2: Interesting point, Claudia

Julie MacCartee (BFS/SPPM) 2: The survey is here, please fill it out!
<http://www.surveymzmo.com/s3/3506367/AgExchange-April-18-20-2017>

Mark Varner: Thanks to everyone who've helped with the consultation.