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

### 20 Lessons Across Agricultural Research Activities

- **Research Practice**: Conduct some form of gender-integrated analysis
  - 95% of Feed the Future Innovation Labs embed gender into evaluation criteria for awarding research grants
  - 69%
  - 40% used all/part of the Abbreviated Women’s Empowerment in Agriculture Index survey

- **Operational Investments**: Have a gender advisor, most part-time; among these, 45% have less than 10% LOE
  - 55%
  - 25% have a dedicated budget (2–20% of overall budget)

- **Capacity Development**: Frequency, Diversity of Engagement with Researchers
  - 16% none
  - 37% take a light-touch (limited, highly informal) approach
  - 47% take an intensive (layered, regular, intentional) approach

- **Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning**: Collect custom gender-sensitive M&E data or specialized learning initiatives
  - 60%

- **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 activities
  - 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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