Project Objectives

The Innovative Agricultural Research Initiative (iAGRI) is designed to strengthen the capacity of Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) and the Ministry of Agriculture Food Security & Cooperatives to maximize research and development of innovative solutions. The focus is on human and institutional capacity strengthening through innovative approaches to education, research, and partnerships.

Impact at a Glance

120 MSc and PhD students trained in agriculture-related disciplines by 2016. They will be an important part of the future Tanzanian academic and research establishment.

9 collaborative research projects addressing priority Feed the Future topics in Tanzania. Each project involves scientists from SUA, MAFC and OSUC partner institutions.

4 policy research projects underway that address important policy-related issues in agriculture and nutrition. These are part of an Agricultural Policy Seminar Series and feed into national policy dialogue.

16 capacity building workshops and seminars. Workshops provide resources and training to strengthen both individual and institutional capacity building.

Multi-Dimensional Capacity Strengthening

Human Resource Development

By providing long-term training, iAGRI is increasing the capacity of Tanzania’s researchers and policy-makers to create solutions that increase farmer income generation, resilience to climate change and national food security goals.

Institutional Capacity Building

By providing professional growth opportunities for leadership, iAGRI is increasing the capacity of SUA through programs such as Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) and Leadership for Change.

Collaborative Research

Through collaborative research, iAGRI is building bridges between U.S. and Tanzanian research institutions and taking advantage of technological advancements.

Student Successes

Rita Mirondo... contributing to USAID Feed the Future conference in Washington, D.C. with researchers and policy makers.

Boniface Massawe... receiving the prestigious Borlaug LEAP fellowship linking CGIAR with iAGRI research.

Gosbert Shausi... improving Tanzanian Agricultural Extension system through research and outreach.