Partners

With our partners, the University of Florida, Louisiana State University and University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign are involved in student and professional training, technical assistance, and identifying innovative research and Extension models to support Haiti as part of a national agricultural innovation system. Visit our website for the list of our Haitian partners.
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WHAT IS THE AREA PROJECT?

The Feed the Future Haiti Appui à la Recherche et au Développement Agricole (AREA) project is implemented primarily by UF/IFAS Global in partnership with the University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign and Louisiana State University to address food insecurity and undernutrition by strengthening and supporting Haitian institutions. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has funded the AREA project with $13.7 million over five years (2015-2020) as part of the U.S. Government’s Feed the Future Initiative.

Key Principles:
1. Provide opportunities for male and female Haitians of all classes to improve their lives.
2. Mentor agents of change in governmental and non-governmental institutions and organizations.
3. Build and support stronger, more equitable farmer organizations and agribusinesses.
4. Foster a culture of evaluation, self-assessment and accountability.
5. Inspire educated and trained Haitians to fuel the growth of the agriculture sector through innovative research and Extension.

AREA is committed to building the capacity of public and private organizations to provide results-oriented agricultural research and Extension programs that are inclusive of all farmers, promote gender equity, and are appropriate for Haiti.

AREA seeks to

INCREASE
the availability of improved agricultural innovations by identifying production challenges faced by men and women in the target region and addressing these challenges through promoting appropriate technologies.

STRENGTHEN
the extension of agricultural technologies and nutrition information by assisting the Ministry of Agriculture, the Rural Centers for Sustainable Development (CRDD) and Haitian higher education institutions to address the needs of farmers and agribusinesses.

SUPPORT
the work of the Ministry of Agriculture and the Rural Centers for Sustainable Development (CRDD) and higher education institutions to fulfill their roles in agricultural research and Extension through capacity-building activities and initiatives.

Our Priorities:

AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION
Using research-based approaches to improve the capacity of Haitian agricultural professionals to develop and implement effective Extension programs.

AGRICULTURAL VALUE CHAIN
Assessing key value chains in Haiti to identify bottlenecks and formulate interventions designed to improve food security.

CLIMATE SMART SOLUTIONS
Developing science-based tools and applications to enable farmers to use weather data to plan and make decisions to reduce climate-related risks associated with agricultural production.

CROP IMPROVEMENT
Increasing farmers’ access to improved cultivars and seeds designed to increase agricultural productivity and food security.

PLANT DISEASES AND PESTS
Strengthening the capacity of the public and private sectors to perform disease diagnosis and formulate recommendations to reduce losses caused by plant pathogens.

POST HARVEST & FOOD SAFETY
Introducing innovative postharvest technologies and practices to reduce crop loss and improve marketability.

SOIL & WATER MANAGEMENT
Providing farmers with science-based recommendations regarding the sustainable management of soil and water resources to help increase agricultural productivity and food security.

SUPPORT TO HIGHER EDUCATION
Strengthening higher education in agriculture by modernizing the curriculum to ensure that it is responsive to the needs of the agricultural sector.

DONOR AMOUNT
$13.7 MILLION

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