

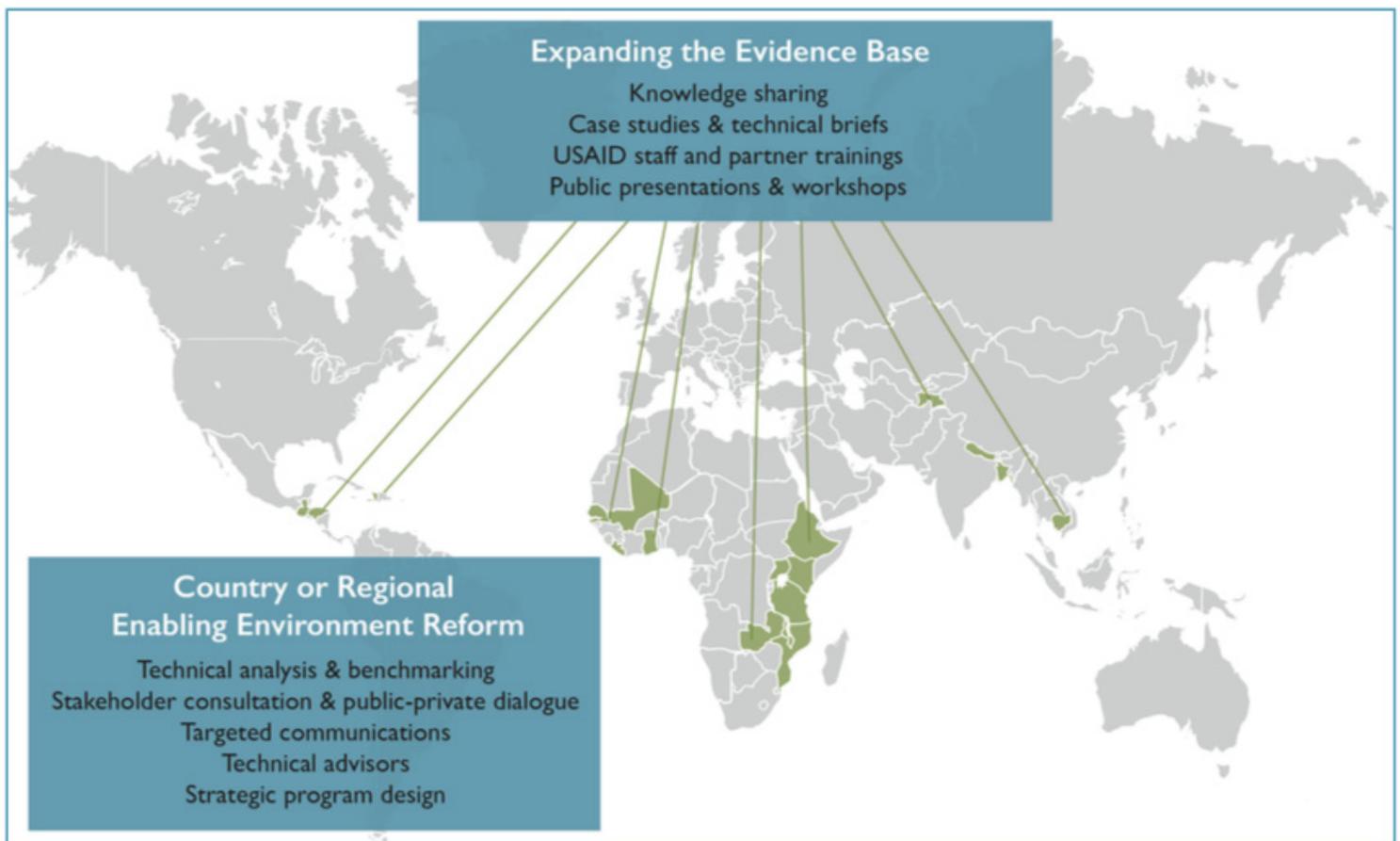


Feed the Future Enabling Environment for Food Security

The Feed the Future Enabling Environment for Food Security project is a global support mechanism for Feed the Future focused and aligned Missions and other Washington-based USAID offices to address policies as well as legal, institutional, and regulatory factors affecting food security and nutrition outcomes.

This demand-driven mechanism enables rapid procurement of expertise to support the integration of enabling environment reform strategies into program planning and implementation through:

- Providing in-depth technical analysis and support for the implementation of **enabling environment reforms** at the country and regional levels.
- **Expanding the evidence base** on the role and practice of enabling environment reforms in achieving sustainable improvements in food security and nutrition to support collaboration, learning, and adaptation in program design across Feed the Future countries.



WHY THE ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR FOOD SECURITY MATTERS

The enabling environment for food security – that is, the complex set of rules and regulations, both formal and informal, that guide behavior in a market system – heavily influences the long-term success and sustainability of gains in food security achieved under Feed the Future. **A sound enabling environment provides the foundation for inclusive agricultural sector growth and improved nutritional status** by facilitating more efficient market linkages, increased domestic and cross-border trade, and new public and private investments in agricultural technology and market infrastructure. Developing a strong framework of agricultural regulations and standards, as well as institutions capable of consistently and equitably enforcing them, provides the backbone for the implementation of policies critical to advancing food security.

ILLUSTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

Technical Analysis	Advisory Services	Knowledge Management
<p>Policy, legal, and institutional analyses at the sector, industry, or value chain level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial, Legal, and Institutional Reform (CLIR) diagnostics (AgCLIR, SeedCLIR, VcCLIR) • Political economy analysis • Benchmarking the time and cost of regulatory procedures (Agribusiness Regulations and Institutions [AGRI] Index) • Market and trade analyses • Expert review of agricultural laws and practices 	<p>Fielding short-term technical assistance to missions, government institutions, and/or other partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Embedded advisors for institutional capacity building • Stakeholder engagement (roundtables, working groups) • Strategic program design support for Missions • Trainings, seminars, and briefings for USAID staff and local partners on topics related to the enabling environment for food security 	<p>Strategic communications and knowledge exchange on best practices in enabling environment reform:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case studies, technical briefs, and synthesis reports • Mission-to-Mission and cross-donor knowledge sharing • Workshops, presentations, and evidence exchanges • Technical input for public-private dialogue • Technical support for working groups or learning networks



ABOUT US

The Feed the Future Enabling Environment for Food Security project is housed within MPI, an agency leader in tackling challenges related to the enabling environment for food security. Through this project, MPI has built a mechanism that brings together experts in commercial law reform, agricultural economics, gender, nutrition, climate change, and technology innovation to increase the capacity of USAID Missions and other offices to address enabling environment constraints across the Feed the Future portfolio.

The project offers a flexible and adaptive approach to enabling environment reform, supporting Missions throughout a program's life cycle from initial analysis through design, implementation, and adaptation of approaches over time. We engage a wide range of stakeholders, including the private sector, local government officials, civil society, research institutions, and other donors.

ACCESSING OUR SERVICES

Launched in September 2015, the project has a ceiling of \$13.5 million and period of performance of up to five years. USAID Missions may fully scope and manage assignments directly or receive management support from the office of Market and Partnership Innovations (MPI) in the USAID Bureau for Food Security.

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