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FEED THE FUTURE ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR FOOD SECURITY

Review of Enabling Environment Investments

Under Feed the Future

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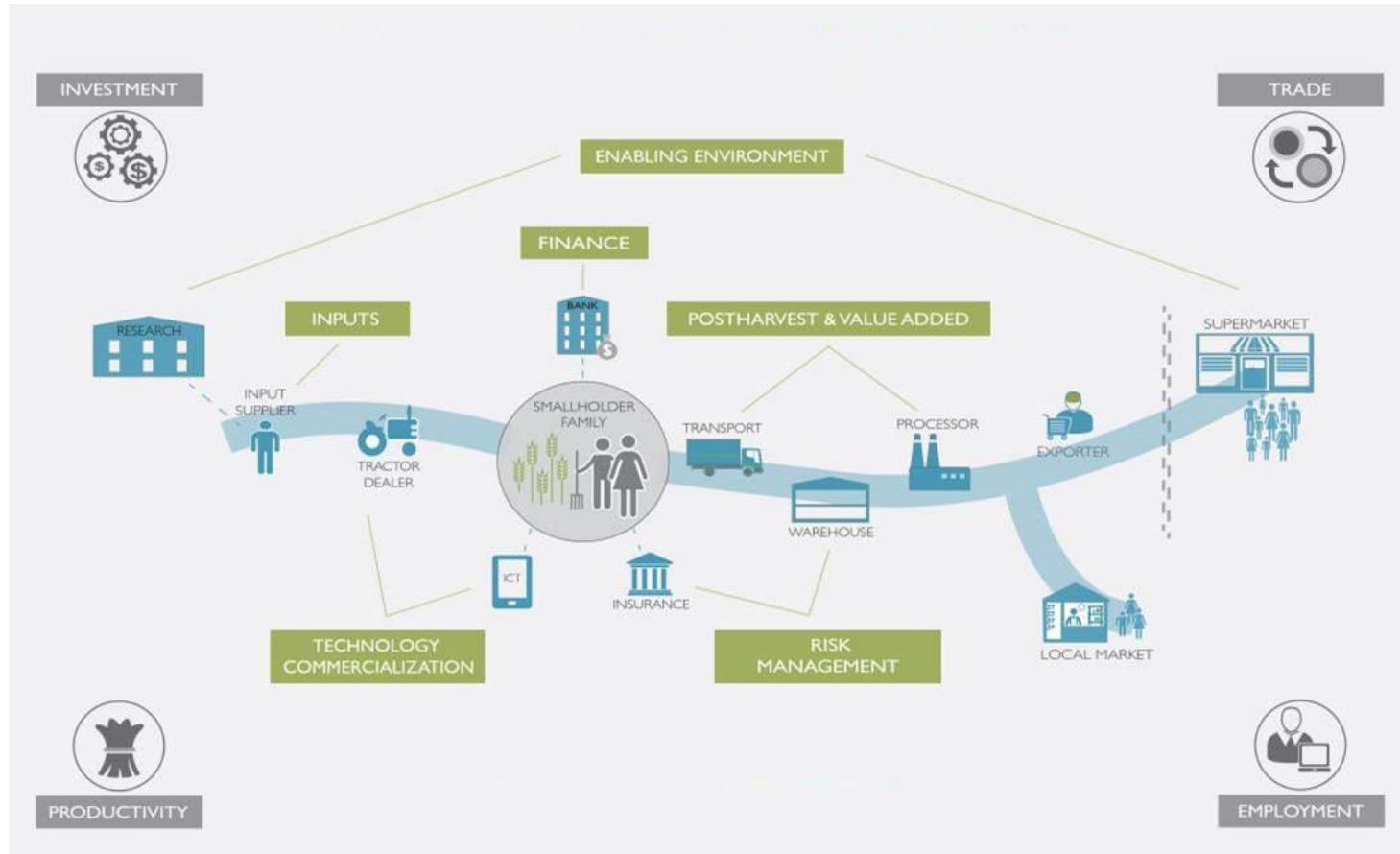
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WHY ENABLING ENVIRONMENT MATTERS



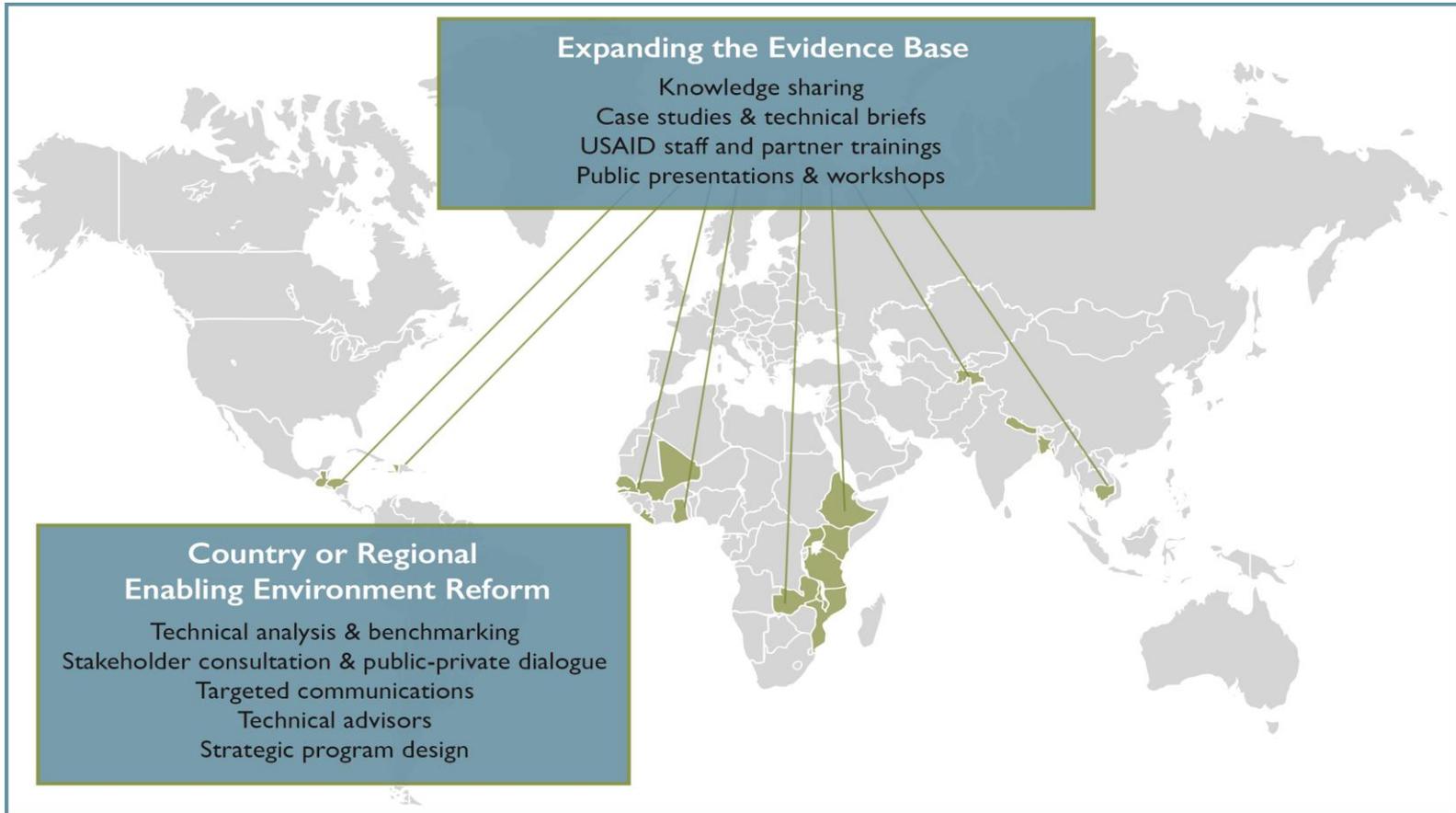
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ABOUT THE PROJECT



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SCOPE OF THE REVIEW

Catalogue what has been done, analyze results, and identify common constraints and lessons learned to inform future programming.

Parameters

- Defining "enabling environment for food security"
- Source of funding
- Project dates
- Geographic scope

Data Sources

- Feed the Future website
- Mission Multi-Year Strategies (MYSs)
- Mission Performance Monitoring Plans (PMPs)
- Feed the Future Monitoring System data
- Project websites
- Project quarterly, annual, final reports
- Mid-term evaluations
- Technical publications
- Other reviews and evaluations





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GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE



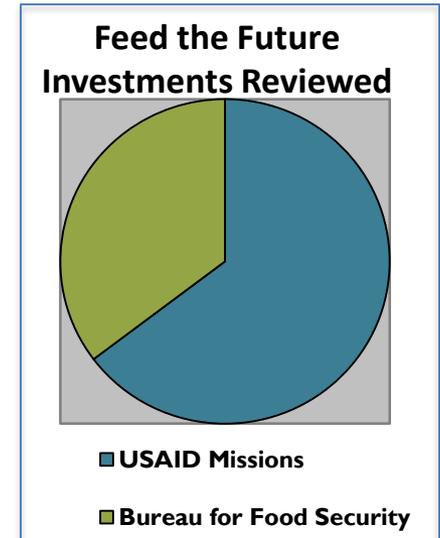
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OVERVIEW OF FINDINGS

More than **240 investments** reviewed across the 7 bilateral Missions, 5 regional Missions, and BFS; **103 with an enabling environment component.**

- Feed the Future emphasized policy reform objectives from the outset
- 6 of 7 bilateral Missions and all 5 regional Missions invested in one or more dedicated policy reform project
- FTFMS reporting data offers preliminary insights but cannot tell the full enabling environment story
- Qualitative analysis revealed common challenges across projects

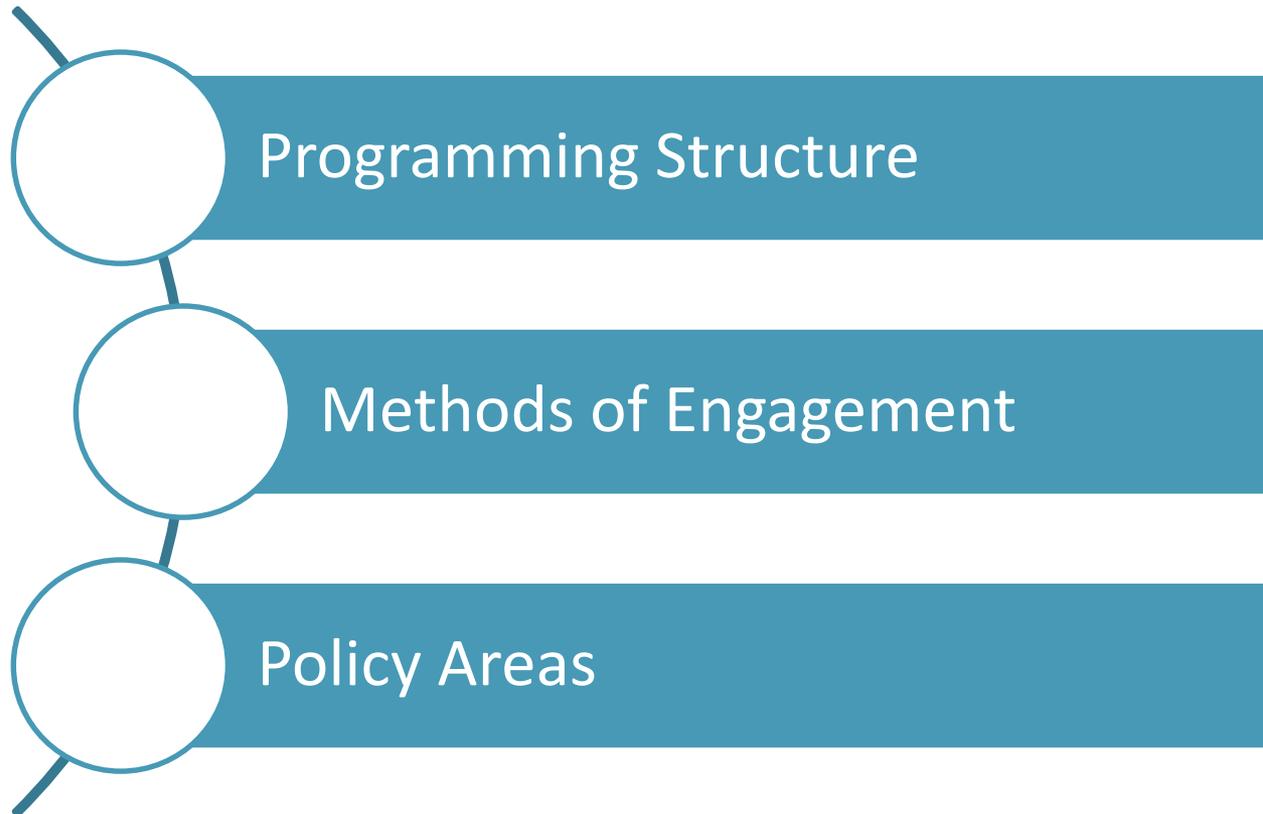




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DIMENSIONS OF THE ANALYSIS



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PROGRAMMING STRUCTURE

Bilateral Missions	Regional Missions	Bureau for Food Security
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dedicated policy reform projects• Value chain projects• Public diplomacy/dialogue	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regional harmonization initiatives• Regional analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mission support mechanisms• Agricultural research programs• Managing multi-donor initiatives• Public-private partnerships





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METHODS OF ENGAGEMENT

- Technical analysis
- Convening stakeholders
- Technical assistance
- Capacity building
- Advocacy, diplomacy, communications
- Public- private partnership facilitation



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PRIORITY POLICY AREAS

✓ Agricultural policy making process	✓ Land tenure
✓ Inputs	✓ Climate smart agriculture
✓ Cross-border trade	✓ Nutrition
✓ Gender	✓ Scaling agricultural technologies
✓ Value chain strengthening	✓ Biotechnology and biosafety
✓ Agricultural finance	✓ Agricultural research and extension





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AGRICULTURAL POLICYMAKING PROCESS

- Evidence-based policymaking
- Public-private dialogue and advocacy
- Monitoring policy implementation



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INPUTS

- Input subsidy programs
- Private sector development
- Strengthening quality and enforcement
- Regional harmonization



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CROSS-BORDER TRADE

- Trade facilitation reforms
- Customs single windows
- Compliance with global and regional trade commitments



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COMMON CHALLENGES

Generating widespread stakeholder buy-in for reform

- Aligning with government planning cycles
- Strong communication at project start-up
- Coordinating with other development partners





COMMON CHALLENGES

Lack of sufficient resources and capacity for policy formulation and implementation:

- Reliable agricultural sector data to support policymaking
- Human and financial resources, particularly in rural areas





COMMON CHALLENGES

Limitations related to program structure/ design:

- Lack of clear scope and performance indicators
- High staff turnover
- Capacity of local partners
- Need for flexibility in program design





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COMMON CHALLENGES

Long term nature of policy reform:

- Short project lifecycle
- Local ownership
- Political upheaval



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FIVE YEARS OF RESULTS

Across all FTF focus and aligned countries, the Feed the Future Monitoring System recorded **more than 4,500 policies, laws, or administrative procedures** passing through at least one of five stages of policy reform with US government assistance during the period of 2011-2015.

Total reported policy reform achievements per the Feed the Future Monitoring System (2011-2015)

Feed the Future Indicator	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
4.5.1 (24) (old) Number of policies/laws/administrative procedures passing through one or more stages of development	684	832	833	1026	67
4.5.1 (24) (new) Number of agricultural enabling environment policies completing one or more processes/steps of development				39	1033
4.5.1 (TBD9) Number of national policies supporting regional agreed-upon policies for which a national-level implementation action has been taken				36	31
TOTAL	684	832	833	1101	1131





FIVE YEARS OF RESULTS

- Feed the Future projects provided technical support for the **enactment of 22 dairy sector policies and standards in Kenya**, and Mission investments helped establish **warehouse receipt systems in Mozambique, Kenya, and Ghana**.
- Policy reform activities have led to the creation of a **dedicated agricultural policy support unit** in the Bangladesh Ministry of Agriculture, shepherded the **privatization of the fertilizer market** in Rwanda, and convinced the government of Tanzania to **lift a maize export ban** on the basis of a USAID economic impact assessment.





FIVE YEARS OF RESULTS

- USAID made substantial investments in **benchmarking the enabling environment for agriculture** through the development of the *Women's Empowerment in Agriculture Index (WEAI)*, the *Agribusiness Regulation and Institutions Index (AGRI)*, and support for the *World Bank's Enabling the Business of Agriculture index (EBA)* .
- USAID facilitated **new public-private partnership models**, such as the *New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition*, which had leveraged \$1.8 billion of private investment in support of Feed the Future objectives at the time of this assessment.





LOOKING FORWARD

- How do we do a better job of tracking data and results for enabling environment reforms?
- What additional tools and analysis do we need to understand these issues and design effective strategies for reform?
- What new approaches can help us to overcome some of the common challenges encountered in the past five years?





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