

**Key International Agriculture Programs:**  
 University of Tennessee

**RWANDA: USAID Feed the Future Tworore Inkoko, Twunguke**

**Overview:** By providing expertise, training, and resources in chicken production, this project aims to improve both incomes and household nutrition for smallholder farmers in Musanze District.



**Funding:** Public-Private Global Development Alliance (GDA) between USAID-Rwanda and African Sustainable Agriculture Project (ASAP) Foundation

**Implementing Partner:** Zamura Feeds, Ltd.

**Project Activities:** The 3-year pilot project uses a private extension model to train, supply resources for, and support 750 smallholder farmers for successful broiler chicken production. Through the provision of microloans for capital, and recurring expenses and guaranteed broiler buyback at the end of each cycle, the goal is to create a sustainable model for small-scale broiler production, which can be scaled out through Rwanda and the surrounding region.

**Project dates:** Jan 2017 – Dec 2019



**CAMBODIA: USAID Women in Agriculture Network (WAgN) Cambodia: Gender and Ecologically Sensitive Agriculture**

**Overview:** This project aims to empower women and improve nutrition by promoting women’s participation in the value chains for horticultural crops and rice produced through sustainable intensification (SI) practices.

**Funding:** USAID Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Collaborative Research on Sustainable Intensification (SIIL); sub-award through Penn State University

**Key In-country Partners:**

- Royal University of Agriculture
- World Vegetable Center (AVRDC)
- University of Battambang



**Project Activities:** The 4-year project, using a mixed-methods research design, provides a scientifically rigorous and comprehensive understanding of the nexus of gender and Sustainable Intensification. The project pursues three major objectives: to identify and promote adoption of gender-sensitive SI technologies and practices; to identify and foster enabling conditions for women to fully participate in SI; to build capacity in local agricultural institutions.

**Project dates:** Oct 2015 – Sep 2019

## **BELIZE: Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) Research and Extension Experiential Learning for Undergraduates Fellowship Program**

**Overview:** This 3-year initiative gives 14 undergraduate students the opportunity to engage in international research and extension activities around the Vaca Forest Reserve in Belize.

**Funding:** USDA National Institute for Food and Agriculture (NIFA)



### **Key Partners:**

- University of Florida
- Friends for Conservation and Development
- Friends of the Vaca Forest Reserve
- Cayo Women for Conservation
- Belize Zoo Tropical Education Center
- Belize Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Forestry, the Environment and Sustainable Development

**Project Activities:** Selected student Fellows work with faculty mentors over two consecutive summers to develop and implement research and extension projects related to the interrelationship and coexistence of sustainable agriculture and rainforest conservation.

**Project dates:** Jan 2017 – Dec 2019



## **GUATEMALA: Experiential Learning and Agricultural Development Initiatives**

**Overview:** The Milam International Scholars Program provides internship opportunities to UT students to spend 4-6 weeks in the summer in Guatemala conducting research and extension with partner organizations. A Spring experiential learning study abroad course to Guatemala is also partially funded under the Milam program.

**Funding:** Milam Family Endowment

### **Key In-country Partners:**

- Barbara Ford Centre for Peace
- Rafael Landivar University
- Health Talents International

**Project Activities:** Through local contacts and faculty mentors, interns and study abroad participants conduct research and extension projects with local community members related to integrated agriculture systems.

**Project dates:** Ongoing



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