

#### FEED THE FUTURE INNOVATION LAB FOR COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH ON HORTICULTURE







Together, we build international partnerships for fruit and vegetable research that improves livelihoods in developing countries.

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HORTICULTURE INNOVATION LAB





#### FEED THE FUTURE WORKS WITH U.S. UNIVERSITIES TO FIGHT GLOBAL HUNGER



The Feed the Future initiative partners with universities throughout the world: This is a sampling of university partners located in the United States. For more information and updates, visit www.feedthefuture.gov or follow on Twitter @Feedthefuture.



#### **Feed the Future Countries**





#### Horticulture Innovation Lab

- Managed by UC Davis
- Award grants to US universities working with developing country partners



### **Enriching Diets**





#### Farmers earn more growing horticultural crops

Country	Difference in Farm Income (%)*
Bangladesh	29
Cambodia	117
Lao PDR	380
South Vietnam	189
North Vietnam	20

\*Between Horticulture and Non-Horticulture Crops

Weinberger and Lumpkin, 2007





### **Challenges Facing Horticulture**

- By definition, one size does not fit all—in terms of diversity of crops, local adaptation, etc.
- Need for ongoing local, applied science and science-based extension/advisory services
- Perishable nature of horticultural crops
- Additional knowledge/skills needed to be successful.



#### The Horticulture Innovation Lab

Our projects address:

- Production and marketing issues
- Creating better seed systems
- Reducing postharvest losses
- Improving extension and transferring innovative technologies











#### **Current Projects - Central America**



- <u>Empowering women through</u> <u>horticulture</u> Honduras Janelle Larson The Pennsylvania State University
- <u>Expanding tomato grafting for</u> <u>entrepreneurship</u> Honduras and Guatemala James Nienhuis University of Wisconsin-Madison
- <u>Mas Riego (More Irrigation)</u> Guatemala Meagan Terry UCDavis, KSU, NCA&T, Barbara Ford Peace Center, Universidad Rafael Landivar, Zamorano

### USAID Focus Topics Moving Forward

- Importance to Horticulture
  - Resiliency
  - Youth
  - Urbanization
  - Food Safety





# Resiliency





#### Mas Riego (more irrigation) project in Guatemala







### Horticulture Assessments

- Central America
  - Access to credit and insurance
  - Poor access to high-value markets
  - Climate resiliency- irrigation
  - Pests, diseases, weeds
  - Lack of local research
  - Postharvest losses and food safety
- Guinea
  - As above, plus...
  - Sustainable farming techniques
  - Nutrition support home gardens and BCC
  - Entrepreneurship



#### Improving Soil & Saving Labor







#### **Chimney Dryer**

- Efficient
- High air speeds













#### **CoolBot and Cold Rooms**







### **Regional Centers**



Panamerican Agricultural School Zamorano, Honduras Kasetsart University Thailand







### CoolBot<sup>®</sup> Scaling

- Demonstrated at Regional Centers and shared with network
- Improved and adapted (insulated panels, solar)
- Incorporated by many other projects
- Assisted Store it Cold LLC to apply for Partnering for Innovation grant
  - Scaling in Honduras
  - Investment capital









# Youth

- MasRiego
  - Youth led loan program for drip irrigation
- Guinea
  - Youth led horticulture training and services center





## Urbanization

 Integrated animal-horticulture systems research project in Cambodia





# **Food Safety**



#### **Pest Exclusion Nets**













#### Without Nets

#### With Nets





### Value chain for safe vegetables







### Meeting Market Demands





### **Rhino Research**

Can dry products to very low moisture content

No aflatoxin or insect damage

Get it Dry! Keep it Dry!

**DRY CHAIN** 







# Introducing the DryCard

#### Michael Reid & Jim Thompson Horticulture Innovation Lab UC Davis





HORTICULTURE



# Improving nutrition with African indigenous vegetables

- Varieties
- Production practices
- Marketing
- Nutritional value





# Thank you!

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