

RESEARCH PROGRAM ON Policies, Institutions and Markets

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3 Themes and **10** Subthemes





Theme 1

Effective Policies and Strategic Investments



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Theme 1 - Goal

Contribute to improved policies and investments that enhance food security and accelerate agricultural growth



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Subtheme 1.1 Foresight and Strategic Scenarios

- Use foresight and modeling work to improve effectiveness of policies and investments
 - Designing scenarios reflecting emerging challenges
 - ✓ Modeling the consequences of these scenarios
 - Using the modeling outputs to assess policies and investment allocations (which investments provide the greatest return on investment?)
 - ✓ A strategic foresight platform



Subtheme 1.1 Foresight and Strategic Scenarios

- An emphasis on models and data
 - An integrated suite of biophysical and socioeconomic models
 - Data collection efforts designed to support model improvements
 - ✓ Models available as International Public Goods
- Unprecedented collaboration
 - A subtheme that involves all CGIAR Centers and all CGIAR Research Programs
 - ✓ Multidisciplinary teams
 - ✓ Data partnerships
 - Extended collaboration with GFAR



Subtheme 1.2 Macroeconomic, Trade, & Investment Policies

- Identify macroeconomic, trade, investment, and nonagricultural policies that enhance agricultural growth
 - Which national and global trade and macroeconomic policies encourage inclusive agricultural growth
 - Impact of international migration and foreign direct investment on food security
 - ✓ Sectoral policies for broad-based rural growth



Subtheme 1.2

Macroeconomic, Trade, & Investment Policies

- Examples of research activities
 - The emergence of employment opportunities outside of agriculture for rural workers and its welfare implications
 - Structural changes in the global trading system and consequences for agricultural markets
 - Demographic change, exchange rate and trade policies and their impact on agricultural transformation and poverty



Subtheme 1.3 Production and Technology Policies

- Identify production and technology policies for pro-poor sustainable growth in agricultural productivity
 - Policies for equitable access to improved crop varieties and animal breeds
 - Policies, management, and technologies for sustainable productivity growth under land, water, and energy scarcity
 - Policies and strategies for technology development and adoption (discovery, development, delivery)



Subtheme 1.3 Production and Technology Policies

Key features

- Addressing emerging drivers of global change: growing non-food demand for agriculture; increasing scarcity of natural resources...
- Partnerships with over 40 national agricultural research and extension institutions, in close collaboration with regional organizations (APAARI...)
- ✓ A systems-based approach, in close collaboration with commodity-focused CGIAR Research Programs



Subtheme 1.4 Social Protection Policies

- Determine how social protection interventions can promote agricultural development and increase rural incomes
 - Targeting beneficiaries of social protection interventions
 - Assessing the impacts of social protection interventions on food security, poverty, and assets
 - Analyzing synergies between social protection and the adoption of agricultural innovations
 - ✓ New insurance products for poor households



Subtheme 1.4 Social Protection Policies

Key benefits

- Improved balance between components of social protection provided by the market and those provided by the state
- Design of social protection interventions that reach neglected and vulnerable groups
- Improved understanding of the genderdifferentiated impacts of social protection interventions



Theme 2

Inclusive Governance and Institutions



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Theme 2 - Goal

Examine the scope for policy, institutional, and governance reforms and contribute to effective and equitable access to rural services, property rights, collective action, and assets



Subtheme 2.1 Policy Processes

- Increase the likelihood that policy research findings are taken up into policy reforms
 - Improved understanding of the pathways from research to policy
 - ✓ Analysis of community and local government political processes, country specific research
 - ✓ The outputs of this subtheme will help other subthemes of this program achieve impact



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Subtheme 2.1 Policy Processes

- Examples of activities/research questions
 - Country-specific research on the politics of supporting smallholders and women in agriculture
 - Analysis of political participation and researchpolicy linkages
 - Determining political feasibility of reforms and implementation
 - ✓ How should partnerships in food policy research be designed to help research achieve impact?



Subtheme 2.2 Governance of Rural Services

- Identify governance arrangements suitable for providing critical rural services
 - Impact of decentralization process on public service delivery
 - Improved targeting of rural services to women, the poorest households, and socially excluded groups
 - ✓ Analyzing public sector reform strategies



Subtheme 2.2 Governance of Rural Services

Research areas/questions

- ✓ What are the appropriate levels of political, fiscal, and administrative decentralization for agricultural services in different countries?
- ✓ How to increase access to rural services by women and the poor?
- Study the links between governance and public investment in rural areas
- ✓ How do land reform programs affect food security?



Subtheme 2.3 Collective Action and Property Rights

- Strengthen the role of property rights and collective action institutions
 - Research to strengthen property rights of marginalized groups
 - ✓ Interactions between property rights and productivity/environmental sustainability
 - Research on collective action to empower smallscale producers



Subtheme 2.3

Collective Action and Property Rights

In more details...

- Innovative tenure measures to secure private, collective, and common property
- Effectiveness of collective action groups and inclusion of women, marginal groups
- Development of intermediary institutions advocating for the provision of secure rights to resources
- Building on the work of the CGIAR Program on Collective Action and Property Rights (CAPRi)



Subtheme 2.4 Institutions to Strengthen the Assets of the Poor

- Strengthen poor people's assets
 - Mapping asset portfolios and understanding asset accumulation and disposal
 - Roles of assets in men's and women's livelihoods and pathways from poverty
 - Role of risk management and insurance in protecting assets



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Subtheme 2.4 Institutions to Strengthen the Assets of the Poor

- With a focus on institutions
 - Identifying appropriate institutional structures to enable the poor to accumulate assets
 - Comparative analysis across country case studies



Theme 3

Linking Small Producers to Markets



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Theme 3 - Goal

Increase competitiveness of markets to benefit producers and consumers and provide greater incomes by integrating small-scale producers into upgraded value chains



Subtheme 3.1 Innovations Across the Value Chain

- Remove constraints to and enhance benefits from participation of smallholders to values chains, through
 - ✓ Reducing transaction costs
 - ✓ Managing market risks
 - ✓ Enabling collective action
 - ✓ Redressing missing markets



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Subtheme 3.1

Innovations Across the Value Chain

- Innovative methods and research platform
 - An overarching theoretical framework for existing research on value chains
 - Linking with the private sector in designing interventions to link smallholders to markets
 - Innovation in insurance design, measuring and improving market access, financing of value chains, measurement of value chain performance...



Subtheme 3.2 Impact of Upgrading Value Chains

- Develop a framework for assessing the impact of interventions designed to upgrade value chains in Subtheme 3.1 and in other CRPs
 - A subtheme focused on impact evaluation methodologies
 - Implementing impact evaluations, and documenting best practices
 - ✓ Cross-CRP subtheme

