



## U.S. Agency for International Development

FOR FY2021,  
THE U OF I SYSTEM  
REQUESTS **\$60 MILLION**  
FOR FEED THE FUTURE  
INNOVATION LABS

**Feed the Future  
Innovation Labs**  
FY2021 PBR = N/A  
FY2020 = \$55M  
FY2019 = \$55M  
FY2018 = \$55M  
FY2017 = \$50M

**Appropriations Bill:** State,  
Foreign Operations, and  
Related Programs

**Agency:** U.S. Agency for  
International Development

The enactment of the **Global Food Security Act of 2018** promotes inclusive, agriculture-led economic growth around the world as central to U.S. strategic and economic interests. Feed the Future is an important initiative to achieve national goals. Urbana is a key partner in Feed the Future programs for building higher education and extension capacity, as well as the Feed the Future Innovation Labs.

Under AgReach, **Feed the Future programs** led by Urbana aim to strengthen extension systems and agricultural higher education in the developing world, building institutions that enable food systems to work for smallholder farmers. Since 2011, nearly \$40M of development work has enhanced extension systems in 339 institutions around the world; trained more than 2,900 Extension Officers, subject matter specialists, and policymakers; and improved the services received by more than 12.8 million rural farmers, entrepreneurs, and consumers in developing countries.

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### FEED THE FUTURE INNOVATION LABS

specifically focus on university-based applied research. In 2018, Urbana received a three-year, \$6M grant from USAID to build on its previous \$25M investment in the **Soybean Innovation Lab (SIL)**. The project helps African countries build soybean research infrastructure and address protein malnutrition. SIL is the only U.S. entity conducting basic research on soybeans for African settings.



As a partner in the Sustainable Intensification Innovation Lab and the Postharvest Loss Prevention Innovation Lab, the U of I also conducts more than \$5M in programs to develop appropriate scale mechanization and postharvest solutions so that smallholders in Africa and South Asia can adopt more sustainable and profitable farm practices.

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The Appropriate Scale Mechanization Consortium (ASMC), led by Urbana, is a \$4.7M sub award under the Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Collaborative Research on Sustainable Intensification at Kansas State University funded by USAID. The overall objective of ASMC is to develop and deploy appropriate scalable mechanization technologies to enhance sustainable intensification for smallholder farmers in Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, and Ethiopia.



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