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The U.S. Government's Global Hunger & Food Security Initiative

Advancing Local Leadership, Innovation, and Networks (ALL-IN)

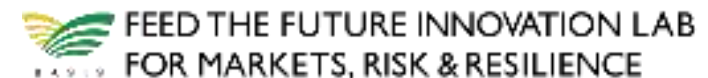
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Markets, Risk & Resilienc e Innovatio n Lab

The mission of the MRR Innovation Lab is to generate and transfer knowledge and innovations that promote resilience and empower rural families, communities and markets to share in inclusive agricultural growth.

Flipping the Model

- Historically, models for US-funded research model typically began with a US-based researcher proposing a project and bringing in host country researchers. **It's time to flip the model.**
- ALL-IN supports local leadership innovation to meet development challenges in a way that is inclusive, effective and sustainable.
- ALL-IN - is designed to provide historically under-resourced African economic research community the resources it needs to fully engage and further develop,



The ALL-IN Portfolio

- In creating our research portfolio, we invited proposals researchers and institutions that have the skills, talents and ideas for impactful research, even if lacking in experience implementing and managing large-scale research projects.
- ALL-IN funds 12 research projects, each with budgets up to half a million dollars, in Ghana, Nigeria, Kenya, Malawi, Uganda, and Ethiopia.
- ALL-IN research projects span all three of the MRR Innovation Lab's core themes:
 - Resilient Escapes from Poverty

Locally-Led Research for Development Impacts

Local researchers define research priorities based on deep knowledge of local issues and the history, systems and culture behind them.

The knowledge and connections of local researchers enable them to strategically approach policymakers, while their consistent in-country presence fosters long-term relationships and trust.





ALL-IN as part of the MRR's Research Consortium

All selected recipients of research funding under ALL-IN were onboarded as an independent cohort and then become part of the MRR Innovation Lab's virtual research consortium.

This structure provides the opportunity to further enhance capacity, create opportunities for future areas of inquiry and both broaden and deepen research networks for all participants – ***for both our Africa-based and US-based researchers.***

Global Impacts of ALL-IN

As the initiative has progressed over the past five years, we've seen the model's success through:

- Increased visibility of the contributions of local researchers
- Increased recognition and utilization of local research expertise
- Increased engagement with local policymakers, practitioners and implementers
- Increased investments in



Our Hope for the Future

We hope that our efforts will increase the global development community's recognition of the immense African-based research excellence. We further hope that this will inspire increased investments in locally-led, demand-driven research.

We have seen continued momentum in the global community in shifting toward investments in local institutions, including the ALL-IN initiative specifically. We seek to enhance existing partnerships and build new ones to continue this momentum.

We hope the work being done by our ALL-IN researchers continue to **inspire the global development community to commit to evidence-based policymaking and to invest in locally-led research.**

Thank you.

