

About the Millions Fed Project

To examine past successes in agricultural development and draw out the lessons they offer, The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) called upon the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) to document evidence on what works in agriculture—what sorts of policies, programs, and investments in agricultural development have actually reduced hunger and poverty.

The case studies of success for the Millions Fed project were chosen through a rigorous process that included an open call for nominations, a wide-ranging literature review, an expert opinion poll, and key informant interviews. More than 250 case studies were nominated or identified. These “candidates” were then winnowed down using a comprehensive set of criteria that took into account such issues as scale, time and duration, impact, and sustainability. Ultimately, the project identified 20 proven successes that have had a demonstrated and significant impact on food security and poverty in developing countries.

The successes in developing-country agriculture are rich and diverse in nature. The pathways to success spanned six different areas:

- intensifying staple food production;
- integrating people and the environment;
- expanding the role of markets;
- diversifying out of major cereals;
- reforming economy-wide policies; and
- improving food quality and human nutrition.

The findings and lessons from this project are shared widely including through a booklet, *Highlights from Millions Fed: Proven Successes in Agricultural Development*. More detailed narratives appear in a book called *Millions Fed: Proven Successes in Agricultural Development*, and complete technical background papers and other information are available on the Millions Fed website (www.ifpri.org/millionsfed).

A committee of recognized international experts advises this project. The IFPRI project team is as follows:

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Millions Fed Proven Successes in Agricultural Development

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India Habitat Center • New Delhi

10:00-10:30	Registration, coffee/tea
10:30-10:40	Welcome Remarks <i>Ashok Gulati, Director in Asia, International Food Policy Research Institute</i>
10:40-11:00	Opening Remarks by Chief Guest <i>Vijay Vyas, Member, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister</i>
11:00-11:15	Millions Fed: An Overview <i>David J. Spielman, Project Research Lead and Research Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute</i>
11:15-11:30	Millions Fed: Lessons Learned <i>Rajul Pandya-Lorch, Project Leader and Chief of Staff, International Food Policy Research Institute</i>
11:30-11:50	Discussion/Q&A
11:50-12:00	Closing Remarks <i>Raj Paroda, Executive Secretary, Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions (APAARI) and Chairman, Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences (TAAS)</i>
12:00 onwards	Lunch

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Global



- **Fighting a "Shifty Enemy"**
The international collaboration to contain wheat rusts
- **Conquering the Cattle Plague**
The global effort to eradicate rinderpest

South America



- **Innovating in the Pampas**
Zero-tillage soybean cultivation in Argentina

Africa

- **Resisting Viruses and Bugs**
Cassava in Sub-Saharan Africa
- **Re-Greening the Sahel**
Farmer-led innovation in Burkina Faso and Niger
- **Navigating through Reforms**
Cotton reforms in Burkina Faso
- **Breeding an "Amaizing" Crop**
Improved maize in Kenya, Malawi, Zambia, and Zimbabwe
- **Unlocking the Market**
Fertilizer and maize in Kenya

Asia

- **Transforming Agriculture**
The Green Revolution in Asia
- **Counting on Beans**
Mungbean improvement in Asia
- **Leaving the Plow Behind**
Zero-tillage rice-wheat cultivation in the Indo-Gangetic Plains
- **Seeing the Forest Through the Trees**
Community forestry in Nepal
- **Pushing the Yield Frontier**
Hybrid rice in China
- **Crossing the River while Feeling the Rocks**
Land-tenure reform in China
- **Exiting from Collective Agriculture**
Land-tenure reform in Vietnam
- **Farming the Aquatic Chicken**
Improved tilapia in the Philippines
- **Diversifying into Healthy Diets**
Homestead food production in Bangladesh
- **Pumping up Production**
Shallow tubewells and rice in Bangladesh
- **Connecting the Milk Grid**
Smallholder dairy in India