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## THE INNOVATION LAB FOR SMALL SCALE IRRIGATION

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## IMPACT OF RESEARCH ON IRRIGATION IN SMALLHOLDER FARMING SYSTEMS



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## STAKEHOLDERS

- **Local and Regional Practitioners (farmers)**
- **National Decision Makers**
- **National Research Entities**
- **Parastatal Water Planning and Use Organizations**
- **Private Sector Investors in Infrastructure**
- **National Academic Institutions**
- **Future Development Donors including USAID**



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## STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

- **Initial Consultation and Planning Small Scale Irrigation Interventions**
- **Continuing dialogue during research phase**
- **Constraints Analysis and Priorities**
- **Engagement in technology transfer**
- **Capstone Status Report at the End of Phase I**
- **Plans for Future Engagement**



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## INNOVATION LAB FOR SMALL-SCALE IRRIGATION PARTNERS



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## PRINCIPAL COLLABORATORS

### **Africa RISING**

**Livestock and Irrigation Value chains for Ethiopian Smallholders (LIVES)**

**Sustainable Intensification Innovation Laboratory (SIPSIN)**

**Nutrition Innovation Laboratory**

**Horticulture Innovation Laboratory**

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## STATUS OF ILSSI

**Fifth of five year cooperative agreement**

**Field research and household surveys near completion**

**Analysis and interpretation continue**

**Favorable external review completed and reported to USAID**

**Statement of intent by USAID to extend for five years**

**Ethiopia will continue as a research location**

**This meeting – sets the stage for planning way forward**



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# PROJECT SYNOPSIS

**Countries** - Ethiopia, Tanzania, Ghana

**Target** - smallholder farmers in USAID zones of influence

**Components** - Studies in farmer's fields, Household Surveys, Analysis, Capacity Development

**Consequences of interventions** – production, environment, economic, nutritional

**Scaling** - farm to national levels

**Stakeholders** – practitioners at local levels, national decision makers, private sector investors in infrastructure, future development donors

**Capacity development** – individual, institutional





## RELATION TO U.S. GOVERNMENT GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY STRATEGY

### Objective 1 – Inclusive and sustainable agricultural led economic growth

- Increased income through small-scale irrigation
- Consistent and reliable year-round product for markets
- Development of infrastructure supporting small scale irrigation
- Increased labor use in agriculture, with attention to women's time
- Farming systems seeking best combination of production, environmental and economic consequences of interventions
- Principles for improved water management and conservation
- Capacity to plan and evaluate new SSI methods at national level



## RELATION TO U.S. GOVERNMENT GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY STRATEGY

- **Objective 2 – Strengthened resilience among people and systems**
- Increased production of food in dry season – year round
- Offset weather extremes through use of small scale irrigation
- Commercialized, irrigated kitchen gardens for women farmers
- Farmers planning production systems for use of SSI – best outcomes
- Capacity building to enhance irrigation knowledge and improve planning methods
- Capacity for evidence based planning and evaluation at national level



## RELATION TO U.S. GOVERNMENT GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY STRATEGY

- **Objective 3 – a well-nourished population especially among women and children**
- Increased quantity and quality of foods for women and children
- Increased income for purchase of food
- Increased diversity of foods produced
- Year-round access to fresh foods
- Collaboration with SIIIL and NI labs to strengthen focus on nutrition



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