

# FOOD SECURITY GROUP

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# Overview

The Food Security Group (FSG) at Michigan State University (MSU) is a self-organized team of faculty and graduate students who believe that good food and nutrition policy, informed by solid empirical evidence that is generated jointly with local partners and shared with decision makers in multiple ways, can transform economies and lives in developing countries. FSG brings this vision to bear in conducting collaborative research, working actively with local partners to engage in policy analysis and advising, and building local capacity to address issues of food security and nutrition.

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FSG's approach is informed by an understanding of the structural transformation of economies – relatively predictable changes in economic structure that happen as incomes rise. Globalization accelerates the changes typically seen during structural transformation. FSG generates new empirical data and information to understand how these changes are playing out in each of the countries where it works. This broad strategic understanding, wedded to detailed local knowledge, serves as a foundation for program and policy design that helps a country use its particular strengths to promote robust, equitable, and sustainable economic growth.

FSG also engages in capacity building and collaborations with local partners that include local universities and research centers, ministries of agriculture, and international and regional organizations. While most of FSG's work takes place in Africa, it has a global presence with work also in Asia and Latin America.

FSG is based in the Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics (AFRE) within MSU's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Faculty members from other departments also participate in FSG. Currently, the FSG team includes 26 faculty members, 7 of them based in field project offices in Africa and Asia, 5 grant-funded support staff, and 13 graduate research assistants. It has been a major contributor to the international research, outreach, and human and institutional capacity-building mission of CANR and MSU since the early 1980s.

## Resources

Funders for FSG projects include the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) (representing about 80% of FSG's portfolio), the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Livelihoods and Food Security Trust Fund (LIFT), the International Potato Center (CIP), and others. Currently, FSG's lead project is the Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Food Security Policy (FSP). Feed the Future is the U.S. Government's Global Hunger & Food Security Initiative, and is funded through USAID. FSP works in eleven African countries, one in Asia (Myanmar), and in Haiti and Venezuela in Central and Latin America.

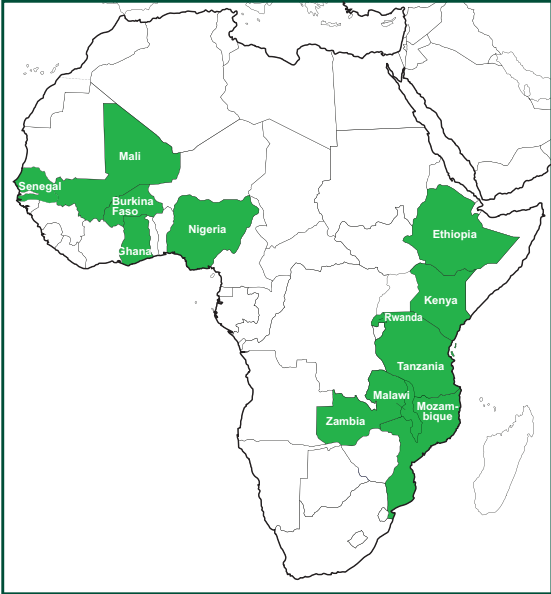
# What we research

- Agrifood System Transformation
- Climate Change
- Gender
- Household Income and Livelihoods
- Impact Assessment
- Input Use and Market Development
- Land
- Nutrition
- Policy Research and Capacity Building
- Sustainable Agricultural Intensification
- Training and Capacity Building
- Value Chain Analysis
- Youth Employment/Entrepreneurship



# Where we work

## THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES



Burkina Faso  
Ghana  
Kenya  
Malawi  
Mali  
Mozambique  
Nigeria

Rwanda  
Senegal  
Tanzania  
West Africa / Sahel  
Region  
Zambia

## OTHER COUNTRIES

Cambodia  
Haiti

Myanmar  
Venezuela

# Who we are

## 28 FACULTY MEMBERS

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## WITH 5 STAFF AND 13 GRADUATE STUDENTS

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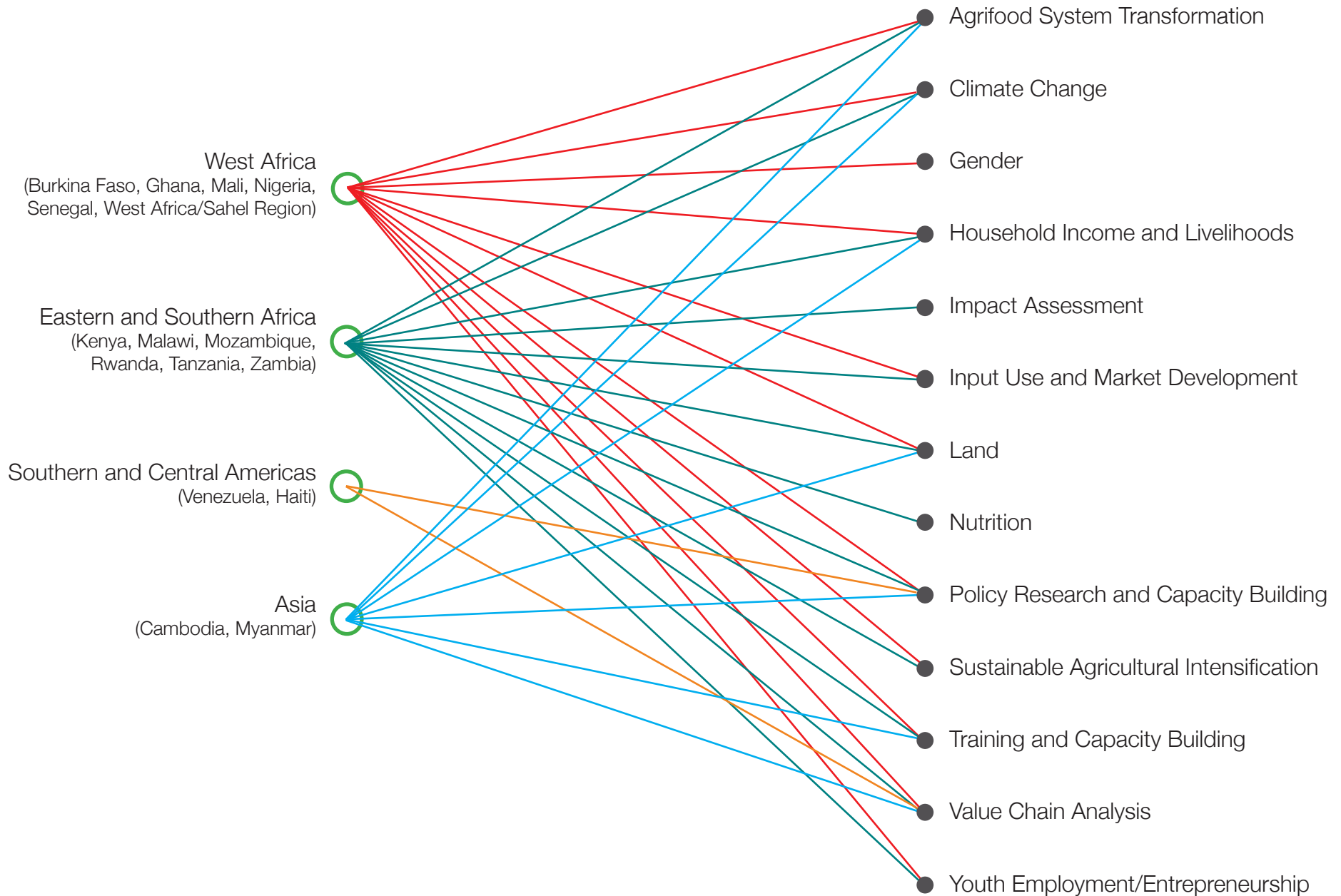
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# Where we work, and what we work on



### AFRE Food Security Group: Research Themes and Countries

Theme \ Country	West Africa						East and Southern Africa						South America	Asia	
	Burkina Faso	Ghana	Mali	Nigeria	Senegal	West Africa Region	Kenya	Malawi	Mozambique	Rwanda	Tanzania	Zambia	Venezuela	Cambodia	Myanmar
Agrifood System Transformation	x	X	X	X	X		X				X	X			X
Climate Change	x			X			X			X	X				X
Gender	X		X												
Household Income and Livelihoods	X						x			X					X
Impact Assessment							x			X				X	
Input Use and Market Development	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X			
Land	x	X		X			X			X	X				X
Nutrition							x	x		X	x				
Policy Research and Capacity Building	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sustainable Agricultural Intensification	X		X	X			x	X		X	X	X			
Training and Capacity Building	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Value Chain Analysis		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X
Youth Employment/Entrepreneurship		X		X			X	X		X	X				

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