



Reduce PHL News

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## Ghana Students Enroll in Graduate Program

Mr. Kofi James Danso and Ms. Naomi Manu have enrolled as MPhil Students in Entomology at Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi, Ghana and started on August 15. Their research projects will comprise of developing pest monitoring programs to assess stored-product insect infestation and identifying cost-effective tools and tactics to provide critical information from which to make pest management decisions, evaluating insecticide impregnated bags as a barrier to prevent insect infestation of stored maize in the Middle Belt of Ghana.

## Opit Gave Presentation at World Food Prize

Dr. George Opit gave a presentation entitled "Curbing maize post harvest losses in Ghana at this year's World Food Prize Symposium (WFPS) side event sponsored by USDA-FAS. WFPS started on October 14, and concluded on October 17.

## Romer Labs Makes a Generous Donation

Romer Labs donates Mycotoxin testing strips and readers to the four focus countries on the project.

For the whole story click [Here](#).



The Feed the Future Innovation Lab for the Reduction of Post-Harvest Loss is a strategic and applied research and education program aimed at providing global leadership in food security by reducing post-harvest loss and food waste of durable staple crops (grains, oil seeds, legumes, root crops, seeds) and their processed value-added products. This program requires confronting constraints on integrating smallholder farmers (male and female) producer cooperatives, and agribusiness enterprises with market-based value chains from seed to end-user.



*Venkat Reddy (far right) and Andreia Bianchini (second from right), of the PHL Innovation Lab, receive training from Romer Labs technicians on using the test kits and readers.*

## The Deere Foundation Makes a Major Contribution

The Deere Foundation donated \$10,000 for the purchase of 40 moisture meters to be used in the four focus countries on the project.

For the full story, click [Here](#).



*Andreia Bianchini and Luis Eduardo Sabillon from the University of Nebraska, who work with the PHL Lab at Kansas State University, help show Walter Martinez from SHARE Guatemala how to use the moisture meters.*

## From Better Seeds to Beneficial Insects, K-State Researchers Fight World Hunger

A recent article in the Kansas City Star showcased the four

Feed the Future Innovation Labs we have at K-State. For the full article click [Here](#)

## Gender Training

Members of the PHL IL attended a gender training session on Monday, November 10. Dr. Cheryl O'Brien presented to the group in the morning and then worked with the country teams individually in the afternoon. Team members in the focus countries were able to attend via Zoom video conferencing. For those that were not able to attend, materials from the training are available on K-State Online or they can be requested from Roberta (roberta@ksu.edu).



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