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### *SIIL Secures \$6M Grant to Launch the Guatemala Scaling Agriculture Technologies Coordination Activity*



Kansas State University's Feed the Future SIIL has been awarded a 5-year \$6 million grant from USAID – Guatemala, which is set to strengthen existing agricultural research, education, and outreach entities in Guatemala. This activity aims to coordinate agricultural innovation activities in Guatemala through public-private partnerships, innovation, and technology

transfer. The activities will be specifically focused in the country's Western Highlands. Click the button below to read more!

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## *CE SAIN Cambodia 2024 Undergraduate Research Symposium*



CE SAIN Cambodia recently presented its first annual Undergraduate Research Symposium through the Royal University of Agriculture's (RUA) Faculty of Agricultural Education and Communications department at RUA in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. This event allowed undergraduate students to present the results of their research thesis to the audience of institutions and private companies that are seeking to recruit students for professional opportunities. Click on the photo above to view a short video highlighting the activities during the two-day event, created by the CE SAIN communications team!

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Supported by USAID, the Kansas State University-led project CEMARCH (Center for Mitigation, Adaptation, and Resilience to Climate-Change in Haiti) works with six Haitian universities for improvements and innovation in Haitian agriculture to combat the changing climate. The American University of the Caribbean is working in partnership with the Organization pour la Rehabilitation de l'environnement, for the selection and identification of 300 elite avocado trees in the buffer zone of Pic Macaya National Park in Les Cayes, Haiti. The goal of this research is to develop new lines of avocados better suited to a changing environment, with improved disease resistance and better postharvest attributes. This research partnership helps farmers by providing them with access to high-quality avocado trees that have been carefully selected and characterized for their agronomic traits and commercial value. By establishing orchards with these trees, farmers can benefit from increased productivity and improved quality of avocado fruit. Over a decade, ORE has implemented a tree improvement program that introduced out-of-season avocados that provide additional income to the producers. These partnerships continue the tradition of avocado research for the betterment of Haitian farmers.

### *SIIL Represents at the 2024 Regional Meeting in Nepal*

The 2024 Regional Meeting in Kathmandu, Nepal welcomed leaders and partners in the Feed the Future Innovation Lab sector to gather from April 23-25 to discuss results and progress with USAID-supported labs across the region. The SIIL was well represented by Drs. Vara Prasad, Manny Reyes, and CE SAINs Lyda Hok. They all participated on discussion panels, talking about the SIIL and CESAIN



successes in scaling ag research results and technologies. Following the formal meeting, three different trips were available, with a wide variety of topics. Visits included tours of two different women-run agricultural cooperatives, a seed production facility, biochar and biofertilizer demonstration plots, and a youth-led horticulture profitability study. All field trips included excellent interaction with women and youth farmers.

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