

September | News & Updates

Things have been busy here at the Sustainable Intensification Innovation Lab! Thank you for your support and patience as we catch you up on all the exciting things SIIL is doing around the world!

Consortium Feature: Policy Research Consortium Project Shows Insights of Water Insecurity for Food Security and Nutrition

Read below of the Feed the Future Policy Research Consortium funded project that presented insights of experiences with water insecurity for food insecurity. This research has proved to be successful due to it currently being the only validated indicator of human voice in the water sector. The work is expected to offer a new perspective when transforming the current understanding of this developmental work.

Read Story Here!

Project Feature: Connecting Small Scale Farmers and Research in Senegal

Ousmane Willane, one of the inaugural Master Farmers of the Peace Corps Senegal program, was chosen along with three other colleagues to demonstrate new dual-purpose millet and cowpea varieties in the village of Touba Taba in Senegal. This story shows how local farmers play a significant role in scaling technologies as well as introducing ones capable of alleviating chronic food and nutritional insecurity.



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Youth Engagement: Student and Intern Highlights



Chanthin Ouk

CE SAIN Cambodia

Chanthin is earning her Master's in Agronomy in National Agriculture Research Systems

"An obstacle in my experiments during the research period was the outbreak of COVID-19, Which made it difficult to travel to and from the files of research, and difficult to find labor. Another problem that occurred was the outbreak of armyworms which causes damage to the yield of bulbs in experiment fields through rot."

"What has motivated me to continue my research process until the successful completion is the motivation of my supervisor and co-supervisor, which has always helped me move forward when I



Phon Chandy

CE SAIN Internship Program
Phon is earning his Bachelor's degree in
Horticulture at the National University of
Battambang in Cambodia.

"Spending time at the CE SAIN Agriculture Technology Park (ATP) in Battambang, I have learned more about agricultural techniques, planting and harvest planning, fertilization managing, and much more. One training course that I participated in was Solar Systems for Pumping Water which benefitted my knowledge greatly."

"I recommend all first-generation agriculture students not to miss this opportunity because it helps them to increase practical knowledge in addition to the learning theory in school. I am very happy to be able to learn at this ATP. My future goal is to own a vegetable farm to provide safe food to my community."

have been stuck or puzzled in my findings."

Highlights

Ceremonial Signing on Anniversary of K-State Work with the Philippines

Kansas State University has had 100 years on involvement in international education in the Philippines beginning in 1921. K-State has a memorandum of understanding 14 state universities and colleges in the Philippines. This partnership has helped to facilitate higher education and academic initiatives in the Philippines. Read more about the recent ceremonial signing below!

Read the News Release Here!

K-State and SIIL Builds Capacity of Cambodian Scholars to Lead Agricultural Research and Outreach

CE SAIN recognized its five-year anniversary, celebrating the positive impacts and contributions it has made to Cambodia's agriculture sector. Read the full release below with quotes from the Director of SIIL, Vara Prasad, and the Director of Sustainable Economic Growth Office of USAID Cambodia, Richard Chen.

Read the News Release Here!

Upcoming Events

Policy Systems for Transforming Agriculture: Research, Implementation and Impact November 2-3, 2021

The Feed the Future Policy Research Consortium is hosting a final conference. In this conference to mark its end, consortium members will present the results of their research activities, important lessons learned and the implications they hold for USAID's policy related work. The conference may be of interest not only to USAID staff working on food policy issues, but also implementing partners, development agencies, African policy makers and other researchers. The conference will be held virtual on Zoom. Please follow this link to register and join.

Appropriate Scale Mechanization Consortium Fall Symposium October 28-29, 2021

The ASMC Fall Symposium will be the first in-person meeting for its U.S. participants. ASMC will also conduct a hybrid meeting with the Science Advisory Committee. This meeting will provide the opportunity for ASMC leaders and team members to collaborate and review the status of the ASMC project. It is the hope that this meeting will energize the project as well as bring a more synergistic effort of mechanizing agriculture in the four focus countries of ASMC. In addition to providing progress reports, participants will have the chance to collectively determine solutions to overcome any challenges. This meeting will also serve as a celebration of all of the great progress our ASMC partners have achieved in the past year.

Highlight Video



Click on the image to watch the video of the Feed the Future Innovation Labs Congressional Event, hosted by Kansas State University. Hear remarks from K-State President Richard Myers and others from USAID.







