



Horticulture Innovation Lab Future Directions

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Goal

- } Through collaborative partnerships and research efforts, the Horticulture Innovation Lab aims to improve the capacity of horticulture to bring people out of poverty and improve their nutritional status while empowering women and the most vulnerable people.



Pillars

- } Commitment to horticultural value chain research
- } Commitment to innovation and scaling
- } Commitment to capacity building
- } Commitment to nutrition sensitive horticulture
- } Commitment to empowering women and the most vulnerable



Objectives

- } Increase capacity of scientists, development professionals, farmers, students, intermediaries, and institutions to address horticultural challenges.
- } Increase understanding and improvement of access to horticulture and nutrition information.
- } Increase empowerment of women and disadvantaged groups working in horticulture.
- } Improve horticultural systems, from seed to consumption, as a result of collaborative research.
- } Improve opportunities for smallholders and entrepreneurs in horticultural markets.
- } Improve the nutritional status of people as a result of including horticultural crops in diets.

Areas of interest: the next 5 years

- } Postharvest and marketing
- } Food safety
- } Nutrition
- } Production
- } Scaling
- } Capacity building
- } Novel research



Tentative timeline

We anticipate:

- } RFP in May
- } Team planning and travel during August and September
- } Project funding starting October 1





We build international partnerships for fruit and vegetable research to improve livelihoods in developing countries.

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