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Research and Innovation Fellowship Program

The **Research and Innovation (RI) Fellowship Program** was developed and funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), U.S. Global Development Lab. The program was designed in recognition of the fact that strengthening research capacity and building lasting, collaborative networks are an effective means of promoting economic growth and community advancement in developing countries.

GOALS

- Address Development Challenges
- Foster Collaboration
- Train Future Research Scientists

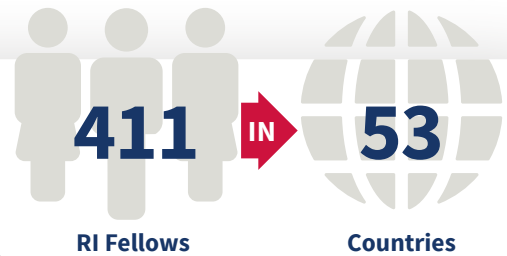
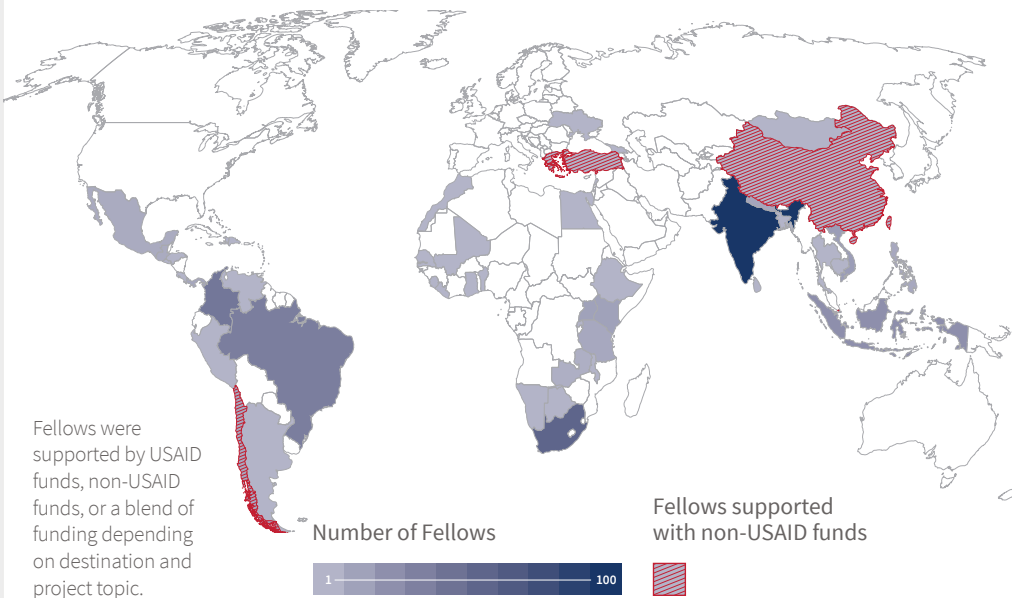
IMPLEMENTATION

- 6 U.S. Universities
- 4 Operational Years (2014-2018)
- 215 Host Organization Partnerships
- \$3.46M USAID Investment

RI FELLOWSHIP UNIVERSITIES

- > Arizona State University
- > Rutgers University
- > University of California, Berkeley
- > University of California, Davis
- > University of Chicago
- > University of Notre Dame

NUMBER OF RI FELLOWS BY COUNTRY



Process Overview

Fellowship topics were directly proposed by Host organizations. Using the USAID Catalog or other university resources, student applicants reviewed opportunities, contacted Hosts to refine projects, and submitted applications. Both the home university and USAID approved applications prior to departure.

Fellowships lasted between two to twelve months in duration.

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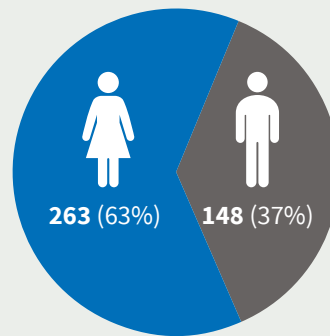
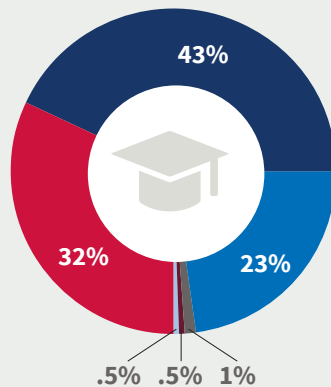
RI FELLOWS PARTICIPANTS

The RI Fellows worked with Host organizations where they were able to conduct a wide range of activities including applied research, establishing relationships with international researchers, participating in community meetings, presenting project findings, and preparing publications. The fellows engaged their own research interests and were able to work in a wide range of disciplines that included: agriculture, public health, data management, mapping, ecosystems, finance, public policy, education, food security, energy, water and sanitation, and sustainability.

The RI Fellowship successfully achieved a notable participation of female fellows. Through their work, these female scientists were given the opportunity to promote women's role in science related fields and helped strengthen the pathways of women in the field of international scientific collaboration.

DEGREE PURSUED BY RI FELLOWS

- PhD
- Master
- Medical
- Post Doctorate
- Undergraduate
- Recent Graduate



TOTAL NUMBER OF RI FELLOWS

OUTPUTS AND OUTCOMES



Over the course of **four years**, the work undertaken by the Fellows generated **314 separate project reports** detailing the research that was completed, and in most cases, the practical applications for furthering development.



Host Organization Partnerships

This work allowed RI Fellows to exchange knowledge and research techniques with their Host counterparts, thereby building their research capacities. **The program created partnerships with 215 Host organizations.**

RI Fellows built capacity by enhancing development by creating in-country knowledge and expertise, which prepares local scientists and institutions to address development problems on their own.

Pairing researchers from different countries and cultures amplifies this aspect of collaboration and can result in the creation of innovative approaches for solving many complex development problems.

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