

# IFPRI Strategy 2026–2030

## FOOD POLICY RESEARCH *for a* CHANGING WORLD

50  
YEARS OF  
IFPRI

*Powering Policy  
with Evidence for  
Impact at Scale*

**POLICY IS A POWERFUL LEVER FOR DRIVING FOOD SYSTEMS TRANSFORMATION** that can improve nutrition, equity, and sustainability for everyone, and policy research and evidence provide a compass for effective policy decisions. Over 50 years, IFPRI's research and engagement have informed policies that have improved millions of lives in Africa, Asia, and Latin America through greater food security and resilience, better nutrition, enhanced equity, and new economic opportunities.

IFPRI's vision is a sustainable world free of poverty, hunger, and malnutrition

### **About IFPRI**

IFPRI is a trusted provider of sound evidence and data to inform policies, programs, and investments that shape food systems from farmer to consumer. We engage with partners and decision-makers from the global to the local level in low- and middle-income countries to ensure our research is relevant, timely, and responsive to real-world conditions. We aim to empower policymakers, communities, and institutions to employ agriculture and food policy to reduce poverty, end hunger, improve nutrition, advance inclusion, and safeguard natural resources.

IFPRI's mission is to work with partners to provide research-based policy solutions to improve food security, nutrition, and livelihoods, contribute to empowerment for all, and promote sustainable, climate-resilient food systems

### **Meeting new challenges and opportunities**

The world's food systems face mounting pressures: increased fragility and conflict in many places, geopolitical and trade transitions, climate change and environmental degradation, urbanization, declining public investment, and evolving food environments and diets. At the same time, major technological advances, AI and big data, Africa's growing youth population, increased private sector investment, and other promising opportunities are emerging for addressing poverty, malnutrition, and inequity. Crucially, capacity is growing worldwide for research, development, and implementation of effective, inclusive food policies.

To meet these challenges and leverage new opportunities, IFPRI will intensify its commitment to building capacity and knowledge for policy research, design, and implementation through more decentralized, demand-driven, and collaborative research. We will build on proven approaches, our established presence across the globe, our long-term experience partnering for research, impact, and capacity strengthening, and our strong communications program. We remain deeply committed to research excellence focused on delivering impact at scale through country- and regional-led policies. Our partnership networks and regional and country offices will facilitate co-creation of research agendas to ensure our work responds to country priorities and contexts, provides actionable knowledge for policymakers, and invests in local capacity. To support this work, we will seek innovative approaches to engaging with research and impact partners and pursue strategic communications to build knowledge and drive impact at scale.

## Our strategy framework: 4 approaches, 5 research themes

Our strategy applies a systems view that encompasses all sectors and actors that participate in food systems. It combines a proven four-pronged approach to research and impact with a set of five interconnected research themes relevant to both today's world and the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. Our four-pronged approach generates knowledge that is actionable across the policy cycle through: (1) identifying problems and modeling outlooks, (2) deploying, testing, and scaling best-bet policy solutions, (3) understanding and shaping supportive political, societal, financial, and institutional conditions that support use of evidence and impact at scale, and (4) improving quality and uptake of tools and methods and contributing to sustainability of knowledge and capacity around the world.



IFPRI's research themes are connected by an emphasis on inclusive economic growth and targeted approaches to ensure all people have access to safe, sufficient, and sustainably produced food. Three interconnected themes reflect the food system – from food production to diets, nutrition, and health, with market systems providing the vital connection (Themes 2, 3, and 4). The first and fifth themes address the economic and societal context that shapes food systems outcomes. The first examines governance and investment policies that can unlock the potential of food systems to drive pro-poor and planet-friendly economic transformation (Theme 1). The fifth centers on delivering scalable policy solutions, including targeted programs and growth, to strengthen economic and social inclusion for the poor, women, youth, and other marginalized populations (Theme 5). Critical goals cut across all these themes: equity and inclusion, empowerment, sustainability, resilience, and building national and local strengths.

Learn more about our new strategy: <https://hdl.handle.net/10568/178597>

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