

# Tegemeo Agricultural Policy Research and Analysis



*Tegemeo conducts research on sorghum productivity in Kenya. Sorghum is a good drought resistant alternative crop that USAID promotes.*

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**Duration:** June 2012 – May 2017

**Activity Locations:** Nairobi – affecting policy nationwide

**Implementing Partner:**  
Tegemeo

**Key Partners:**

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**ACTIVITY OVERVIEW**

Tegemeo Institute of Agricultural Policy and Development is a policy research institute under the Division of Research and Extension of Egerton University. The mandate of the Institute is to conduct policy research and disseminate findings in an objective manner.

Tegemeo Institute conducts policy research and analysis in agriculture, rural development, natural resources and environment. The Institute aims to address micro and macroeconomic policy issues that affect farming, processing, marketing and trade of agricultural products and inputs. Tegemeo Institute undertakes empirical research and analysis on topical agricultural policy issues and promotes policy dialogue and advocacy via the dissemination of various research findings to stakeholders, including government, development agencies, civil society and the private sector. The work of the Institute impacts on livelihoods by influencing the formulation and preparation of policies that affect food security and poverty. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) supports the Tegemeo Agricultural Policy Research and Analysis II Program, which aim to inform and influence policies and development interventions focused on short- and long-term improvement in agricultural productivity, incomes and food security.

The program's activities are organized around four broad themes/objectives: monitoring trends and patterns in rural livelihoods; policy research; outreach and advocacy; and capacity building.

**ACTIVITY GOALS**

- Monitor and track trends and patterns in agriculture and rural livelihoods
- Perform policy research to inform key policy issues and initiatives
- Conduct outreach and advocacy
- Build capacity both within and outside the Institute

**ACTIVITY ACCOMPLISHMENTS** (through June 2015)

- TAPRA II household survey conducted
- Feed the Future mid-term evaluation survey conducted
- Impact assessment of KAVES program
- Conducted research and wrote papers on irrigation and water use, smallholder government participation, milk processing, mobile phones and smallholder agriculture, fertilizer, land use, sorghum productivity and climate change.
- Conducted short- and long-term trainings for Tegemeo staff
- Organized policy forums and workshops with local and international collaborators to share data and elicit feedback and debate