

**International Ag
Extension Academy**
Helping you help farmers



The International Ag Extension Academy

“Touching lives – Making a Difference”

"The UC Davis International Agricultural Extension Academy equips people and systems to better respond to the *needs* of millions of smallholder farmers around the world."



The Need

- Over 475 million of the world's 570 million farms are less than 2 ha.
- These small farms and rural communities are home to 70% of the World's poor.
- These poor farmers typically face extreme challenges including limited resources, poor credit, and limited or no access to information and markets.

The Extension System Challenge

Just like the farmers, Extension systems serving these poor farmers (both public and private) often face their own series of challenges including: limited operational resources, inappropriate information and methods, illiterate and large numbers of clients, and challenging infrastructure.

What we do – Build Bridges

We focus on the pressure points to implement change - working from the system to the field levels.

1. **Tools and Best Practices.** We identify, develop and share tools and “Best practices” for extension. See <http://AgExtOnline.com>
2. **Build capacity.** We build the technical and methodology skills required for successful extension (ensuring they fit within the country context).
3. **Advisory Services.** We provide input on system elements (from institutional structures and interactions to field needs) to ensure Extension systems are needs-driven and providing credible, relevant solutions.

Who are we

A diverse team with practical experience in more than 30 countries with a proven record of implementing change.

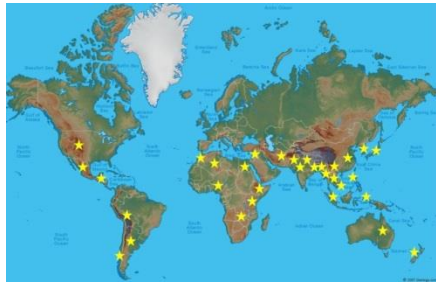
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Appendix. Team member experience: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Chile, China, Colombia, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Kiribati, Laos, Madagascar, Mexico, Morocco, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Rep of Korea, Sri Lanka, Swaziland, Thailand, Timor L'Este, Uganda, USA, Vietnam, Zambia

Our team has provided over 12,000 person days training to people from more than 30 countries.

Examples:

- **Afghanistan** - long term building of Ministry Extension capacity
 - **e-Afghan Ag** - built the knowledge repository to support Ag Extension in Afghanistan
- **Bangladesh** working with a range of Bangladesh partners on the use of ICT in Extension.
- **Cambodia** - working with the Royal University of Agriculture on information access at the village level
- **Chile** - working with multiple National and regional partners to provide input on the establishment of a more effective national extension system
- **China** - supporting the development of the use of ICT to support extension for promotion of safe Apple production to help poor farmers.
 - **e-China Apple** – built the knowledge repository to support the safe production of dwarf Apple orchards in China
- **Ecuador** – Provided training on structure and methodology approaches for an effective national Extension system.
- **Egypt** - provided methodology training to support irrigation and water management specialists.
- **Global** - The primary source of practical extension materials for the global Modernizing Extension and Advisory Services (MEAS) project. Developed and provided the "ASK ME" operating framework for extension.
- **Guatemala** - working with the Universidad de San Carlos to help rebuild the national Extension capacity
- **Iraq** - provided methodology training for horticultural specialists.
- **Madagascar** - provided methodology training to support Extension activities for the dairy industry
- **Pakistan** - working with multiple partners to orient extension to a demand-driven system while also researching the use of ICT for Extension
 - **e-Pak Ag** - Using ICT to make credible, relevant information more available To those helping farmers in Afghanistan.
- **South East Asia** - designer and provider of the extension module used in the annual World Vegetable training course for South East Asia (participants from Bangladesh, Cambodia, Indonesia, India, Laos, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam)
- **Zambia**. Support for Gender and Nutrition in Extension and the development of the National Extension Strategy

