



## Feed the Future Tanzania SERA BORA Project

### Project Duration

Jan 2020 - Dec 2025

### Budget

\$ 9 million (\$2.5 million Ukraine Supplemental Funds)

### Geographic Focus Areas

Nationwide

### Implementer

Michigan State University

### Sub-Implementer

ASPIRES NGO

### Partners

Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries; International Food Policy Research Institute; Sokoine University of Agriculture; Tanzania Food and Nutrition Centre; President's Office for Regional Administration and Local Government

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Dr. Tulia Ackson, Deputy Speaker (center) during the launch of Parliamentary Group on Nutrition, Food Security and Child Rights strategic plan (2018-2023) in Dodoma on January 19, 2020.

### PROJECT OVERVIEW

While Tanzania has achieved rapid economic growth over the past decade, smallholder farmer productivity remains low. Rural poverty, malnutrition, and inequality are also pervasive. Key contributors to this situation are a limited access to basic public goods, from land rights to availability of inputs; an unpredictable policy environment; and a private sector and civil society with limited ability to participate in the policy-making process. Addressing these problems is necessary to create an enabling environment for an inclusive, broad-based, and sustainable agricultural sector growth.

In this context, SERA BORA (*Better Policy* in English) activity works to accelerate Tanzania's adoption of more effective policies and programs in order to drive growth of the agricultural sector, improve household food security and nutrition, and reduce poverty. SERA BORA is organized around three areas of action:

- 1) Policy Research and Data;
- 2) Policy and Regulatory Reforms; and
- 3) Strengthening Policy Institutional Architecture and Capacity.

Together, these areas of actions are designed to strengthening research and data to increase evidence-based policy decision making and help establish a more inclusive, transparent, and sustainable processes for developing policy.



## KEY ACTIVITIES

**Policy Research and Data:** under this component, SERA BORA conducts research and studies to understand the fundamental forces of change in the agricultural food systems which drive changes in the country's agricultural food system and broader economy and emerging policy issues.

**Support Policy and Regulatory Reforms:** under this component, SERA BORA works closely with the Policy Analysis Group (a coordinating body of policy analysts from local organizations and implementing partners) to facilitate regular policy dialogue through its Annual National Agricultural Policy Conference. At the same time, SERA BORA engages in active policy advisory activities focusing on targeted policy reform areas including legal, regulatory, and institutional reforms (e.g., secured transactions reform; agricultural board reforms; nutrition policy reforms revitalization; and market intelligence unit).

**Strengthening Policy Institutional Architecture and Capacity:** under this component, SERA BORA aim to contribute to constructive, multi-stakeholder-policy debates on agricultural, nutrition and rural development alternatives and encourage dialogue and the exchange of data and knowledge among different stakeholders at national and regional levels. SERA BORA will achieve this goal by monitoring the country's policy change processes through Policy Institutional Architecture Assessment (IAA). The IAA involves an analysis of a country's capacity to undertake transparent, inclusive, predictable, and evidence-based policy change.

## EXPECTED RESULTS

Since inception in January 2020, SERA BORA has played a significant role in advancing policy coordination, outreach, and advisory efforts to the highest level of senior Government leadership at Ministerial and Parliamentary levels, the Private Sector and Development Partners despite the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic and Russian invasion of Ukraine. SERA BORA continues to support various efforts towards both accelerating the adoption of more effective agricultural and nutrition policies and programs as well as equipping Government of Tanzania (GoT) staff with analytical skills to assess market dynamics and information through its newly established Market Intelligence Unit and Private Sector Desk in the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries.

The expected results at the end of the project includes:

- Increased coordination and collaboration in policy activities will enhance the pace of policy reforms and strengthen public-private partnership.
- A more enabling environment for formulating and implementing agricultural sector policies in Tanzania.
- Strengthened human and institutional capacity to analyze emerging policy issues and inform evidence-based decision making.