

***Highlights During  
Year 8 of the***

**SPHI**



**Sweetpotato  
to Profit and Health  
Initiative**



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**SPHI** is a multi-partner, multi-donor initiative that seeks to reduce child malnutrition and improve smallholder incomes in 10 million African families by 2020 through the effective production and expanded use of sweetpotato in 17 SSA countries

The Sweetpotato Action for Security and Health in Africa (SASHA) Project is a 10 year project among 26 partners led by the International Potato Center that will develop the essential capacities, products and methods to reposition sweetpotato in the food economies of Sub-Saharan Africa. It serves as the foundation for the broader initiative.

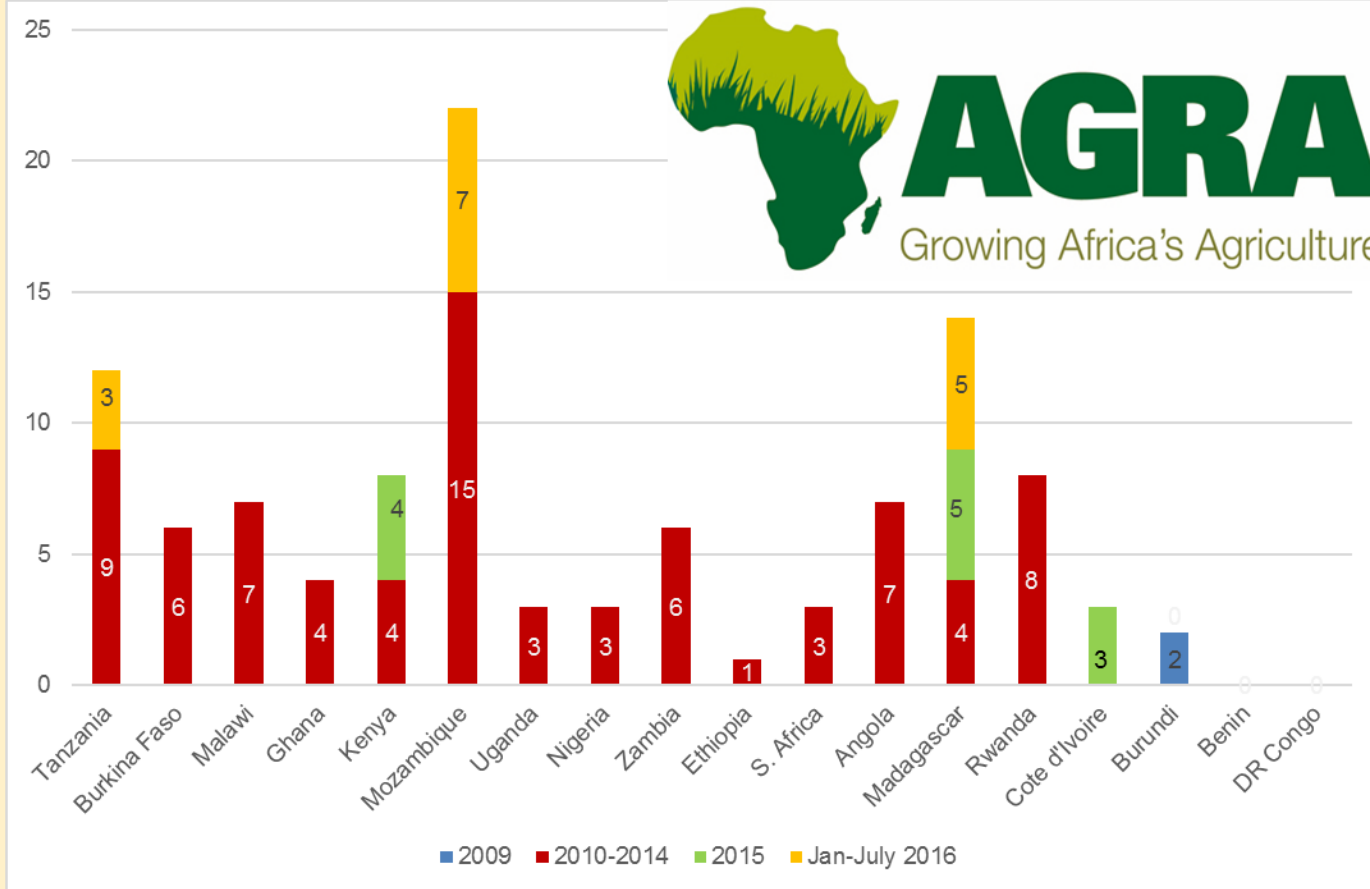


# Breeding in Africa *for* Africa

- Generate populations to meet needs of users
- Build long-term capacity:
  - In 2005, only 2 countries breeding...
  - In 2016, 12 countries breeding; 3 more engaged in selection



# Since 2009, 70 OFSP varieties & 39 non-OFSP released in 15 of the 17 target countries & one non-target country





# Key Achievements So Far in Year 3: Successful SPHI Technical Meeting



- Held in Addis Ababa
- Theme: Celebrating the World Food Prize for 2016
- 94 participants
- 36 organizations represented, including CIP
- 39 briefs: 16 SASHA & 23 Other SPHI
- Photo contest
- Sweetpotato Knowledge Portal Training

# Aligned with the 10<sup>th</sup> APA Meeting 10-14<sup>th</sup> October 2016



- Co-hosted by EIAR, the Ethiopian Ministry of Agriculture and CIP
  - Almost 300 participants
  - 30 countries
  - Combined exhibition with SPHI
  - Combined poster contest with SPHI
  - Field trips canceled due to political instability
- Rwanda will host next APA in 2019
  - Handover from Ethiopia to Rwanda in February 2017
- 60 papers submitted to Open Agriculture



# Major Year 3 Recognition

Photos: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/theworldfoodprize/albums>

Video: <http://site.iptv.org/video/story/24351/2016-world-food-prize>



**World Food Prize  
Ceremony  
& Borlaug Dialogue  
2016**

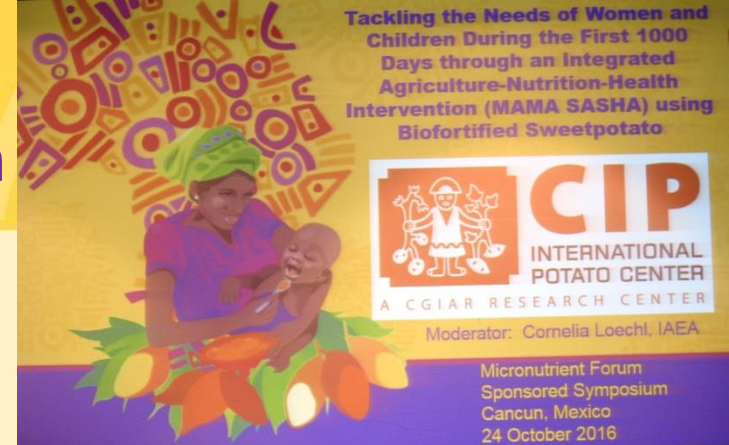
**10-14 October 2016  
Des Moines, Iowa**



# Followed by our ½ Sponsored Symposium at the Micronutrient Forum

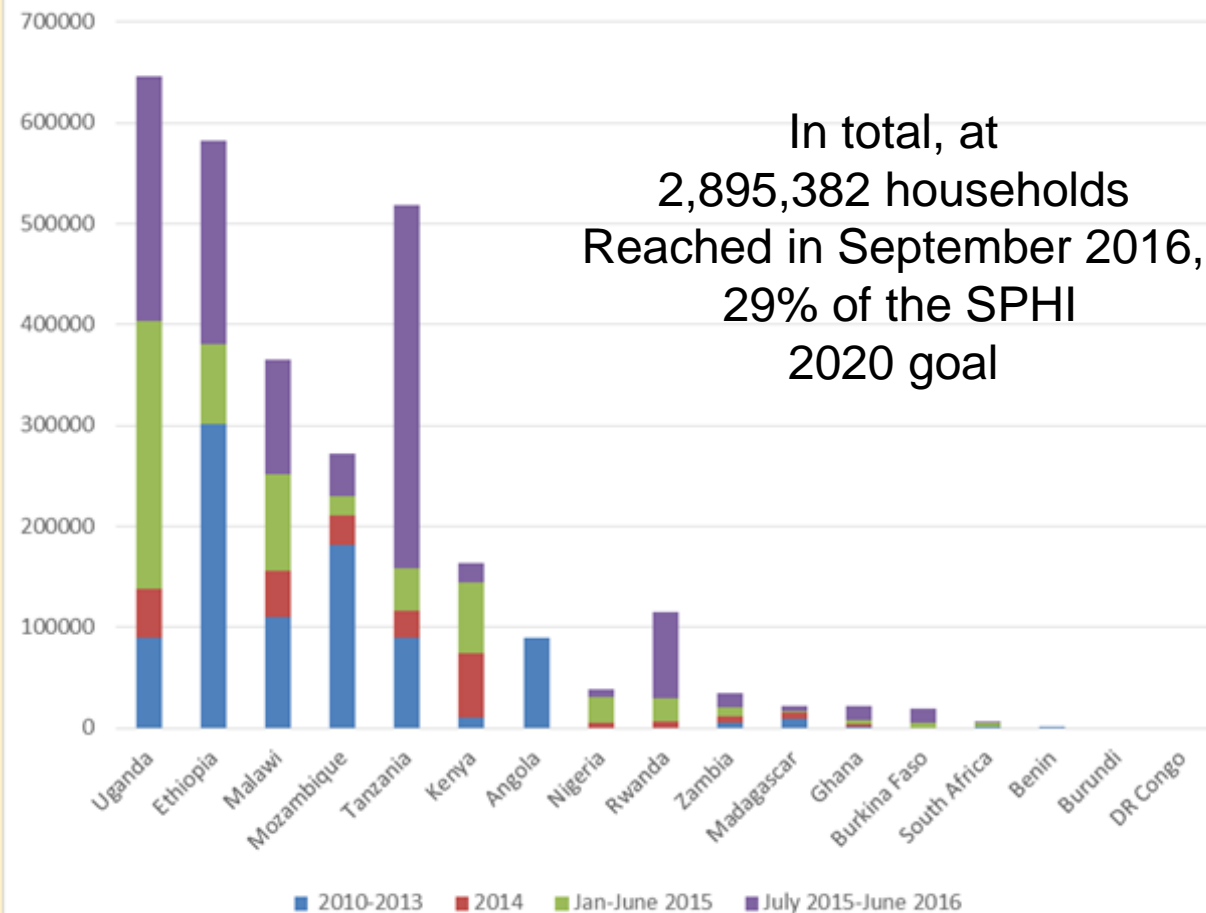


71 participants in session to hear  
Mama SASHA findings & panel on taking  
the model to scale...





# Progress in Reaching Target Beneficiaries



CIP,  
HarvestPlus,  
Helen Keller Int'l,  
Farm Concern Int'l  
led  
projects

# Visits Promoting the Cause..



Kofi and Nane Annan to Ghana in January 2017

Global Panel  
On Nutrition—  
10-11 May 2017  
Nigeria



All-Party Parliamentary Group on  
Agriculture and Food for Development