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Current projects

- **Challenges and Opportunities for Rural Youth Employment in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Mixed-Methods Study to Inform Policy and Programs (IFAD):** A three-year study to strengthen and deepen knowledge of: (1) the employment dynamics of rural young people, and the relationships between these dynamics and welfare; and (2) the socially and spatially differentiated perspectives of rural young people on work, employment and livelihoods. With University of Sussex, CIMMYT, Action Aid and University of Brighton. (to start January 2017)
- **Fragility and youth: (Plan International):** A study on the meaning of ‘fragility’ from the perspective of youth, and how young people participate in formal and informal processes in response to fragility.
- **Young People & Employment (DFID Accountable grant):** A detailed mapping and analysis of intellectual and policy debates around young people and employment as a SDG-relevant development concern.
- **Collaborative Framing Paper on Young People and the MAIZE and WHEAT CRPs (CIMMYT):** Development of a framework to help the MAIZE & WHEAT CRPs to strategize around their engagement with young people and youth-related issues.
- **Matasa Fellows Network (Mastercard Foundation):** Helping build a cohort of young African researchers with the skills and interest to engage in policy oriented research around young people and employment in Africa.
- **Agricultural Policy Research in Africa – APRA (DFID):** Addressing the question: What are the characteristics of the young people for whom the vision of a commercialised, entrepreneurial agriculture might be attractive, and the rural areas in which it might be realistic?

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