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In 2018 the CGIAR Research Programs (CRP) and Platforms, which deliver the shared work of the CGIAR System, continued their efforts to advance agricultural science and innovation to reduce rural poverty, increase food security, improve human health and nutrition, and ensure more sustainable management of natural resources in the face of climate change and other challenges.

This report is the second CGIAR System Annual Performance Report that uses new System-wide results reporting systems. The report’s primary focus is on results and impact, and as part of the reporting process, a thorough quality assurance process was implemented this year to assess the claims made by the CRPs and Platforms.

This year there is extensive evidence presented towards achieving CGIAR’s System Level (SLOs).

This report also presents the results of reporting on the new Common Results Reporting Indicators (CRRIs) introduced in 2017, including data on CGIAR “innovations” (significant products and findings); contributions to national and international policies and investments; the number of people trained by CGIAR; CGIAR partnerships; and peer-reviewed publications.

It also provides information on how CGIAR is working to improve its performance, including achievement of planned milestones; collaboration across CGIAR; the use of funding during the year; and updates on the progress of the three CGIAR Platforms and the activities of the System’s advisory bodies. However, this is framed as a way in which to support the achievement of results and impact, rather than a goal in itself.
CGIAR is a global research partnership for a food-secure future. CGIAR science is dedicated to reducing poverty, enhancing food and nutrition security, and improving natural resources and ecosystem services. Its research is carried out by 15 CGIAR Research Centers in close collaboration with hundreds of partners, including national and regional research institutes, civil society organizations, academia, development organizations and the private sector.

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