

WDR2008: A Research Agenda

What we wish we had known?

Big Gaps-Analytics

Political economy of reforms and expenditures

Protection and subsidy policies

Impacts of democratization and decentralization

Modeling future global food markets

Linking to energy costs, climate change, macro growth

Food prices

Trends, impacts of reforms, productivity impacts, dynamics

Econometric estimates of agricultural growth multipliers

Farm-rural nonfarm links

Sources of agricultural growth

Industrial organization and market power

Who benefits from integrated supply chains?

Big Gaps—Labor Markets and Household Dynamics

Household dynamics

- Livelihood diversification-trends and determinants
- Risk management and vulnerability
- Intra-household decision making/resource use

Market participation and pathways out of poverty

- Including gender effects

Rural labor markets

- Rural employment generation and wages, use of remittances, investment in human capital

The Big Gaps-Policies

Getting beyond comparative statics in trade and market liberalization

- Case studies of winners and loser in a dynamic setting

Payoffs to public expenditures

- Core public goods, subsidies

Global public goods

- Incentives for collective action

Big Gaps-Evaluation

Institutional innovations

- Extension, rural finance, insurance
- Environmental regulation and incentives
- Impacts of RPOs

African smallholder revolution

- What is working where and why? Malawi vs Kenya etc
- Smart subsidies

Hot topics

Biofuels

Energy

Climate change adaptation

Environmental services and mitigation