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[Evaluating potential impacts of COVID-19 using the MIRAGRODEP model](#)

As the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to spread rapidly across the globe, IFPRI researchers have moved swiftly to provide analysis and policy options at the global, regional, and national levels. The [MIRAGRODEP model](#) has been used in several recent [assessments](#) of the global repercussions and impacts on [poverty](#) and [food security](#) of the pandemic.

The [MIRAGRODEP model](#) is available for use by AGRODEP members in [AGRODEP's library of models and toolboxes](#) and has been featured in AGRODEP [training courses](#).

[Four New AGRODEP Working Papers Released](#)

AGRODEP recently released several new papers under the [AGRODEP Working Paper series](#). The papers address African Commitments for Agricultural Development Goals and Milestones in four East African countries including Ethiopia, Malawi, Mozambique, and Rwanda. All four papers were written under the [Program of Accompanying Research for Agricultural Innovation \(PARI\)](#) project. Working papers [No. 43 on Ethiopia](#) and [44 on Rwanda](#) were co-authored by AGRODEP member [Lulit Mitik](#), and Working papers [No. 45 on Malawi](#) and [46 on Mozambique](#) were co-authored by AGRODEP member [Margaret Chitiga](#). All papers were co-authored with [Ismael Fofana](#) and [Mariam Diallo](#), both of IFPRI.

Each paper investigates the progress and effects of working toward SDGs under CAADP and the Malabo Declaration as well as Agenda 2063 goals using Computable General Equilibrium (CGE) modeling and micro-simulation. Each country has made some progress towards these goals but has room for improvement in terms of productivity and advancements in investment strategy.

FEATURED MEMBERS



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