



I interned at M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation in India through the 2013 World Food Prize Borlaug-Ruan Program. I spent my internship researching ways small-holder millet farmers could adapt to climate volatility through a series of interviews with farmers. I also had the opportunity to spend time with Dr. Swaminathan and learn about his “Evergreen Revolution” efforts to increase agricultural sustainability through a pro-poor, pro-women and pro-nature approach. These experiences gave me a deep appreciation for the practical challenge of agricultural development and a broadened perspective.

The relationships I developed during my internship have endured. It has been an honor to visit with Dr. Swaminathan when he travels to Des Moines for the World Food Prize Symposium. I have stayed in contact with my mentor Dr. Ganesh Govindhan and had the opportunity to see Dr. Israel King in Des Moines during the 2018 World Food Prize Symposium. I hope that we can continue to stay connected.

