Food Systems (I)

• One of our larger GCRF portfolios, viewing agriculture, nutrition, and food security as inherently linked to each other

• Highlights the importance of viewing food through the lens of systems, with multiple linkages from farm to table and even beyond to waste and recycling

• Also inherently cross-cutting with all of the other portfolios, with implications for conflict, resilience, urban, and education and health (particularly in the context of nutrition)
Food Systems (II)

• Upcoming research calls in this portfolio include the following, further details will follow in the future:
  – GCRF - Cultures, Behaviours and Histories of Agriculture, Food, and Nutrition
    • Opened on 5th March, closes 16th May
    • Delivered by AHRC and MRC
  – GCRF - A combined Food Systems approach to developing interventions to address the Double Burden of Malnutrition
    • Delivered by BBSRC and will open very soon
Food Systems (III)

• Examples of existing funded projects:
  – Learning from the past: Nubian traditional knowledge and agricultural resilience, crop choices and endangered cultural heritage on how comparisons of present-day and ancient crop choices in Sudan can inform risk management
  – Longitudinal study of Anti Microbial Resistance (AMR) risk behaviour among livestock-keeping communities, exploring the social, behavioural, and environmental factors driving AMR in India and Kenya
  – GeoNutrition – Tackling hidden hunger in sub-Saharan Africa, a framework that addresses agricultural, nutritional, and health concerns and designed to enhance micronutrients in sub-Saharan Africa, adding value to the Africa Soils Information Service programme.
Cultures, Behaviours and Histories of Agriculture, Food, and Nutrition

• Thinking creatively – inspired by reflections of how the experience of famine has influenced national policy but can be so much more than that

• An interdisciplinary blend of concerns are key here, as food systems are tackled best by thinking across sectors