



## **Shaun Ferris**

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Over the past 30 years, Shaun has spent 16 years with the Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research and the past 10 years with Catholic Relief Services. During this time, Shaun, has also worked with several major agencies on short and longer-term projects including USAID, World Bank, USDA, CTA, FAO, GFRAS, UNCTAD, DFID, IFAD and various country programs and projects.

In his current position, Shaun focuses on supporting smallholder farmers along their pathway to prosperity, as part of CRS's Program Area for Agriculture and Livelihoods. His work focuses on building the agripreneurial capacity of farmers, farmer groups and last mile field agents and enabling them to generate more value at the farm and value chain levels through skills acquisition, use of digital technology, improving market linkage and trading relationships. Shaun is currently working with a cross-agency team on generating agro-enterprise content for cloud based distance learning systems and creating farmer facing business tools using ICT solutions. Shaun holds a Bachelor's in Horticultural Science from Reading University, a Master's in Tropical Agriculture from Nottingham University and a PhD in Plant Physiology from Cranfield University.