Powering Agriculture plans to implement the following major activities over the next financial year of October 2017 to September 2018

- **Powering Agriculture Accelerator (PAX) Workshop**: Powering Agriculture will hold the Powering Agriculture Xcelerator (PAX) workshop for the Innovators in Kenya in January 2018. The PAX workshop is an opportunity for the Powering Agriculture awardees to come together as an innovation community. The goal is to utilize the contractors for PASTO and PAX as well as external facilitators to address innovator challenges in order to prevent them from becoming barriers to success. The four-day workshop will be immersive and intense, with the emphasis on active team participation. Topics will include: end-user and customer finance; enabling environment and regulatory issues; raising capital; early-stage investment overview; valuation; founderhood, management, and leadership.

- **SPIS**: Anchoring of Toolbox with respective training institutions through a series of training and training of the trainers. Additional new modules are in the planning stages and include Irrigation, Market Analysis for SPIS, and Financing Models. An International Forum on Solar Energy Technologies for Small-Scale Agriculture is planned to be conducted by the FAO during March 2018. The Toolbox on SPIS will be officially launched at this event.

- **EE in Tea**: Building on the experiences gained from the Kenyan tea sector, Powering Agriculture and ETP are assessing possibilities for similar interventions in the Rwandese and Malawian tea sector. Among other activities, it is planned to deploy the training material developed and adapt it to local circumstances. Reaching for global
upscale, Powering Agriculture and ETP are currently assessing the energy saving potential in tea factories in China, India, Sri Lanka and Indonesia.

- **Financing Facility**: Powering Agriculture has been advancing the goal of establishing a public-private partnership to mobilize financing for the clean energy-ag nexus. Potential partners have been identified and it is anticipated that an award will be made under USAID’s Global Development Alliance process in FY18.

- Publication in December 2017 of “Solar Powered Irrigation Systems (SPIS). Technology. Economy. Impact.” which presents the state of the art of SPIS.