



OVERVIEW

Feed the Future, the U.S. Government's global hunger and food security initiative, supports country-driven approaches to address the root causes of hunger and poverty. Through this Presidential initiative, the United States is helping countries transform their own agricultural sectors to grow enough food to sustainably feed their people. This way, valuable food aid can be used for unforeseen catastrophes rather than for chronic food insecurity or predictable cycles of drought or flooding.



In response to the global food crisis in 2007-2008, the U.S. Government took swift action by providing more than \$1.5 billion in food and development assistance to meet immediate humanitarian needs and stimulate agricultural productivity in developing countries hit hard by food price increases. These investments served as the foundation for Feed the Future, a pledge to work with partner countries, development partners, and other stakeholders to tackle global food security challenges. Reflecting the values of the American people, President Obama announced the initiative at the 2009 G8 Summit in L'Aquila, Italy, where global leaders committed to “act with the scale and urgency needed to achieve sustainable global food security.”

Feed the Future, led by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), leverages the strengths of agencies across the U.S. Government, including the State Department, Peace Corps, Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), the Treasury Department, U.S. Trade Representative, Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC), the U.S. African Development Foundation, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

DID YOU KNOW?

- Almost **one billion people** – more than one-seventh of the world – suffer from chronic hunger.
- The world's population is projected to increase to more than **nine billion** by 2050, requiring up to a **70% increase** in agricultural production.
- Research shows that agricultural growth is **at least twice** as effective in reducing poverty than growth in other sectors.

"..the United States is leading an effort to reach out to people around the world who are suffering, to provide them immediate assistance and to extend support for food security that will help them lift themselves out of poverty. All of us must join together in this effort, not just because it is right, but because by providing assistance to those countries most in need, we will provide new markets, we will drive the growth of the future that lifts all of us up."

— President Barack Obama
Town Hall meeting in Strasbourg, France, April 2009

Results

Over the next five years, Feed the Future aims to:

- Assist 18 million vulnerable women, children, and family members – mostly smallholder farmers – to escape hunger and poverty.
- Reach 7 million children with highly effective nutrition interventions to prevent stunting and child mortality.
- Generate \$2.8 billion in agricultural GDP in target regions through research and development activities.

LOOKING FORWARD

Feed the Future will catalyze broad-based economic growth while reducing hunger and poverty by:

- Investing in the transformation of agricultural systems and nutritional outcomes in 20 focus countries by supporting **country-owned** plans for results-based programs and partnerships while promoting transparency, democracy, and good governance.
- Promoting **economic growth** through improved linkages along the entire value chain – from farm to market – by improving connections to local, regional, and global markets, promoting sustainable intensification, and supporting an enabling environment for agricultural trade to minimize the impact of food price hikes.
- Strengthening **strategic coordination** to mobilize and align the resources of diverse partners and stakeholders – including the private sector, civil society, and multilateral institutions.
- Ensuring an **integrated approach** that accelerates inclusive agriculture-led growth, reduces undernutrition, and increases the impact of humanitarian food assistance.
- Delivering on sustained and **accountable** commitments through robust monitoring and evaluation systems.