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Over 40,000 Nigerian Households to Benefit from U.S. Development Initiative

Sokoto – Today, the U.S. government, through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), launched a five-year, \$20 million project that will improve local economic development and increase the incomes of 42,000 households, contributing to President Obama’s Feed the Future Initiative to end global hunger and extreme poverty. Working with six Nigerian civil society organizations, the Support to Vulnerable Household Accelerated Revenue Earnings (SHARE) program aims to increase agricultural productivity, elevate income and wealth, reduce poverty, and improve nutrition habits in several communities for the benefit of women and children. The project will provide Nigerians with the skills to engage effectively in the local economy and break free from the cycle of poverty and malnutrition.

During a ceremony in Sokoto State to inaugurate the program, U.S. Embassy Deputy Chief of Mission Maria Brewer promoted a strong U.S.-Nigeria partnership. “Government plays an important role in building prosperous communities and thriving households. This work creates a long-lasting impact by setting the foundation needed to support Nigeria’s continued development,” said Mrs. Brewer.

SHARE will benefit the two northern Nigerian states of Sokoto and Kebbi as well as the Federal Capital Territory. Catholic Relief Services Nigeria, Mercy Corps, Catholic Caritas Foundation of Nigeria, and the Federation of Muslim Women’s Associations of Nigeria will implement the activities.

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