

### Did You Know?

World leaders in agriculture and food security convene this week in Des Moines, Iowa for the 2012 World Food Prize!



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[Read a message](#) from U.S. President Barack Obama recognizing World Food Day.

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### FOCUS ON FOOD SECURITY: WORLD FOOD DAY 2012

Every year on October 16, the international community unites around World Food Day to increase awareness about global hunger. Through Feed the Future, the U.S. Government is working with partners across sectors and around the world to increase global food security. With a focus on smallholder farmers, particularly women, Feed the Future is [encouraging private sector investment](#); collaborating with host governments, communities, and civil society to [develop and disseminate cutting-edge technological innovations](#) in agriculture; and ensuring that our efforts [improve nutrition for children](#). By working with developing countries to improve their own agriculture sectors, Feed the Future generates economic growth and promotes global security.



In Ghana, the Lolandi Women's Cooperative buys, processes, and exports rice, increasing market opportunities for its members. *Credit: Alda Kauffeld/USAID Ghana*

This year, World Food Day recognizes the [important role of agricultural cooperatives](#) in improving food security and contributing to the eradication of hunger. Cooperatives and producer organizations can help smallholder farmers to better and more sustainably feed themselves and their families by generating employment, increasing access to agricultural services and inputs, and expanding market linkages. They also enable members to participate in economic decision-making processes, building the capacity of communities to overcome challenges to food security.

*Learn more about Feed the Future's support for cooperatives and producers' associations in [Malawi](#), [Uganda](#), and [Haiti](#).*

### COMING SOON: FEED THE FUTURE PROGRESS REPORT

By marshaling resources for food security and by improving the way we do development, Feed the Future is already making a difference in people's lives. This week, the U.S. Government will unveil the first Feed the Future Progress Report, highlighting the progress achieved by Feed the Future from May 2009 through May 2012. [Visit FeedtheFuture.gov](#) and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for the latest updates on the success to date of the U.S. Government's global hunger and food security initiative.