



# Women Feed the Future



Agriculture is a unique catalyst for economically empowering women, especially in developing countries where women represent nearly half of the agricultural labor force. Empowered women are key to solving hunger—that's why Feed the Future helps women overcome barriers so they can reach their full economic potential.

With a more level playing field, female farmers could:



increase their yields by **20 to 30 percent**

&



feed **150 million** more people.

## THE CHALLENGE

Women in agriculture often lack access to the same critical resources that male farmers have, such as:



Financial services, like credit and bank accounts



Access to inputs like land, seeds and equipment



Mobile phones and internet access

## OUR SOLUTION

By empowering women economically through agriculture, Feed the Future helps them transform their lives and communities.



**4.5 million** women applied improved technologies and management practices in 2017 alone with help from Feed the Future



**\$1 billion+** in agricultural and rural loans for women and their businesses has been unlocked by Feed the Future since 2014



**400,000+** women farmers and women-owned businesses have gained access to credit every year since 2014 thanks to Feed the Future

## OUR IMPACT

Women's empowerment is on the rise where Feed the Future works, providing a cascade of benefits.



**3.7 million** more women had input into farming decisions  
↑ 9% INCREASE FROM 2012 TO 2015



**3.3 million** more women had reasonable workloads  
↑ 22% INCREASE FROM 2012 TO 2015



**2.6 million** more women gained access to credit  
↑ 18% INCREASE FROM 2012 TO 2015



**7.5 million** more women are living in households that are not poor since Feed the Future began



**8.2 million** more women are living in households that are not hungry since Feed the Future began



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