

## RESOURCE GUIDE

### FEED THE FUTURE FALL/WINTER 2014

For generations, the United States has been a leader in providing development assistance across the globe to alleviate suffering and build shared progress and prosperity. But global food price spikes and resulting instability in 2007 and 2008 were a wake-up call: More needed to be done to break the vicious cycle of hunger and poverty.

The answer: Unlock the potential of agriculture as the key to reducing hunger, extreme poverty, and malnutrition through a movement that became Feed the Future.

Founded in support of country-led efforts and deep partnership, Feed the Future focuses on smallholder farmers, particularly women, to support countries around the world in developing their own agriculture sectors to generate opportunities for economic growth and trade to reduce poverty and hunger.

In just a few years, Feed the Future is already delivering results that are helping reduce poverty and hunger while also improving nutrition for millions of children and families around the world.

By continuing to work together with our partners, we believe we can change the face of poverty and hunger, building a world of shared progress and prosperity for millions of smallholder farmers, their families, and generations to come.

Join us this holiday season to lend your voice to the (winnable!) fight to end hunger, poverty and undernutrition around the world.

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### Mark Your Calendars

- Feed the Future Recipe Contest (Nov. 5-18)

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#### CAMPAIGNS

November 5-18

Join the Feed the Future recipe contest this Thanksgiving to share your best sweet potato recipe and spread the word that hunger is a solvable problem—and one we're making progress on ending!

Details:

<http://1.usa.gov/1Ar90mp>

#### WEB RESOURCES

<http://1.usa.gov/1zyYlzd>  
(Sustaining Progress)

<http://1.usa.gov/1tIsz5b>  
(Feed the Future Progress)

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- Second International Conference on Nutrition (Nov. 19-21)
- Universal Children's Day (Nov. 20)
- Thanksgiving (Nov. 27)

## Related Content

- Web Pages
  - Sustaining Feed the Future Progress (<http://1.usa.gov/1zyYlzd>)
  - Feed the Future Recipe Contest: Sweet Potatoes (<http://1.usa.gov/1Ar90mp>)
  - Accelerating Progress to End Global Hunger (<http://go.usa.gov/8Dnj>)
  - Feed the Future Innovation Labs (<http://go.usa.gov/8WC9>)
- Blog Posts
  - 10 Reasons We're Sweet on Sweet Potatoes and Why You Should Be Too! (<http://1.usa.gov/101JcNK>)
  - Blog Post: Investing in Agriculture: It Makes Dollars and Sense (<http://1.usa.gov/1vMkRqS>)
  - Blog Post: 10 Ways America is Helping Feed the World (<http://go.usa.gov/8ZWd>)
- Fact Sheets and Press Releases
  - U.S. Government Announces Child Stunting Rates Drop in Ethiopia, Maize Yields Increase in Zambia (<http://1.usa.gov/1wALiQM>)
  - U.S. Government Initiative Reduces Hunger and Poverty for Millions (<http://go.usa.gov/w45B>)
  - Global Leaders Praise Feed the Future Progress (<http://1.usa.gov/1xh0cMj>)
- Videos:
  - Accelerating Progress to End Global Hunger [http://youtu.be/t\\_98FYQBE4A](http://youtu.be/t_98FYQBE4A)
  - Leaders Agree: Feed the Future is Working [http://youtu.be/yqDE\\_0GklRs](http://youtu.be/yqDE_0GklRs)
  - Why Food Security? <http://youtu.be/PSR-qLPnYUg>
- Infographics:
  - How to Feed the Future <http://go.usa.gov/jBbk>
  - Shareable facts & results graphics: <https://flic.kr/s/aHsk69xeAn>
- Success Stories: <http://feedthefuture.gov/country/related-news>

## Achieving Results

With an emphasis on supporting smallholder farmers to strengthen global food security and nutrition, Feed the Future is building on early success to drive real change at a large scale.

**WORLDWIDE:** Last year, Feed the Future helped more than 7 million smallholder farmers access new tools and technologies to help them improve yields and boost incomes. Feed the Future also reached 12.5 million children with nutrition interventions.

**ZAMBIA:** Feed the Future played a key role in the record maize harvest for the 2013/14 cropping season (3.4 million metric tons – a 32 percent increase over the previous year's total) through policy advocacy and by helping smallholder farmers access agricultural inputs such as improved seeds and fertilizers through private sector providers.

**ETHIOPIA:** Feed the Future and its partners are making progress toward achieving real reductions in stunting in Ethiopia. A recent nationwide survey shows stunting rates declined by over 9 percent over the past three years, even as the population grew, resulting in 160,000 fewer stunted children.

**HONDURAS:** More than 4,300 families are now well above the \$1.25-per-day poverty line, thanks in part to Feed the Future's efforts, which increased horticulture sales by 125 percent last year.

**BANGLADESH:** Feed the Future reached 3.3 million smallholder farmers with improved seed, fertilizer and farm management practices, helping farmers increase rice yields by as much as 20 percent and creating additional rice sales of \$25 million.

**SENEGAL:** Feed the Future introduced a new breed of high-yielding, high-protein rice that helps smallholder farmers triple yields in a single year.

**TANZANIA:** Feed the Future helped increase horticulture yields by 44 percent and rice yields by more than 50 percent among farmers the initiative assisted, helping the Government of Tanzania in its efforts to turn the nation's fertile south into a breadbasket.

## **An Urgent Need**

More than 800 million people suffer from chronic hunger around the world. Much of this hunger is rooted in poverty.

A healthy, productive life requires adequate nutrition. Yet millions of people around the world are undernourished, stunting the growth of both children and economies.

Poverty and hunger go hand in hand. Many of the world's poor live in rural areas and rely on agriculture for a living. The right tools and support can help them escape hunger and poverty.

Growth in agriculture is one of the best ways to spur the kind of economic growth that reduces poverty.

Long-term food security is essential to combating poverty in developing countries.

The right nutrition early in life can have a profound impact on a child's health and ability to grow and learn. Undernutrition currently contributes to nearly half of young child deaths.

When moms are well nourished, they are more likely to have healthy, nourished newborn babies.

Women are the world's primary food producers. If they had the same access to agricultural tools and resources as men, they could increase farm yields enough to feed 150 million more people.

By 2050, the world will need to increase agricultural production by at least 60 percent to feed a projected 9 billion people in the world.

The ongoing Ebola crisis emphasizes the urgent need to secure progress toward eliminating extreme poverty and chronic hunger, which are key drivers of such crises. Poverty can allow a single case to become an outbreak and turn an outbreak into an epidemic.

Reducing poverty and hunger has a cascade of benefits, including strengthening health and helping people reach their full potential.