

## FEED THE FUTURE

### Feed the Future Puts America's Engine of Opportunity and Ingenuity to Work Abroad

Feed the Future is America's initiative to combat global hunger and poverty. The initiative works to give families and communities in some of the world's poorest countries the freedom and opportunity to lift themselves out of destitution.

By equipping people with the knowledge and tools to feed themselves, we are addressing the root causes of poverty and hunger, helping people end their reliance on aid, and creating important opportunities for a new generation of young people, while building a more stable world.

Recognizing that this is a big task, we have brought together the talents and resources of a wide range of partners. Feed the Future is backed by the efforts of 11 U.S. departments and agencies, partner governments from around the world, global organizations, and leading American businesses, non-profits, universities, and research institutions.

### We Are Maximizing the Bang for Our Buck Through Partnerships

Together, we are using the best parts of American leadership, entrepreneurship, research, technology, and talent to help some of the world's poorest countries and communities harness the power of agriculture and entrepreneurship to jumpstart their economies and create new opportunities for people at every level of their societies.

We do this by:

- Engaging the **private sector** to strengthen markets, scale important technologies, and drive sustainable private sector-led economic growth;
- Using our influence and technical expertise to help **partner governments** update policies and allocate their national resources in ways that will have even greater impact;
- Giving our **local partners** the tools and knowledge they need to create long-term, locally-led change in their communities;
- Supporting **researchers** in the United States and abroad to develop new approaches, tools, and technologies to boost productivity, combat emerging threats, and guide strategic investments; and
- Connecting **American companies, universities, farmers, ranchers, and NGOs** to global networks to share our American legacy of agricultural ingenuity and reap the benefits.

Our leadership and progress, made through a relatively small investment, has rallied thousands of partners to back our cause to combat hunger and poverty. Through our work, we have leveraged billions of dollars in additional investments from our partners to make a real difference in people's lives.

### We Are Protecting American Interests and Dollars by Reducing Global Hunger and Poverty

Our work is important for three big reasons.

*First, Feed the Future's efforts are critical to our national security.*

We have seen, and evidence has concluded, that where hunger and poverty persist, instability and resentment grow. This was true in 2007 and 2008 when food prices hit record highs and protests broke out around the world, and it remains true today.

Hungry people often become angry people. Underemployment can lead to unrest and migration. We are working to directly combat both of these by building countries and communities that help people, particularly youth, create and find meaningful work near home and sustainably feed themselves and their families.

*Second, alleviating global hunger and poverty is a moral imperative and part of who we are as Americans.*

Around the world, chronic hunger strips nearly one billion people of the ability to stand on their own two feet and make a life for themselves and their families. Feed the Future has been embraced widely by U.S. faith leaders, faith-based organizations, and a strong faith-based grassroots community across the United States because addressing poverty and hunger is the right thing to do, and Feed the Future does it in an accountable and effective way, while protecting American investments.

With a small fraction of the international affairs budget, which is itself only one percent of the U.S. budget, we are expanding opportunity for millions of people, empowering women and girls, and ensuring that growth reaches all people, leaving nobody behind.

*Third, our work isn't just charity. Feed the Future's investments abroad have real and important returns right here at home.*

Our goal is to be an accelerator of growth that helps entrepreneurs create wealth and opportunity in their communities. When successful, incomes rise and links to the American economy are strengthened. This means new customers for American goods and new opportunities for American companies, farmers, and ranchers. Our work has directly helped U.S. companies and entrepreneurs make connections and expand into new markets abroad, increase foreign demand for American products, and launch startups that target customers in the areas where we work.

We are also seeing our investments in research protect the livelihoods of farmers and ranchers in the United States. As diseases threatening foreign crops and livestock make their way to our shores, American farmers and ranchers benefit from the work of Feed the Future researchers who are already finding and deploying new ways to fight them.

At every level of our work, whether creating enabling environments for trade, reducing barriers to investment and finance, or boosting productivity, we are seeing indirect benefits flow to the American public.

### **We Are Not Just Talking about Making a Difference, We Are Actually Doing It.**

Since 2010, Feed the Future has shown that progress in combatting hunger and poverty is possible.

Among other important achievements, we have helped create nearly 5,000 new public-private partnerships, leveraged more than \$600 million in private sector capital investment, helped farmers generate more than \$800 million in new agricultural sales, and helped reduce poverty and malnutrition by up to one-third in some of the areas where we work.

These results and Feed the Future's critical contributions to our economic, security and leadership interests has garnered broad bipartisan support, which culminated in the enactment of the Global Food Security Act of 2016—the most significant piece of development legislation in over a decade. With sustained support for this American initiative to combat hunger and poverty, we can continue to make important gains and advance American priorities both at home and abroad.

