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the U.S. government's global hunger and food security initiative

FACT SHEET: FY 2012 BUDGET

The President's FY 2012 Budget requests \$1.558 billion in Feed the Future funding including \$150 million for nutrition activities.

Results

The FY2012 request provides a critical contribution for Feed the Future to reach:

18 million. The number of vulnerable women, children, and family members – mostly smallholder farmers – assisted in escaping hunger and poverty.

7 million. The number of undernourished children reached with highly effective nutrition interventions to prevent stunting and child mortality.

\$2.8 billion. The amount generated in agricultural GDP in our target regions through research and development activities.

\$70 million. The amount leveraged in private investment for agriculture.

Why

We live in a world in which:

- Almost one billion people – nearly one-sixth of the world's population – suffer from chronic hunger. Each year, more than **3.5 million** children die from undernutrition.
 - By 2050, the world's population is projected to increase by **38%** to more than 9 billion.
 - Hunger robs the poor of a healthy and productive life and stunts the mental and physical development of the next generation.
 - Undernutrition costs developing countries up to **3%** of their annual gross domestic product and places individuals at risk of losing more than 10 percent of their lifetime earning potential.
 - **2/3** of multinational company profits are expected to come from the developing world in 10 years. U.S. businesses will benefit from increased exports to growing economies in the developing world, increasing the number of U.S. jobs.
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Now

The U.S. Government is more focused on food security today than it has been since the Green Revolution of the 1960s.

- Global Hunger, poverty, and food insecurity threaten our national prosperity, stability, and security.
- Prices for many commodities have been increasing over the past six months. Rising food prices can push millions into hunger and poverty.
- We are helping countries develop their own agricultural sectors and fostering regional trade. This means our valuable food aid can be used for unforeseen catastrophes, rather than chronic food insecurity and predictable cycles of drought or flooding.
- Without more than doubling our food production, we run the risk of leaving a hungrier, poorer and more unstable world to our children.
- GDP growth from agriculture is 2-3 times more effective at fighting poverty than generalized growth.



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"...the United States is leading an effort to reach out to people around the world who are suffering to provide them immediate assistance and to extend support for food security that will help them lift themselves out of poverty. All of us must join together in this effort, not just because it is right, but because by providing assistance to those countries most in need, we will provide new markets, we will drive the growth of the future that lifts all of us up."

— *President Barack Obama*

How

Feed the Future will sustainably reduce hunger and poverty. This whole-of-government effort:

- Invests in **country-owned** plans that support results-based programs and partnerships while promoting transparency, democracy, and good governance.
- Promotes **economic growth** from farmer to market; improves linkages to local, regional, and global markets; supports an enabling environment for agricultural trade that minimizes food price hikes.
- Strengthens **strategic coordination** to mobilize and align the resources of the diverse partners and stakeholders – including the private sector and civil society.
- Ensures a **comprehensive approach** that accelerates inclusive agricultural-led growth, reduces undernutrition, and increases the impact of humanitarian food assistance.
- **Leverages** benefits of multilateral institutions.
- Delivers on sustained and **accountable** commitments.

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