



Feed the Future Country Fact Sheet

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Growing Momentum on Improving Nutrition



Photo by Teena Curry

Around the world, momentum is building around improving global nutrition. This June, a variety of events will highlight why nutrition matters, especially for food security.

Nutrition is at the center of many of Feed the Future's development efforts. It's also at the heart of our work to help end global hunger and extreme poverty: Reducing undernutrition is one of Feed the Future's topline objectives.

Nutrition is the defining link between agriculture and health, and is fundamental to human development and economic growth. Advancing nutrition is critical to ensuring resilient communities and global prosperity so that we can achieve President Obama's vision of eradicating extreme poverty in two decades. As Feed the Future works to strengthen the links in the chain from farms to markets to tables, we're integrating nutrition along the way.

Join the discussion on nutrition this month and help build global momentum toward improving it. Let us know **why nutrition matters to you** on Twitter using the hashtag #GHmatters or on [Facebook](#). Check this page throughout the week for more updates and resources.

Together, we can ensure a nutritious future for all.

Nutrition Facts

- One in four children under 5 years old worldwide is stunted.
- Approximately 11 percent of GDP in Africa and Asia is lost to undernutrition every year.
- Improved nutrition is a critical driver for economic growth and poverty reduction.
- Chronic malnutrition accounts for 45 percent of preventable child death. ([updated stat](#))
- High-quality, high-nutrition foods during the first 1,000 days of life can make all the difference.

Events

- June 3: [Google Hangout](#) on nutrition
- June 8: [Nutrition 4 Growth \(Livestream\)](#)
- June 10: [The Next 1,000 Days \(Livestream\)](#)
- June 13: U.S. launch of new [The Lancet Series on Maternal and Child Undernutrition](#)

Announcements

- [U.S. signs Global Nutrition for Growth Compact](#)
- [Global Open Data Initiative for Agriculture and Nutrition](#)
- [USAID Administrator Shah Outlines Global Nutrition Commitments, Partnerships and Progress](#)
- [Remarks by USAID Administrator Shah at June 10 conference](#)
- [1,000 Days Partnership Progress Report](#)

Nutrition Resources

- [Nutrition page on USAID.gov](#)
- [Feed the Future Newsletter: Improving Nutrition](#)
- [Feed the Future nutrition photos](#)
- [Scaling Up Nutrition website](#)
- [Spreading the Message on Good Nutrition through Song](#)

Blogs

- [Maryan's Milk Mustache](#)
- [Building a More Nutritious Future for All](#)
- [Winning the Battle Against Undernutrition and Stunting](#)
- [Change a Life, Change the Future](#)
- [Filling the Bellies of Hungry Kids](#)
- [Keeping Global Nutrition on the Table](#)
- [It's the Silent Killer: Undernutrition](#)
- [Join the 'Data Revolution', Help Lay the Groundwork for Sustainable Agriculture](#)