



Feed the Future Country Fact Sheet

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A Quick Guide to Feed the Future's New Progress Report



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We recently published our second progress report, highlighting results our modern approach to development achieved in fiscal year 2012.

You'll probably want to [peruse the entire report](#) to get the full experience. But for now, here it is in five brief points.

1. Feed the Future was born of the belief that global hunger is solvable. And it is! We have the tools, knowledge and technology today to end it. Hunger and poverty are inextricably linked, so we support countries in achieving their own objectives to tackle extreme poverty by the roots. And we integrate agriculture and nutrition programs to save lives and promote [better nutrition](#) while boosting economic growth. We're implementing a modern, rigorous approach; identifying and making transformative, proven [technologies](#) more accessible to more smallholder farmers; promoting favorable policy environments; supporting open and transparent access to [data](#); and embracing innovative partnerships to build resilience and improve food security and nutrition, from farms to markets to tables.

2. Our efforts are paying off. Feed the Future is focused and selective about where we work to strengthen our impact. We're working to accelerate positive trends in poverty and stunting reduction in these focus countries. Last year, we reached 9 million households, 12 million children, and 7.5 million farmers. We also helped increase sales for smallholder farmers by \$100 million. You'll have to [read our report](#) to get more specifics, but improved nutrition, the use of practices that support local capacity, [women's empowerment](#), and economic growth are translating into clear returns on investment.

3. Our partners are also rising to the challenge. We forged more than 660 [public-private partnerships](#) last year, catalyzing the private sector to invest more than \$115 million in agriculture. Through the [New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition](#), more than 70 African and global companies have pledged to invest more than \$3.75 billion so far. U.S.-based [nongovernmental organizations](#) pledged to invest more than \$1 billion in private funding in support of food security and nutrition too. As part of the New Alliance, African countries are embracing policy reforms and better transparency and building investor confidence. Many of our focus countries have put more resources toward agricultural development, signaling its prominence as a national priority. That's not all—we also work with the [research](#) community and others to develop local capacity and maximize our impact.

4. We've come a long way in a short time. President Obama's pledge to support global food security at the G8 Summit just four years ago set the foundation for Feed the Future. World leaders joined him in increasing investments in agriculture to help ensure that a growing global population, facing challenges like climate change, can sustainably grow and access nutritious foods. Since then, our 19 focus countries have finalized national food security plans and begun to execute on

priorities to reduce poverty and hunger and improve nutrition. The New Alliance, launched just a year ago, has grown from three member countries to nine (and counting), with partners from local-level and multinational companies committed to responsible agricultural investment.

5. We need to keep the effort up. There are still almost 870 million hungry people in the world. President Obama [challenged](#) us all to end extreme poverty in the next two decades. To meet these challenges, we're learning what works best in agricultural development and holding ourselves accountable to do more, more efficiently. The U.S. Government is committed to this, but we can't do it alone. Beating hunger, poverty and undernutrition takes leadership and collective action, not just resources. Countries must take ownership and take on accountability, and we must work alongside our partners, including civil society and the private sector, in support of a common vision of shared progress and prosperity. Feed the Future and the New Alliance embody this approach. We'll continue to improve the effectiveness of our efforts, pioneering this [new model of development](#) that focuses on results, evidence and innovation to solve some of the greatest, and yet surmountable, challenges of our time.

We encourage you to [read the report](#) for detailed information. We even have a [scorecard](#) to track results and how we're changing the way we work to be more effective. Take a look and let us know what you think. Click over to [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to share your reactions.

*While you're at it, let us know what you're doing to help feed the future too. Just add the hashtag **#FeedtheFuture** to your social media post.*