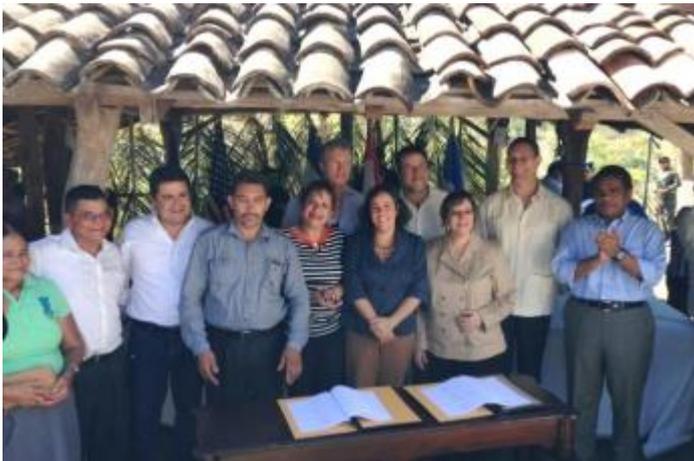




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Aligning to Reduce Poverty and Stunting in Honduras: Newly Elected President Launches Multi-Donor Food Security Initiative on First Day in Office



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Signing ceremony for the Dry Corridor Alliance

Newly elected President Juan Orlando Hernandez signed an agreement on January 28 establishing the *Alianza para el Corredor Seco*, or Dry Corridor Alliance, a multi-donor and Government of Honduras initiative for the sustainable development of the southwest border area in Honduras.

With an estimated value of \$130 million, the Alliance aims to lift 50,000 families out of extreme poverty, reduce stunting of children under five by 20 percent and improve more than 280 kilometers of rural roads, providing market access to thousands. The signing ceremony took place on the first full day of Hernandez's presidency, in a community in the Dry Corridor area that is benefiting from Feed the Future assistance.

In Central America, the Dry Corridor is a drought-prone region with highly variable climatic conditions spanning parts of four different countries, including the southern and western border of Honduras. This area, which overlaps in part six departments of Honduras where Feed the Future's work is concentrated, is one of the most impoverished and chronically undernourished in the country. The Government of Honduras estimates that a staggering 92 percent of Honduran people living in the Dry Corridor earn incomes below the national extreme poverty line and more than half of the children under five years of age suffer from stunting.

Under Feed the Future, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) worked with the Government of Honduras over many months to prepare Honduras' proposal to the multilateral [Global Agriculture and Food Security Program](#) (GAFSP), which awarded Honduras \$30 million to implement the Dry Corridor Alliance in September 2013. The Millennium Challenge Account-Honduras (the Government of Honduras' legacy institution once responsible for the implementation of the country's [Millennium Challenge Corporation Compact](#)) will manage a major portion of the funds for the Alliance.

Over the next five years, USAID will contribute \$24 million under Feed the Future to increase incomes and reduce stunting for the extremely poor living in those parts of the Dry Corridor that overlap with Feed the Future's focus areas. In addition to the U.S. Government, the World Bank, the Central American Bank for Economic Integration, the European Union and the Government of Canada are also participating in the Dry Corridor Alliance.

By aligning the resources and expertise of a wide range of stakeholders, the Dry Corridor Alliance is well-positioned to achieve impact for some of Honduras' most vulnerable people and to scale up proven approaches and technologies implemented under Feed the Future.