



Feed the Future Country Fact Sheet

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Feed the Future at Financing for Development



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As the Millennium Development Goals reach their conclusion, work is already underway on a new shared vision of sustainable development for the next 15 years. It's exciting to think what we can collectively achieve by 2030: A world where no child goes to bed hungry and every person has the opportunity to prosper and thrive.

Delivering on this new global agenda requires effective models of partnership that involve all nations and sectors, much like the one that the U.S. Government's Feed the Future initiative is advancing to support meaningful impact against hunger, poverty and malnutrition.

On July 15, 2015, the U.S. Government and the African Union Commission will host an event titled "Leadership and Partnership to Achieve Global Food Security" to explore proven approaches for mobilizing investment to unlock the transformative potential of agriculture to sustainably reduce global hunger and poverty worldwide.

The event takes place around the third [International Conference on Financing for Development](#) in Ethiopia this July. It is one of three major multilateral development events in 2015, along with the [Sustainable Development Goals Summit](#) in September and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change's [Conference of the Parties](#) in December.

Financing for Development gathers high-level political representatives and stakeholders from the public, private and nongovernmental sectors to define an approach for mobilizing financial resources for sustainable development.

Event Agenda

The U.S. Government and the African Union Commission are hosting a special Financing for Development side event to highlight how comprehensive, country-led approaches to boosting food security and nutrition, spurred by the African Union's Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Program and driven to broader scale through leadership and partnership

supported by Feed the Future, are working across Africa and on other continents.

This July 15 event is only open to registered guests of Financing for Development. If you aren't able to attend, please follow Feed the Future online for updates. You'll find more information in the sections below.

Panel Discussions

The first panel will feature a discussion of food security efforts in Africa, including the CAADP model and how it has set the foundation for better engagement of African governments and the private sector. Speakers will also address the importance of civil society engagement in this model.

Speakers include:

- John Graham, Save the Children (Moderator)
- Rhoda Peace Tumusiime, African Union Commission
- Khalid Bomba, Ethiopian Agricultural Transformation Agency
- Hassan Bashir, Takaful Insurance
- Lindiwe Majele Sibanda, Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network

During the second panel, speakers will discuss how specific food security efforts are contributing to reductions in poverty and hunger and why a model of robust, effective partnership, built around country-owned priorities and common goals, is critical to sustainable aid and development.

Speakers include:

- John Graham, Save the Children (Moderator)
- Carlos Raúl Morales, Guatemalan Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Josefina Stubbs, International Fund for Agricultural Development
- Rahul Amin Talukder, Bangladeshi Ministry of Food
- James Mwangi, Equity Group Holdings Limited
- Richard Greene, U.S. Agency for International Development

Additional remarks and presentations during the event will highlight how effective partnerships are good for governments, businesses, families and communities over the long term.

Speakers and presenters include:

- Alfonso Lenhardt, U.S. Agency for International Development
- Erastus Mwencha, African Union Commission
- James Makini, One Hen Campaign Project and Young Africa Leaders Initiative
- Patricia Haslach, U.S. Department of State

Fact Sheets & Announcements

Browse below for links to food security updates from the conference. Check back for additions!

- [Acting USAID Administrator Lenhardt Travels to Ethiopia for Financing for Development Conference](#)
- [Financing for Development Conference Boosts Support for Open Data](#)
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What Leaders Are Saying

Leadership and partnership really do make a difference. Hear what attendees had to say about it.

"Guatemala is implementing a successful model of multi-sector, multi-stakeholder governance for the promotion of food and nutrition security that, together with a whole-of-government integrated initiative known as the Zero Hunger Pact, benefits from the commitment and cooperative relation of a broad base of public, private and civil society actors in support of actions to tackle malnutrition. Our partnership with the U.S. Government through initiatives like Feed the Future builds on this collaborative spirit and on efforts to reduce chronic malnutrition while working to ensure sustainability, foster cooperation, and achieve shared goals."

-- Ambassador Carlos Raúl Morales Moscoso, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Guatemala

"The experience and expertise gained over almost 40 years at IFAD has shown that it is rural people themselves that lie at the heart of successful investments to meet the challenges ahead of us, not least because smallholders themselves are by far the largest investors in agriculture. In every area of development, our first level of partnership must be with the rural women and men in developing countries who make up more than 70 percent of the world's poorest people. Give them the tools, and they will finish the job."

-- Kanayo F. Nwanze, President, International Fund for Agricultural Development

"Innovation and partnership are key to providing our customers with the right risk management tools to help them achieve financial security. We recently pioneered successful efforts to develop and implement risk-management strategies to strengthen resilience and empower at-risk agricultural communities in four counties across Northern Kenya that face persistent threats from climate change and drought. We are eager to work with Feed the Future to scale up our insurance efforts across Kenya, and to continue to improve lives in the process."

-- Hassan Bashir, Group Chief Executive, Takaful Africa Group

"Through the CAADP model, Feed the Future has helped introduce better agricultural technologies around the world and has established several partnerships with universities and the private sector that have leveraged additional food security investments, allowing us to enhance local institutional capacity. At the One Hen Project, we are grateful for Feed the Future's leadership as we work to empower the next generation of African agricultural leaders and entrepreneurs by working with a diverse range of partners, from local schools to private sector organizations."

-- James Makini, Co-Founder and CEO, One Hen Campaign Project

"U.S. Government leadership in developing the Feed the Future strategy and linking it into the CAADP program under national government leadership has put Ethiopia into a strong position for reducing vulnerability and building agricultural growth. With the support of USAID, we have been working with the Ministries of Agriculture and Health to tackle the stubborn problem of child undernutrition and stunting. With promising early results, Save the Children is working hand in hand with the Ethiopian government to invest in programs that will eliminate child undernutrition and stunting by 2030."

-- John Graham, Country Director for Ethiopia, Save the Children

"As the U.S. Ambassador to Ethiopia, I am able to see firsthand how far this country has come over the past 30 years. I am impressed with Ethiopia's commitment to increasing agricultural production, and I'm proud that the United States has been able to work as a key partner in the country's progress. For most developing countries across the world, the path to sustainable development runs through the agricultural sector. Today, we have heard evidence that the combination of private capital, domestic resources and development assistance, when partnered with strong government leadership of an inclusive planning process, can turn that path into a highway."

-- Ambassador Patricia M. Haslach, U.S. Ambassador to Ethiopia

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