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USDA ROLE IN FEED THE FUTURE

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USDA Programs Aligned with Feed the Future Goal

- **Goal: Sustainably reduce global hunger and poverty by tackling their root causes and employ proven strategies for achieving lasting impact.**
- USDA, Agencies and Mission Areas shaped strategies to support FTF – consistent with their own mandates and goals
- USDA's competitive grants allow international partnerships on projects with domestic and international benefit
- USDA programs monitoring and evaluation aligned with Feed the Future cross-USG indicators when appropriate
- USDA's global food security organizational structure enables cross-USDA support of Feed the Future on planning, oversight, and implementation

USDA Organizational Structure

Global Food Security Council

REE, FFAS, MRP, NRE and FNS leaders
(5 Core USDA Mission Areas)

Global Food Security Management Team

3 Global Teams

- **Data/Econ/Statistics**
- **Research/Extension**
- **Markets and Trade**

5 Country Regional Teams

- **Guatemala/Central America**
- **Ghana/West Africa**
- **Haiti**
- **Bangladesh**
- **Kenya/East Africa**

USDA's Core Competencies



- In-country capacity building;
- Basic and applied research and extension; and
- Market information, statistics, data and economic analysis

For both:

- Country level
- Global or Regional levels
 - Example: the **Norman Borlaug Commemorative Research Initiative** (a research partnership between USDA and USAID since July 2010)

USDA Global/Regional Efforts

Research and Extension	Data and Economic Analysis	Trade Facilitation
Co-manage Norman Borlaug Commemorative Research Initiative	Research trends and determinants of agricultural productivity	Support regional actions to facilitate trade
(Dual purpose) Advance the productivity frontier by increasing yield potential and providing solutions for major production constraints	Assess the performance of regional agricultural markets	Encourage harmonization with international standards
(Dual purpose) Transform production systems by focusing on systems research	Strengthen the Germplasm Resources Information Network	Support adoption of science-based policies
(Dual purpose) Enhance dietary quality and food safety for both nutrition and health outcomes through technologies and policies	Build a Global Agricultural Productivity Network	Work to decrease technical barriers to trade
	Assess and report on food security	

USDA Activities Under Borlaug Initiative

- Wheat rust
- Livestock production/disease
- Grain legumes
- Post harvest/food safety
- Policy and food security assessment research

Nutrition remains underlying goal in all.

USDA/USAID technical working groups in consultation with university and CGIAR scientists are developing and implementing programs involving FTF country researchers.

USDA Country Level Investments



Leverage FAS programs such as

- **Food Assistance** – monetized and used to support development & trade capacity building
- **Trade & Scientific Exchanges** – capacity building

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Thank you

Questions?

www.usda.gov/ocs
www.feedthefuture.gov

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“Statistics tell us past approaches to global hunger – which focused efforts on providing food aid – are not enough. In the short term, we must still provide food to those who need it most. But in the longer term, we need a comprehensive approach focused on developing sustainable solutions to eliminate food insecurity. Our goals should be to increase the availability of food by helping people and countries produce what they need, to make food accessible to those who need it, and to teach people to use it properly so that they receive the nutrition they need from it.”

– U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack

