

2007 Multi-Year Assistance Programs Frequently Asked Questions

Why are funds being focused on a smaller number of countries?

U.S. food aid should have the greatest impact possible. By focusing food aid resources on the most food insecure countries, FFP would address the most pressing food security needs on a scale necessary to make a greater impact and reduce the need for emergency food aid over time.

Has the proposal been finalized?

A list of 15 countries has been established, but will be revisited periodically to address changing circumstances.

Does this mean that funding for development food aid is going down?

In the last several years, an increasing share of Title II food aid has been used for emergencies, while funding available for development food aid programs has fallen. This country prioritization, however, does not imply any further reductions. In fact, it is expected that funding for development-oriented multi-year assistance programs will increase in 2006 compared to 2005. The prioritization does, however, imply a shift over time of resources from countries that are more food secure to those that are the neediest.

Is emergency food aid affected by this prioritization?

This prioritization affects only the location of development-oriented multi-year programs. There will be no shift in the locations of emergency food aid programs due to this effort. At the same time, in order to increase Title II impact in the field, we need to effectively program scarce resources to protect and enhance human, livelihood and community capacities in both emergency and development situations.

Why are regions within countries with similar or worse conditions (under the three indicators) not being considered for MYAPs?

Our analysis indicated that countries with high average prevalence for any indicator will contain regions where food insecurity is much worse than the national average. Moreover, regions within countries could not be ranked against each other in terms of food insecurity because comparable data on stunting, poverty and undernourishment are unavailable for all regions in all countries with current programs.

When will requests for FY06 extensions be required and decisions be communicated?

For programs ending in 2006 in countries not on the priority list, extensions for a reasonable time period may be granted if it is determined that an extension is necessary to

achieve an orderly, successful close-out in the shortest possible time period. Requests for extensions of programs scheduled to end in 2006 are due on May 15, 2006. FFP anticipates responding to PVO extension requests with decisions or requests for clarification by June 15, 2006.

When will decisions be made on programs currently scheduled to end in 2008 and 2009 in countries not on the priority list?

Programs scheduled to end in 2008 and 2009 in countries not on the priority list will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis to determine if the program will continue to the scheduled end date or end early. FFP will host a meeting with interested PVOs in the first quarter of FY 2006 to discuss MYAPs that are scheduled to end in 2008 and 2009 in countries not on the priority list. Findings of midterm evaluations for programs scheduled to run through 2008 and annual results reports for programs ending in 2009 will, in part, form the basis of these decisions. Midterm evaluations for programs ending in 2008 should be submitted by November 2006 along with the annual program report. Decisions on the future of programs scheduled to end in 2008/2009 will take place during the first and second quarters of FY 2007.

Will MYAP proposals be accepted for countries not on the priority country list?

FFP will review MYAP proposals for all countries, including those not on the priority list. Acceptable proposals for priority countries, however, will be funded before others.

Will Ethiopia MYAP proposals be approved if they are outside of the Productive Safety Net Program?

Multi-year programming in Ethiopia currently only takes place through the Productive Safety Net Program. Given the high level of resources already committed within Ethiopia under this program, FFP does not foresee additional program approvals for Ethiopia for FY 2007.

Will consortium proposals be favored over individual PVO proposals?

Consortium proposals and individual PVO proposals will each be assessed against the criteria outlined in the program guidelines. One type of proposal will not be categorically preferred over the other.

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