

SEE THE FEED CHANGE FUTURE

FEED THE FUTURE/UGANDA

OVERVIEW

Feed the Future (FTF) is a \$3.5 billion U.S. government (USG) initiative to address the root causes of hunger and poverty through country-led plans in twenty focus countries, including Uganda. Announced by President Obama at the 2009 G8 Summit in L'Aquila, Italy, FTF seeks to accelerate inclusive agriculture sector growth through improved productivity, expanded markets and trade, and increased economic resilience of rural communities. Led by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), FTF aims to coordinate USG investments and expertise, while leveraging the strengths and resources of multilateral institutions, civil society, and the private sector.



COUNTRY CONTEXT

Despite sustained economic and agriculture sector growth, Uganda still suffers from widespread poverty, hunger, and malnutrition. By developing key agricultural commodities and increasing access to diverse and nutritious foods, FTF aims to raise farmer incomes, to create jobs, and to improve the nutritional and economic status of approximately 2.4 million Ugandans, in 38 focus districts over five years. The FTF strategy is a nearly \$150 million USG investment, expecting to leverage \$75 million in private investment by 2016. Agricultural programming aligns directly with the goals of Uganda's Development Strategy and Investment Plan (DSIP), concentrating on the development of maize, bean, and coffee value chains. Nutrition activities support the Ministry of Health's Health Sector Strategic and Investment Plan, as well as the development and implementation of the multilateral Uganda Nutrition Action Plan (UNAP).

USAID, in partnership with the Government of Uganda (GoU), private entities, and other donors, is implementing and developing the following programs through existing mechanisms and competitive procurements:

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Africa Leadership Training and Capacity Building

Award: \$0.4 million; Partner: Development Alternatives, Inc.; Duration: Sept. 2011 to Aug. 2012

To build a cadre of African leaders and strengthen the capacity of Ugandan institutions to create and implement food security strategies and investment plans.

Agricultural Biotechnology Support Project (ABSP) II

Award: \$7.0 million; Partner: Cornell University; Duration: Aug. 2011 to Aug. 2016

To promote the judicious use of modern biotechnology, to strengthen the scientific capacity of the National Agricultural Research Organization, and to develop East African Highland Banana (matoke) varieties resistant to key diseases and pests.

Agribusiness Initiative (aBi) Trust

Award: \$19.7 million; Partner: Royal Danish Embassy; Duration: Sept. 2011 to Sept. 2016

To support the aBi Trust, a multi-stakeholder entity devoted to private sector agribusiness development, to improve the performance and competitiveness of key commodity value-chains.

COUNTRY FACTS

- Population: 35 million (2012 est.)
- Rural population: 87% (2010 est.)
- Stunting in children under five: 33%
- Anemia in children under five: 50%
- Agriculture comprises 22% of GDP and employs over 80% of the labor force; 83% of sector workers are women

Cassava, Maize and Beans Research

Award: \$1.5 million; Partners: Donald Danforth Plant Science Center (cassava), Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (maize and beans); Duration: Oct. 2011 to Oct. 2016

To investigate, develop, promote, and disseminate farmer and consumer acceptable cassava, maize, and bean varieties that are resistant and tolerant to a wide array of biotic and abiotic stresses and/or have enhanced nutritional characteristics.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES CONT'D

Community Connector

Award: \$24.5 million; Partner: FHI 360; Duration: Dec. 2011 to Dec. 2016

To improve nutrition, achieve sustainable food security, and increase income by integrating vulnerable households into the market economy and connecting beneficiaries to other service providers.



Developing and Delivering Biofortified Crops

Award: \$10 million; Partner: Harvest Plus; Duration: Oct. 2011 to Sept. 2016

To introduce and promote bio-fortified crops, such as pro-Vitamin A orange-flesh sweet potato and iron- and zinc-rich beans, and to foster the adoption and consumption of nutrient dense crops.

Food and Nutrition Technical Assistance (FANTA) III Award: \$1 million; Partner: FHI 360; Duration: Jan. 2012 to June 2013

To provide technical support to USAID and its partners to develop and implement community-based nutrition activities and to build political interest in and awareness of maternal and child nutrition.

Livelihoods and Enterprises for Agricultural Development (LEAD)

Award: \$35.9 million; Partner: Tetra Tech ARD; Duration: July 2008 to July 2013

To increase productivity, to improve market access, and to ensure empowered relationships between producers, input suppliers, agro-processors, and product buyers for maize, beans, and coffee.

Purchase for Progress (P4P)

Award: \$5.5 million; Partner: World Food Program; Duration: mid-2012 to end-2014

To support the World Food Program's Purchase for Progress (P4P) project, a pilot initiative that provides tools, equipment, and training to farmers to enable them both to increase productivity and improve their post-harvest operations.

ANTICIPATED ACTIVITIES

Agricultural Inputs Activity (est. \$6 million over 5 years)

To increase the use of agricultural inputs by building the capacity of large-scale input suppliers and increasing marketing and education to farmers.

Commodity Production and Marketing Activity (est. \$20.5 million over 5 years)

To improve efficiency in coffee, maize, and bean value chains by increasing crop productivity, by increasing the availability and effectiveness of support services, by strengthening buyer-seller relationships to facilitate the movement of products and information, and by increasing access to competitive markets.

Partnership Innovation Fund (est. \$17.1 million over 5 years)

To leverage private sector resources, technology, experience, and expertise through public-private partnerships and by replicating sustainable and scalable business approaches.

Peace Corps

To support the training of Peace Corps Volunteers and local counterparts in food security issues and their placement in target districts.

Policy and Enabling Environment (est. \$7 million over 3 years)

To improve the private sector investment climate by supporting initiatives to harmonize agriculture and trade policies and standards.

Public Sector Capacity Building Activity (est. \$8.5 million over 5 years)

To strengthen the capacity of the Ugandan Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry, and Fisheries (MAAIF) to implement the national Development Strategy and Investment Plan (DSIP) and to develop a cadre of future agriculture leaders.



Therapeutic and Supplementary Products for Improved Nutrition (TASPIN) (est. \$22 million over 5 years)

To facilitate the sustainable local production and distribution of nutritious and therapeutic foods.

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