



# FEED THE FUTURE

The U.S. Government's Global Hunger & Food Security Initiative



## Unleashing the Untapped Potential of Women to Drive Progress

Empowering women is smart development. When a woman is empowered, she can contribute in new and greater ways to her family, community and country. And families with empowered women are more resilient when hard times hit.

Feed the Future's work with women throughout agriculture and food systems is unleashing their potential and sparking new opportunities to create a more

food-secure future. Women participate in all aspects of the food system, from farming and research to trade and marketing to entrepreneurship, leadership and caring for family members. Agriculture, in particular, is a unique catalyst for economically empowering women as they represent nearly half of the agricultural labor force in developing countries.

Feed the Future's work to promote women's empowerment is also reflected in a larger effort that is advancing entrepreneurship by bringing workforce development and skills training to women and girls, helping them access capital, markets and mentorship, as well as removing restrictive legal, regulatory and cultural barriers. Earlier this month, the U.S. Government launched [the Women's Global Development and Prosperity Initiative](#), its first-ever whole-of-government approach to promoting women's economic empowerment.

Feed the Future is excited about the momentum to continue helping women overcome barriers and gain equal access to tools, resources and opportunities.

Read on to see how Feed the Future and our partners transform lives, communities and countries by lifting up women and girls.



## Feed the Future in Action



### [Increasing Women's Agricultural Enterprise through Tiered Banks](#)

Women in rural Ghana grow their business, build healthier families and create more resilient communities with access to banking.



## Growing Resilience with Sweet Potatoes in Nepal

After an earthquake, a farmer in Nepal used her agricultural skills and knowledge to rebuild her family and community's livelihood.



## Empowering Orphaned Girls to Become Community Leaders

A volunteer in Ethiopia empowers orphaned girls and prepares them for successful futures.



## Women Feed the Future

With a more level playing field, female farmers can increase their yields by up to 30 percent and can feed 150 million more people.



## Why Women?

Check out our updated fact sheet on how Feed the Future is empowering women through investments in agriculture, resilience and nutrition -- and why that matters.



Partner Stories



**ONE FEMALE FARMER'S JOURNEY TO  
RESILIENCE THROUGH THE BANGLADESHI  
SUNFLOWER SECTOR**

Following an accident that left her husband paralyzed, one Bangladeshi woman sustains her family through sunflower production (video above).

**THE BUDALA WOMEN'S GROUP IS ON A  
MISSION TO ECONOMICALLY EMPOWER ONE  
ANOTHER**

See how a Peace Corps volunteer drove a grassroots initiative to spur economic empowerment and improve food and nutrition security.

**A VILLAGE ELDER LEARNS AND SHARES  
NEW TECHNIQUES IN AGRICULTURE**

In partnership with American businesses, USAID supports young farmers, enabling them to transform their communities.

**FROM MCC BENEFICIARY TO AGRIBUSINESS  
ENTREPRENEUR**

Explore how U.S. investment in developing countries like Georgia provides young farmers with tools to transform their futures.



## Upcoming Events

International Women's Day

March 8, 2019

Worldwide

World Water Day

March 22, 2019

Worldwide



## What We're Reading

CNN

The 'Salt Queen' working to transform  
the health of a nation

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