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Empowering Women for Enduring Change

Women are the key to a food-secure future. Whether as farmers growing nourishing food, entrepreneurs boosting local economies or researchers seeking the next innovation, when women prosper, countries thrive.

In the face of major shocks like COVID-19, climate change and conflict, unlocking the potential of women is more important than ever. From business owners to scientists, Feed the Future works with women across the food system to overcome barriers and lift their communities from poverty, hunger and malnutrition. And with the 10 year anniversary of the Women’s Empowerment in Agriculture Index (WEAI), we’ve seen the measurable impact that Feed the Future has had on women’s empowerment and gender equality.
This International Women’s Day, find out how Feed the Future is empowering women everywhere – from Tanzania to Nepal – to bring positive and enduring change.

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Bucking Norms and Empowering Young Women Through Land Ownership in Guatemala

María Juan Tomas wanted to do more than was expected of women in her community. By owning land and becoming a coffee entrepreneur, Tomas paved opportunities for herself and has become a leader to young women in her community.

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**Female Agribusiness Owner Sprouts Success for Other Women in Nepal**

Mira DC, an agricultural supply store owner in Nepal, lacked the key relationships she needed for her business to succeed. After partnering with Feed the Future, Mira got the tools and resources she needed to confidently scale her business. Now, she’s giving back to her community.

[Learn more](#)

**Flour Business Uplifts Women and Elevates Nutrition**
In Tanzania, Severina Mwakateba is the director of her own food-processing business that mills and sells flour. Despite her business being affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, with Feed the Future’s support, Mwakateba was able to rebuild stronger than ever.

**Discover how**

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**USADF Welcomes New President and CEO**

On January 18, 2022 Travis Adkins was sworn in as the U.S. African Development Foundation’s (USADF) 10th President and CEO. Adkins will lead USADF’s efforts to tackle the most pressing challenges of our time through a participatory, grassroots model that reaches vulnerable communities in Africa.

**Get the scoop**

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**Attend the 2022 ICTforAg Conference on March 9-10**

This year’s ICTforAg conference theme is inclusion, with various sessions focused on how women, youth and digital technologies are critical to strengthening resilience around the world. Catalyze new partnerships in the fight to end hunger, poverty and malnutrition.

**Register here**
Measuring What Matters: 10 Years of WEAI

Since its launch in 2012, the Women’s Empowerment in Agriculture Index (WEAI) has grown into an important tool to help over 230 organizations across 58 countries make evidence-based decisions to track progress towards women’s empowerment and gender equality. On March 24, join the UN Commission on the Status of Women to celebrate the accomplishments and future of WEAI.

Sign up here

In Case You Missed It...

2022: The Year of Nutrition

Building on the momentum of the Tokyo Nutrition for Growth Summit, the African Union declared 2022 as the Year of Nutrition. Feed the Future applauds their dedication in the work to end hunger, because when families have access to nourishing food, communities are more resilient.

Find out more

Four Women Scientists Breaking Down Barriers to End Hunger
In honor of International Day for Women and Girls in Science on February 11, we shared the stories of four women scientists from our Feed the Future Innovation Labs who are leading by example and harnessing local solutions to end hunger, poverty and malnutrition.

See their stories

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What We’re Reading
Mighty Tools for Mighty Farmers: Investing in Climate-Smart Agriculture Innovations for Smallholder Farmers

Learning from Indigenous Peoples About System Sustainability and Reciprocity

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