Countries in the Lead

Feed the Future empowers the communities we work with by equipping them with the tools to respond to various challenges.

Pandemics like COVID-19 highlight the importance of this work to build local capacity and resilience to deal with sudden shocks.

We do so by working in partnership with local governments, businesses,
nonprofits and others to ensure that the solutions we help them implement are sustainable and carried forward in the years to come. When countries are in the lead, they own and guide efforts to drive their development progress.

Check out the stories below to learn more about how we work hand in hand with partner country governments and local public and private sector partners to build stable and resilient countries that are more self-reliant.

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Faster Farming

Automating everyday farming activities is essential to increasing production and income. Local cooperatives are stepping in to provide training and access to machines to farmers like Radhika in Nepal.
Beans: Heroes for Nutrition

Though iron deficiency and anemia are major health threats across Uganda, smallholder farmers have found ways to boost nutrition in their communities through iron-rich beans and other nutrient-rich foods.
The Power of Light and a Loan

A loan guarantee helped smallholder farmer Edward Munaaba install solar panels on his farm – improving his own farming practices and increasing harvests across the community.

View his story
A Drop in Droughts

Drought can greatly affect the livelihoods of pastoralists, but an early warning system can help mitigate devastating effects.

Find out how

Join Kim Olson, the host of the Something Greater podcast, and guest Dai Harvey, from Land O'Lakes Venture37, to learn more about how cooperatives strengthen agricultural economies across the globe and improve food securities.

Tune in

USAID helps partner cities and towns around the globe avoid their own "day zero" scenarios (when taps run dry) and improve sustainable access to water for those who need it most.

See how

Malnutrition is an enduring problem in Nepal. The Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Crop Improvement works with local scientists to develop and deliver better lentil varieties to boost nutrition.

Explore more
Making Food Systems More Inclusive

IFPRI's 2020 Global Food Policy Report highlights how to make food systems more inclusive. The goal: build vulnerable populations' resilience to shocks, such as the current COVID-19 pandemic, and meet global goals to end poverty, hunger and malnutrition.

View the report

Agrilinks Launches COVID-19 Series

Agrilinks is curating a special series of blog posts analyzing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on national and global food and nutrition security, poverty and development.

Browse the series
COVID-19 and Developing Food Systems

The Michigan State University Food Security Group and Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Food Security Policy, Research, Capacity and Influence have created a new website to provide frontline information and critical thinking on the COVID-19 pandemic and developing country food systems.

Take a look

Funding Opportunity

The Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Food Safety is seeking applications from researchers to submit proposals for projects that support the Lab's efforts to increase the production of, and access to, safe and nutritious food. The deadline to submit concept notes is May 7!

Apply now

What We’re Reading

Pasteurizing for a Profit in Tanzania

Solar-Powered Irrigation Could Boost Climate Resilience of Millions
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