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Climate-Smart Development is Simply Smart Development

As the world is demanding more food while experiencing more frequent and intense climate shocks, we're reminded that climate-smart development is simply smart development. When we address the climate crisis head-on, we create better development results all around.

On the flip side, climate change compounds all other global challenges; it is a crisis-multiplier. When vulnerable communities have to weather yet another record-breaking summer or an unexpected flood, all other parts of their lives and livelihoods are impacted—from the income of a farmer, to rising sea levels, to the growing global population’s food supply.

Against the backdrop of the United States’ renewed commitment towards ambitious global climate goals, Feed the Future is helping the food system withstand ongoing climate shocks while preparing for the next one.

Everyone has a part to play in the ongoing fight against climate change: from the scientists developing drought-resistant seeds, to NASA monitoring climate risks from space, to our private sector partners helping governments make disasters less expensive and less devastating through innovative financing. Feed the Future is bringing together partners to leverage best-in-class science and technology to reduce climate risks in the fight to end hunger and malnutrition.

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Saving Lives While Generating Green Energy in Bangladesh

While Bangladesh's growing livestock industry is helping drive rapid economic growth, poor manure management and indiscriminate dumping practices can contribute to harmful greenhouse gas emissions. Feed the Future partnered with ACDI/VOCA to expand access to tackle this challenge through a green new technology that takes manure and turns it into free renewable energy for local communities.

[**Check it out**](#)



How Next-Generation Crops Boost Climate Resilience and Nutrition in West Africa

Climate change is an existential threat felt across the world, particularly by smallholder farmers in disproportionately-impacted countries like Senegal, Burkina Faso and Niger. In partnership with local researchers, the Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Crop Improvement is developing climate-resilient seeds, centering community needs while working to strengthen West Africa's future.

[Explore how](#)



The Climate Crisis is Spurring a Global Shift Toward Conservation Agriculture

Climate change is forcing farmers around the world to adopt new agronomic techniques to maintain arable soil. In Mozambique and Cambodia, Feed the Future is distributing specialized tools and training farmers in practices like minimum tillage.

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Celebrating Six Decades of Peace Corps

This year, the Peace Corps is celebrating six decades of international peace and friendship, volunteerism and service. The Peace Corps commemorated this incredible milestone during this year's Peace Corps Week, which took place from February 28 - March 6.

[Join the celebration](#)

Closing the Financing Gap for Agricultural Businesses

Small agricultural businesses are essential to emerging economies, but are seen as risky investments and are chronically underfunded. The U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) and nonprofit Root Capital are closing this financing gap and ultimately improving rural livelihoods, strengthening food security and enhancing gender equality.

[Learn more](#)

Calling All African Smart-City Start-Ups

The Rwandan government and corporate partners are inviting African start-ups innovating in the fields of mobility, housing and fintech for affordability to apply for the Smart Cities Innovation Programme. Applications close on May 7.

[Learn more and apply](#)

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This Earth Day, Strengthening Climate Resilience

This Earth Day, learn about all the ways Feed the Future strengthens climate resilience for communities most vulnerable to the extreme weather events.

We're calling on the global development community to renew their commitments to climate change and embrace it as everyone's challenge—and opportunity.

[Read more](#)

USAID is Helping Increase Equity in Agricultural Sciences

Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences, or MANRRS, is partnering with the Bureau for Resilience and Food Security to ensure the next generation of agricultural experts and leaders are diverse and are set up for success throughout their careers. USAID's agricultural and development experts will support MANRRS members in their career journeys by participating in webinars, workshops, mentorship programs and more.

[Read about the partnership](#)

Agrilinks Turns 10

Agrilinks, Feed the Future's knowledge-sharing hub for all things agriculture, is celebrating its 10th anniversary. Over the past decade, Agrilinks hosted more than 24 theme months, 150 webinars and 3,800 blog posts covering everything from data systems to women's empowerment.

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What We're Reading

Transforming international affairs education to address diversity, equity, and inclusion

Lancet launches third series on child and maternal malnutrition



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