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



## NEWSLETTER

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### **Standing Up to Today's Mounting Challenges**

Poverty and hunger can be a catalyst for conflict and unrest. And since poor families in most of the developing world spend as much as 60 percent of their income on food, spikes in food prices trap families in a cycle of poverty, hunger and malnutrition — and can eventually lead to political instability, conflict and

crime.

Today, as all major food emergencies are happening in conflict-affected areas, the relationship between conflict and food insecurity is undeniable.

That's why Feed the Future is leaning into these fragile areas and giving people the tools they need to feed themselves now and in the future. All sectors — from humanitarian assistance, to water, to health and beyond — must work together to strengthen resilience. Investing in these regions today means less humanitarian spending in the long-run, and more importantly, more lives and livelihoods saved.

Strengthening resilience does not sit in one sector. By channeling the best of what the public and private sectors, as well as civil society and universities, have to offer, Feed the Future is catalyzing long-term, systemic change and helping families prosper.

*For stories and updates related to Feed the Future and global food security progress, keep an eye out for our upcoming newsletter issues.*

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## **Welcome, Administrator Power**

We're thrilled to welcome Samantha Power as USAID Administrator and Feed the Future Global Coordinator, and looking forward to the wealth of experience and perspective she will bring to our fight to end global hunger.

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## **Recognizing the 2021 World Food Prize Recipient, Dr. Shakuntala Haraksingh Thilsted**

Congratulations to Dr. Shakuntala Haraksingh Thilsted, native of Trinidad and Tobago and a citizen of Denmark, who received the World Food Prize for her groundbreaking research, critical insights and landmark innovations in developing holistic, nutrition-sensitive approaches to aquaculture and food systems.

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## **Report from BIFAD on the Economic Growth of Sub-Saharan Africa**

This new BIFAD-commissioned report focuses on the importance of agricultural productivity growth, the potential of economic transformation and progress towards resilience in sub-Saharan Africa.

[Check it out](#)



## Meet DFC's New Climate-Focused Leadership

The U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) has appointed Jake Levine as Chief Climate Officer and Aparna Shrivastava as Deputy Chief Climate Officer to lead the organization's efforts to confront the climate crisis.

[Meet them here](#)



## Celebrating Mothers By Strengthening Their Resilience

As we celebrate Mother's Day this month, revisit the inspiring story of Alimata, a mother of six living in the Keglesse village in Burkina Faso, who has become a community leader, a successful producer and an entrepreneur with Feed the Future's help.

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