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Taking decisive action to end hunger

The world is standing at the precipice of a food security crisis of historic proportions. Countries already reeling from increased poverty, hunger and malnutrition as a result of COVID-19, climatic shocks and protracted conflict now face further suffering from Russia’s unprovoked and unjustified invasion of Ukraine. War-induced supply disruptions and record-high prices for food, fuel and fertilizer could push an estimated 40 million more people into poverty and food insecurity by the end of this year. Worse yet, a catastrophic, four-season drought in the Horn of Africa threatens up to 20 million people in Kenya, Ethiopia and Somalia with hunger.
At the G7 Leaders’ Summit in Germany, President Biden announced an additional $2.76 billion in foreign assistance to respond to the global food security crisis, with $760 million dedicated to combating the near-term effects of high food, fuel and fertilizer prices as a result of Putin’s war. President Biden also announced the expansion of Feed the Future in eight new target countries. By integrating resilience activities with emergency assistance around the world, Feed the Future stands ready to respond and will use every tool available to address the impacts of Putin’s war and other shocks on food security, poverty and malnutrition.

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Special Announcements

United States announces new commitments to respond to the global food security crisis

As part of President Biden’s $2.76 billion announcement, the U.S. Agency for International Development will use this funding to support efforts in over 47 countries and regional organizations, saving lives through emergency interventions and mitigating further increases in poverty, hunger, and malnutrition in vulnerable countries affected by high prices of food, fertilizer, and fuel.

Take a look
Inaugural Turner Fellows advance global crop improvement

Eight graduate students from 1890 land grant institutions across the United States have been selected as part of the inaugural cohort of the Thomas Wyatt Turner Fellowship hosted by the Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Crop Improvement at Cornell University. Their research will drive advances in crop improvement to reduce malnutrition and hunger, and provide equitable benefits to women and youth.

Get to know them

Safe and nutritious food: fortifying systems to deliver at scale

In honor of World Food Safety Day on June 7, U.S. Agency for International Development Chief Nutritionist Shawn Baker surveyed the current food safety landscape to highlight proven solutions that can deliver nutritious and safe food at scale.

Find out more

Congress commemoратes 20 years of McGovern-Dole School Meals Program

The U.S. House of Representatives recognized two decades of success for the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s McGovern-Dole Food for Education Program which has provided 5.5 billion school meals to children around the world. The program focuses on improving literacy and primary education, especially for girls in developing countries.
Call for proposals: building resilience through value-added projects

The Inter-American Foundation, Latin American and Caribbean Network of Fair Trade Small Producers and Workers (CLAC), and Fairtrade International are accepting proposals to promote resilience among smallholder producers recovering from the economic effects of the pandemic. Apply for funding by July 15, 2022.

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