USDA ROLE IN FEED THE FUTURE

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USDA Programs Aligned with Feed the Future Goal

- **Goal:** Sustainably reduce global hunger and poverty by tackling their root causes and employ proven strategies for achieving lasting impact.

- USDA, Agencies and Mission Areas shaped strategies to support FTF — consistent with their own mandates and goals

- USDA’s competitive grants allow international partnerships on projects with domestic and international benefit

- USDA programs monitoring and evaluation aligned with Feed the Future cross-USG indicators when appropriate

- USDA’s global food security organizational structure enables cross-USDA support of Feed the Future on planning, oversight, and implementation
USDA Organizational Structure

Global Food Security Council
REE, FFAS, MRP, NRE and FNS leaders
(5 Core USDA Mission Areas)

Global Food Security Management Team

3 Global Teams
• Data/Econ/Statistics
• Research/Extension
• Markets and Trade

5 Country Regional Teams
• Guatemala/Central America
• Ghana/West Africa
• Haiti
• Bangladesh
• Kenya/East Africa
USDA’s Core Competencies

- In-country capacity building;
- Basic and applied research and extension; and
- Market information, statistics, data and economic analysis

For both:
- Country level
- Global or Regional levels
  - Example: the Norman Borlaug Commemorative Research Initiative (a research partnership between USDA and USAID since July 2010)
## USDA Global/Regional Efforts

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<td>Research trends and determinants of agricultural productivity</td>
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USDA Activities Under Borlaug Initiative

- Wheat rust
- Livestock production/disease
- Grain legumes
- Post harvest/food safety
- Policy and food security assessment research

**Nutrition** remains underlying goal in all.

USDA/USAID technical working groups in consultation with university and CGIAR scientists are developing and implementing programs involving FTF country researchers.
Leverage FAS programs such as

- **Food Assistance** – monetized and used to support development & trade capacity building
- **Trade & Scientific Exchanges** – capacity building
Thank you

Questions?

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“Statistics tell us past approaches to global hunger – which focused efforts on providing food aid – are not enough. In the short term, we must still provide food to those who need it most. But in the longer term, we need a comprehensive approach focused on developing sustainable solutions to eliminate food insecurity. Our goals should be to increase the availability of food by helping people and countries produce what they need, to make food accessible to those who need it, and to teach people to use it properly so that they receive the nutrition they need from it.”

– U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack