

U.S. HUNGER AND GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY INITIATIVE

Panel Discussion on the Feed the Future Guide
Partnership to Cut Hunger & Poverty in Africa

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Definition:

“Food security is defined as having four main components: availability, access, utilization, and stability.

Families and individuals require a reliable and consistent source of quality food, as well as sufficient resources to purchase it. People must also have the knowledge and basic sanitary conditions to choose, prepare, and distribute food in a way that results in good nutrition for all family members. Finally, the ability to access and utilize food must remain stable and sustained over time.”

5 FEED THE FUTURE PRINCIPLES

1. *Invest in country-owned plans that support results-based programs and partnerships.* Tailor assistance through consultative processes and plans that are developed and led by country governments
2. *Strengthen strategic coordination* to mobilize and align the resources of diverse partners and stakeholders – including the private sector and civil society – that are needed to achieve our common objectives
3. *Ensure a comprehensive approach* that accelerates inclusive agricultural-led growth and improves nutrition, while also bridging humanitarian relief and sustainable development efforts
4. *Leverage the benefits of multilateral institutions* so that priorities and approaches are aligned, investments are coordinated, and assistance gaps are filled
5. *Deliver on sustained and accountable commitments*, phasing-in investments responsibly, using benchmarks and targets to measure progress toward shared goals, and holding stakeholders publicly accountable for achieving results.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

- How does FtF fit into the broader development context? How well does it address leadership and coordination? Is it sufficiently inclusive and comprehensive?
- Will the implementation plan achieve the FtF goals and objectives? Is the “tool kit” sufficient? Does it cover such things as capacity building, engaging the poor, best practices, monitoring, evaluation?
- What will the Community Development Fund accomplish? Will a variety of modalities and integrated approaches to address food security needs of the rural poor be permitted outside of food aid programs?