

FACT SHEET

Global Food Security Strategy Feed the Future Nigeria Country Plan

Introduction

The Feed the Future Nigeria Country Plan will address food security challenges in Nigeria and stimulate the nation's economy through a broad-based partnership with stakeholders from government, private sector, universities, research institutes, media, international and local Non-Governmental Organizations, civil society, donors and international organizations.

The agriculture sector is fundamental to Nigeria's economic development and employs almost 70 percent of the country's labor force, contributing 24.12 percent of the national Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in 2018. Agriculture presents unique opportunities to increase the resilience of communities through improved food security and nutrition, particularly in the production and consumption of diverse and nutrient-dense foods.

Food security and nutrition challenges in the country are caused by volatility in food prices, fluctuations in the value of the naira and security challenges. The annual population growth rate of Nigeria is put at 3.2 percent, with the nation's population projected to reach 440 million by 2050. The Feed the Future Nigeria Country Plan couldn't have come at a better time to meet these needs.

The Feed the Future Country Plan

- Aligns with and supports the Federal Government of Nigeria's current policies and programs in agriculture and nutrition, including the Agricultural promotion policy (2016-2020), the National Strategic Plan of Action for Nutrition (2014-2019), and the Nigeria Economic Recovery and Growth Plan (2017-2020).
- Is being introduced at a time when Nigeria is opening up non-oil sectors, and especially the agricultural sector, to help ensure food security of its estimated 182 million people.
- Is expected to have overarching positive effects on the food security efforts of the government and its nutrition program, and to reduce poverty.
- Strengthens resilience and self-reliance, especially among vulnerable households.

Target States

Implementation of the Plan will focus on eleven target states of Adamawa, Benue, Borno, Cross River, Delta, Ebonyi, Gombe Kaduna, Kebbi, and Niger, and Yobe.

Of these, Benue, Cross River, Delta, Ebonyi, Kaduna, Kebbi, and Niger are considered "breadbasket" states, based on their production potential for five value chains among 16

identified by the Government of Nigeria prioritized under the Feed the Future Country Plan, the existing support of the state governments and the private sector, as well the opportunity to build on previous USAID programs in the agriculture sector. Increased agricultural production in Adamawa, Borno, Gombe and Yobe states will help mitigate the impact of malnutrition and food insecurity worsened by security challenges.

The Feed the Future Country Plan for Nigeria adopts a market system approach as the basis of its state selection and geographic targeting efforts. U.S. investments under the Plan will facilitate flows of surplus agricultural outputs from breadbasket areas to markets in areas most vulnerable to malnutrition, poverty, and insecurity, thereby enabling these regions to adapt to, recover from and mitigate the effects of the shocks and stresses from food insecurity.

These investments will also support scale-up of agricultural investments and adopt a value chain approach to improve competitiveness of selected agricultural products where smallholder farmers are linked to inputs, finance, production, market and market information systems through larger agribusiness firms which have the capacity and incentive to invest in smallholder production.

Nutrition

Feed the Future will leverage capabilities of other donor and United Nations agencies such as UNICEF and the World Health Organization to complement the Federal and state governments' efforts to identify and address the underlying determinants of malnutrition, while strengthening coordination, collaboration and accountability for nutrition across sectors. Investments will increase the use of direct nutrition interventions and services by strengthening and linking health services and agricultural market systems. There will be a special emphasis on private sector engagement to help sustain commercial activities that will result in improved nutrition for Nigerians.

Funding

The implementation of this five-year Country Plan will be funded by the U.S. government, leveraging private sector resources while coordinating and collaborating with other donors to avoid duplications and maximize resources. Since 2015, the U.S. government has invested over \$165 million to support economic growth in Nigeria.

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