



## Feed the Future Country Fact Sheet

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COUNTRY PROFILE				
 <h2>Uganda</h2> <p>In Uganda, Feed the Future is targeting investments in specific regions for maximum impact. These statistics reflect the realities of Uganda and the results of Feed the Future's work there.</p>				
POPULATION	POVERTY	STUNTING	RURAL	GDP
<b>13.7</b>	<b>32.8</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>84.5</b>	<b>3.3</b>
Million Number of people living in Feed the Future target regions	Percent Percentage of people living in poverty in Feed the Future target regions	Percent Percentage of children under 5 suffering from stunting in Feed the Future target regions	percent Percentage of population living in rural Uganda (World Bank, 2013)	Percent Annual GDP growth; agriculture accounts for 25% of value added (World Bank, 2013)
FARMERS	SALES	NUTRITION	LAND	INVESTMENT
<b>213</b>	<b>\$7.5</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>91.3</b>	<b>\$3</b>
Thousand Producers using new technology and practices with Feed the Future's help in FY14	Million Income earned by Feed the Future farmers in FY14 from agricultural product sales	Thousand Children under 5 reached with nutrition help in FY14 across Uganda	Thousand Hectares tended with improved technologies or management practices in FY14	Million New private investment leveraged by Feed the Future in FY14

## Approach

Uganda is one of the fastest growing economies in Africa with sustained growth averaging 7.8 percent since 2000. Coupled with 2.9 percent growth in agriculture, Uganda is on target to meet the first Millennium Development Goal of halving poverty and hunger by 2015. However, Uganda still suffers from the hardships of widespread poverty and undernutrition.

Feed the Future investments are critical as agriculture is the mainstay of the economy, accounting for 23 percent of gross domestic product, employing two-thirds of the labor force, and providing a half of export earnings. Yields are significantly below potential, and post-harvest losses are as high as 40 percent.

Undernutrition is a significant health problem that contributes to 60 percent of deaths among children under 5. Indicators for stunting (33 percent) and underweight (14 percent) are high, and only 10 percent of children 6 to 23 months of age consume a minimal acceptable diet. With more than half of the population under the age of 15, Uganda is the world's second-youngest country. Its population of 35 million has almost doubled since 1991 and is expected to increase an additional 50 percent by 2023. Economic opportunities are limited: The private sector is unable to generate enough jobs to employ the rising youth population and Uganda's youth face distressing levels of unemployment and underemployment.

Smallholder farmers dominate Uganda's agriculture sector, which is the country's largest employer and provides livelihoods for most of the country's poor. Improvements in the sector are necessary to further expand Uganda's economy, reduce poverty and provide jobs. Feed the Future is focusing activities in areas with the most need and potential for agricultural growth to help reduce food insecurity and boost incomes.

## Strategy

Goal: Reduce prevalence of poverty in Feed the Future target regions by 20 percent.

- 2011 baseline: 32.8 percent
- 2017 target: 24.65 percent
- [How we calculate](#)

Goal: Reduce prevalence of stunting in children under 5 years old in Feed the Future target regions by 20 percent.

- 2011 baseline: 33 percent
- 2017 target: 26.4 percent
- [How we calculate](#)

To achieve its goals, Feed the Future is making key investments to:

- Improve nutrition
- Increase agricultural productivity and expand access to competitive markets
- Integrate agriculture and nutrition at the household level
- Strengthen public sector capacity, producer organizations and support services

Feed the Future is focusing its efforts in targeted regions and value chains to maximize impact.

### Value Chains

- Beans
- Coffee
- Maize

### Target Regions

- Northern Uganda
- Central “Maize Belt”
- Southwest Uganda

## Program Highlights

**Value Chain Approach.** In support of the Government of Uganda’s food security and nutrition priorities, Feed the Future focuses its investments in Uganda in the maize, bean and coffee value chains, given their significant market potential, nutritional benefits and income potential for farming families. Feed the Future is helping Uganda address constraints to raising both the quality and production in these value chains by supporting efforts to improve the enabling policy environment, building the capacity of farmer organizations and the private sector, supporting agricultural research, and helping connect smallholder farmers to inputs and markets.

**Gender Integration.** Approximately 70 percent of Uganda’s smallholder farmers are women, making them responsible for 70 percent of overall agriculture GDP in the country. Feed the Future is implementing gender-sensitive programs to address the specific needs of Ugandan women farmers and using the innovative [Women’s Empowerment in Agriculture Index](#) to measure empowerment and track how interventions are impacting it.

**Youth.** Young people will dominate the future social and economic development of Uganda, with 50 percent of the population under 15 and 78 percent under 30. Feed the Future aims to increase economic opportunities for youth as agricultural producers and entrepreneurs by building their leadership, work readiness and business skills

**Nutrition.** Feed the Future is helping improve nutrition in facility and community settings in the areas in Uganda with the highest chronic undernutrition, supporting the scaling up of essential nutrition actions through key district-based programs in these areas. The initiative is also targeting nutrition service delivery and building the capacity of the Ugandan health sector to prevent and treat undernutrition, particularly among children under 5 and pregnant and lactating women. Feed the Future also links nutrition investments to those in agriculture to maximize impact on food security and undernutrition as well as reduce household vulnerability to production and income shocks.

**Capacity Building.** Feed the Future is working to strengthen local systems in Uganda, building its capacity in policy, statistics, and research and development to ensure long-term growth. Feed the Future is also helping build the capacity of

the next generation of leaders in Uganda, providing fellowships and post-graduate support, training and research opportunities for students to growth their skills, particularly in nutrition. Contributing to Feed the Future, the U.S. African Development Foundation is providing grants to strengthen small- and medium-sized enterprises in marginalized Ugandan communities.

**Research.** Uganda has abundant rainfall, arable land and two growing seasons; yet agricultural yields are below potential, in part because of pests and disease, and postharvest losses are high. To address these constraints, Feed the Future supports research in biotechnology to protect food crops, particularly cassava and banana, from serious disease threats and is investing in breeding to increase stress tolerance and disease resistance in target value chains. Feed the Future also is partnering with HarvestPlus to scale up the production and marketing of biofortified varieties like orange-fleshed sweet potato rich in Vitamin A and beans biofortified with zinc and iron.

**Scaling Innovations.** Feed the Future in Uganda is focused on scaling up proven technologies and practices that benefit smallholder farmers, including technologies that combat and prevent coffee wilt disease, such as improved seeds. Feed the Future is also working with partners to scale orange fleshed sweet potato, a nutrient-rich food that can help reduce undernutrition in Uganda.

## Results

### Results by the numbers

- More than **213,000 farmers and other producers** applied new technologies and management practices for the first time last year with Feed the Future's help.
- Producers applied improved technologies and management practices on more than **91,300 hectares** of land with Feed the Future's help last year.
- Feed the Future-supported farmers and producers had total agricultural product sales of nearly **\$7.6 million** last year.
- Feed the Future leveraged nearly **\$3 million** in new private investment in food and agriculture in Uganda.
- U.S. Government programs reached more than **258,000 children** under 5 to improve their nutrition.

### Key achievements in 2014

- Since working with Feed the Future, 512,282 farmers have increased their yields in maize, beans, and coffee on average by 66 percent over the past three years. Yield increases vary among these farmers from minimal to significant, depending on the extent to which they adopt new and improved technologies and management practices.
- Among children benefiting from Feed the Future's integrated nutrition program, the percentage of children 6-23 months eating a minimally accepted diet has increased from 19 percent in 2012 to 49 percent in 2014. During that same time, the percentage of children having three or more meals per day doubled from 38 percent to 77 percent.
- In 2014, Feed the Future supported the Government of Uganda to finalize and disseminate a new national coffee policy to enable responsible investments in the sector and to define clear-cut interventions for improving productivity for 1.4 million Ugandan coffee farmers.

### What you need to know about these results

These results reflect information from the U.S. Agency for International Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Peace Corps, and the U.S. African Development Foundation reported into Feed the Future's central monitoring system for FY2014. For more information on the indicators above, please view our [FY14 Feed the Future progress report](#). All dollar amounts are listed in U.S. dollars.

## Opportunities

Uganda has nearly half the arable land in East Africa, abundant rainfall, and two growing seasons over much of the country. Agriculture contributes to more than 20 percent of GDP and 48 percent of exports. Processing local produce accounts for 40 percent of total manufacturing. Nonetheless, agricultural yields are significantly below potential and postharvest losses are high. Raising agricultural output and quality standards would not only pull millions out of poverty but also help improve nutrition.

The Government of Uganda has demonstrated commitment to agricultural development, signing a Comprehensive Africa

Agriculture Development Program compact in 2010. Its National Development Plan and Agriculture Development Sector Investment Plan provide the framework for Feed the Future's strategic focus on nutrition and agriculture in the country. Feed the Future and other development and private sector partners have aligned their efforts with the priorities of the Government of Uganda to address nutrition, agriculture and food security.

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## Activities

Feed the Future supports the following programs, partnerships and organizations in Uganda.

- Africa Agriculture Technology Foundation
- Africa Lead II
- African Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD)
- Agribusiness Development Facility to the African Agricultural Capital Fund
- Agribusiness Initiative (ABi Trust)
- Agricultural Biotechnology Support Program (ABSP II)
- Banana Bacterial Wilt Resistance
- Benchmarking the Business of Agriculture
- Borlaug Higher Education for Agriculture Research and Development
- Borlaug 21<sup>st</sup> Century Leadership Program
- Capacity Development in the Agriculture Sector
- CGIAR Fund Core Grant with the World Bank
- Community Connector
- Deploying Vegetable Seed Kits to Tackle Malnutrition
- Drought Tolerant Maize for Africa (DTMA)/Drought Tolerant Maize Seed Scaling (DTMASS)
- Economic Empowerment and Livelihoods Activity
- Education and Research to Improve Climate Adaptation
- Enhancing Climate-Resilience of Agricultural Livelihoods
- Farmer to Farmer Program
- Feed the Future Agricultural Inputs Activity
- Feed the Future Biosafety Activity
- Feed the Future Commodity Production and Marketing
- Feed the Future Enabling Environment for Agriculture
- Feed the Future FEEDBACK
- [Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Collaborative Research on Aquaculture & Fisheries](#)
- [Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Collaborative Research on Assets and Market Access](#)
- [Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Collaborative Research on Grain Legumes](#)
- [Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Collaborative Research on Horticulture](#)
- [Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Collaborative Research on Nutrition in Africa](#)
- [Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Collaborative Research on Peanut Productivity & Mycotoxin](#)
- [Feed the Future Partnering for Innovation](#)
- Food and Nutrition Technical Assistance (FANTA III)
- Food Safety Training Modules and Networks
- Gender-Based Advocacy for Ugandan National Coffee Policy Activity
- Gender Randomized Control Trial
- [Global Agriculture and Food Security Program](#)
- Governance Accountability Performance and Participation (GAPP)
- HarvestPlus Partnership
- Improving Local Stakeholders Readiness to Adapt to Climate Change in Agriculture Activity
- Innovation in Agricultural Training and Education (InnovATE)
- International Fertilizer Development Center
- Karamoja Growth, Health and Governance Activity
- Knowledge-Driven Agricultural Development

- Maize/Bean Research
- Modernizing Extension and Advisory Services
- Norman Borlaug Commemorative Research Initiative (NBCRI)
- Norman E. Borlaug Leadership Enhancement in Agriculture Program (Borlaug LEAP)
- **Peace Corps Interagency Food Security Partnership**
- Policy Advancement for Climate Change Adaptation and Agricultural Development Activity
- Production for Improved Nutrition
- Program for Biosafety Systems
- Resiliency Through Wealth, Agriculture and Nutrition in Karamoja
- Solutions for African Food Enterprises (SAFE)
- Strengthening Partnerships, Results and Innovation in Nutrition Globally (SPRING)
- Uganda Value-Added Maize Alliance
- **U.S. African Development Foundation**
- US Borlaug Global Food Security Fellows Program
- USDA Food for Progress Program
- Virus Resistant Cassava for Africa
- World Food Program Purchase for Progress Program

## Target Regions

## Funding

