



## Feed the Future Country Fact Sheet

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# Fact Sheet: Supporting South Sudan's Vision for the Future

## USAID Focusing on Agricultural Development to Strengthen Economic Growth

Through Feed the Future, President Obama's food security initiative, the United States has focused on agricultural development to drive broad-based economic growth in the Republic of South Sudan. USAID is working with a range of partners on this effort including John Garang University, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), and the International Fertilizer Development Center (IFDC). Goals include increasing agricultural resiliency, supporting high-quality agricultural inputs and services and building an enabling agricultural infrastructure.

As part of this focus, USAID also recently designed the first-ever credit guarantee in the newly independent South Sudan to support local lending to the country's agriculture sector. Working with AGRA, the Development Credit Authority guarantee will mobilize \$7 million in private financing for agriculture lending from Equity Bank and Finance Sudan. Negotiations are underway to include an additional commercial bank. The six-year guarantee will provide partial risk protection for bank lending to key agricultural aggregators, input suppliers, entrepreneurs, and other small-scale businesses in the agriculture value chain.

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