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## FOOD SECURITY HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 67<sup>th</sup> UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### Feed the Future Partnering with Civil Society: Secretary Clinton Announces \$1 Billion in Private Funds to Improve Agriculture, Food Security, and Nutrition

Last week, on the margins of the 67<sup>th</sup> UN General Assembly, President Joyce Banda of Malawi and U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton co-hosted an event highlighting the many ways that civil society organizations contribute to progress on food security.

Secretary Clinton opened the event by announcing that InterAction, an alliance of 198 U.S.-based international NGOs, would pledge more than \$1 billion in private, non-governmental funds over three years to improve food security and nutrition worldwide. Over \$900 million of that total amount will come from World Vision, Heifer International, Catholic Relief Services, Save the Children, and ChildFund International.



Activist and New York Times columnist Nick Kristof (left) moderates a discussion between President Banda and Secretary Clinton. Credit: U.S. Department of State

“InterAction’s members are at the forefront of the global fight against hunger and poor nutrition. They work alongside local communities to help people become more self-sufficient. Their efforts complement U.S. Government programs, such as Feed the Future,” said Samuel A. Worthington, president and CEO of InterAction.

The event featured two panels with government and civil society representatives, and explored the role that CSOs play not only as advocates for the global food security agenda, but also in driving innovation, building capacity, and leveraging critical relationships at the grassroots level to improve agriculture and nutrition for the most vulnerable.

Want to learn more? [Visit FeedtheFuture.gov's featured page on food security and the UN General Assembly](#) to read Secretary Clinton's remarks, watch a video of the event, or download new resources on Feed the Future and civil society!

## Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, and Mozambique Join New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition



Administrator Shah announces expansion of the New Alliance. Credit: USAID

On September 26, the U.S. Government and other G-8 members co-hosted a side event at the UN General Assembly entitled “New Alliance: Progress and the Way Forward.” The high-level forum celebrated the expansion of the New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition to three additional African countries – Burkina Faso, Côte d’Ivoire, and Mozambique – while also continuing the momentum around global food security following the [G-8 Summit in May, where President Obama announced the New Alliance](#).

In his opening remarks, USAID Administrator Rajiv Shah officially announced formal agreements between the three new African countries, G-8 members, and private sector firms to accelerate investments in agriculture to improve productivity, livelihoods, and food security for smallholder farmers. He also noted New Alliance progress in the initial three African partner countries – Ethiopia, Ghana, and Tanzania. Since May, 21 additional private sector companies, most of them African, have signed letters of intent, committing to invest an additional \$500 million in African agriculture. The New Alliance aims to raise 50 million people out of poverty over the next 10 years through sustained and inclusive agricultural growth.



Japanese Ambassador Okamura (far right) moderates a panel on the New Alliance featuring Ministers of Agriculture for Burkina Faso and Côte d’Ivoire and Mozambique’s Minister of Foreign Affairs. Credit: USAID

Administrator Shah was joined at the event by His Excellency Jean Ping, Chairperson of the African Union Commission, as well as Ministers from all six African New Alliance countries, who participated in panels highlighting opportunity and progress in their countries on food security. Representatives from G-8 countries and both African and international private firms also spoke on the importance of partnership for growth in the agriculture sector.

[Find new Cooperation Frameworks and other resources on the New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition on FeedtheFuture.gov.](#)

## Feed the Future to Fully Integrate SUN Principles in Fourteen Countries



During a [high-level meeting on Scaling Up Nutrition \(SUN\)](#) on September 27, USAID Administrator Shah announced that USAID will continue to work to ensure that the principles and programmatic priorities of SUN are fully integrated across all relevant USAID-supported programs in food security, health, water and sanitation, education, and humanitarian assistance in 14 countries.

“We are committed to reducing undernutrition so that children all over the world have better opportunities to grow, learn, and live healthy, productive lives,” Shah said, noting that this will help accelerate SUN and support country-driven approaches to improved food security and nutrition. [Read more.](#)