

FEED THE FUTURE KENYA

USAID works with a host of partners to advance inclusive agriculture-led economic growth, resilience, nutrition, and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) in priority countries to help accelerate and protect development progress. The objectives of the Feed the Future initiative in Kenya are to reduce hunger, poverty, and malnutrition. The initiative works with value chain actors including farmers, processors, and financial institutions to enhance the competitiveness of Kenya's agriculture sector. Feed the Future supports innovative, private sector-led solutions and policies to strengthen three core value chains: dairy, horticulture, and livestock, with an additional emphasis on drought-tolerant crops. Responding to COVID-19 related constraints to the Kenyan agriculture sector, \$15.9 million in Feed the Future funding was redirected to ensure timely and continued operation of the food supply chain and exports within the agribusiness sector.



Gladys Toto from Ekitale village in Busia County proudly shows her bull, which is an improved Ayrshire breed. Photo credit/FIPS

Program Areas

Feed the Future aligns with and contributes to the U.S. Government's Global Food Security Strategy objectives to increase inclusive agriculture-led economic growth, resilience of people and systems, and the population's nutritional status, particularly among women and children. Feed the Future seeks to develop and expand market opportunities that incentivize households and smallholder farmers to move into higher value and commercialized value chains, as well as diversifying into higher-return commodities and non-farm activities. Feed the Future seeks to empower women to close the gap in inequalities between men and women's access to productive inputs, such as credit, technology, and extension services, that constrain productivity and profitability and to advance an inclusive and resilient agriculture sector. Feed the Future also focuses on the long-term effects of the COVID-19 pandemic while promoting inclusive locally led development, food systems approach and climate change response.

Agriculture-led Economic Growth

Creating an enabling environment for private sector investment and allowing markets to function is key to building sustainability and enhancing competitiveness in the domestic, regional, and international markets. Feed the Future seeks to mobilize capital and improve the business and investment enabling climate, as well as invest in new ideas and technologies at scale to improve employment prospects, productivity, and incomes of smallholders across multiple value chains. By partnering with pivotal public and private sector actors, we are enhancing Kenya's policy reform efforts to transform agricultural growth, such as advancing increased domestic, regional, and export trade. To advance devolution and improve county-level capacity, Feed the Future supported the strengthening of the Agriculture and Arid

FY21 Budget

\$28.3 Million (USD)

Implementing Partners

RTI International

ACDI/VOCA

Palladium

International Livestock Research Institute

United States Department of Agriculture

Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa

Mercy Corps

Partners

Government of Kenya:

Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives

Ministry of Industrialization, Trade and Enterprise

Ministry of Devolution and ASALs

National Drought Management Authority

State Department of Arid & Semi-Arid Lands

National Economic and Social Council

National Treasury

Council of Governors

County Governments

Frontier Counties Development Council

Pest Control Products Board

Horticultural Crops Directorate

Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization

Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service

UN Food and Agriculture Organization

Communities

and Semi-Arid Lands Secretariat within the Council of Governors structure to help foster the commitment of counties to increase their agriculture budget. Feed the Future has also developed well-structured relationships with the State Departments of Livestock, and Crops and Research to enhance self-reliance through coordination, cooperation, and partnership.

Strengthened Resilience

Building resilience at the household, community, and market-system levels is critical to ensuring that gains achieved are not lost due to market, climate, political or security-related shocks, particularly in the drought-prone northern areas of the country. A fundamental step toward Kenya's pathway to sustainability is the ability of people, communities, and county governments to adapt and/or transform in the face of such shocks.

Supporting a Well-Nourished Population

Feed the Future Kenya promotes nutrition-sensitive agriculture to increase availability and access to nutritious foods for women and children. Activities also focus on women's empowerment, including income generation at the household level. Feed the Future provides women with resources to boost their productivity and incomes, facilitates the growth of women-owned enterprises, and advances women's leadership in the economy.