

FEED THE FUTURE RWANDA ORORA WIHAZE

Stunting rates for children in Rwanda remain stubbornly high at 33 percent for children under five, but there is an opportunity to decrease those rates through increased consumption of animal-sourced foods (ASF). ASF provides vital and highly bioavailable nutrients and plays an important role in cognitive development. Majority of households in Rwanda do not regularly consume ASF, particularly meat and egg products, due to dietary norms, limited availability, and perceived high cost in rural areas. Lack of appropriate financing and poor coordination between public and private sector actors further constrain access to ASF leading to low *per capita* consumption of pork, fish, poultry, and goat meat.



Marie, a pig farmer. Photo credit: Ashley Peterson for Land O'Lakes 2023.

Activity Objectives

- Sustainably increase availability of access to and consumption of ASF through the development of a profitable market,
- source, incubate, scale, and replicate innovative solutions to address root constraints in the ASF market system, and
- strengthen the ASF market system by working with local partners and the private sector in Rwanda.

Expected Results

- 125,00 households' income increased by at least 30 percent,
- 40 percent increase in women of reproductive age consuming a diet of minimum diversity,
- US \$5 million new commitment and private sector investment leveraged by the United States to support food security and nutrition,
- US \$1.3 million agriculture-related financing accessed because of assistance from the United States.

Results Achieved as of September 2023

- 138,891 persons participated in food security programs funded by the United States,
- 65 percent of women of reproductive age in target areas are consuming a diet of minimum diversity,
- US \$5,019,646 in new commitment and private sector investment leveraged to support food security and nutrition,
- US \$6,748,816 in total value of agriculture-related financing accessed because of assistance from the United States.

Key Information

Implementation period: 2019-2024

Activity value: US \$15.4 million

Implementing partners: Land O'Lakes Venture 37, Catholic Relief Services, Market Share Associates, The Manoff Group

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