



Food for the Hungry commends Congress's key improvements and passage of Farm Bill advancing global food security

WASHINGTON, D.C. (December 13, 2018) — [Food for the Hungry](#) (FH), a global humanitarian organization graduating communities from extreme poverty, commends Congress's bipartisan passage of the Farm Bill, which supports vital programs that improve food security worldwide.

The reaffirmed commitment to the Farm Bill includes notable improvements which advance food security through adaptive, context-specific solutions. As FH has seen working in over 20 countries worldwide, differing contexts require differing interventions. The newest rendition of the Farm Bill maintains authority for much-needed flexibility for a range of tools, including food vouchers, in-kind aid, and cash transfers that may be required in fragile contexts. In addition, FH applauds Congress for supporting McGovern-Dole Food for Education, Food for Progress, and critical Food for Peace emergency and non-emergency programs in the Farm Bill.

The Farm Bill is critical within the framework of FH's mission to graduate communities from extreme poverty. Food for Peace's Development Food Security Activities (DFSA) program empowers implementing partners, such as FH, to carry out the important work of strengthening food security in low-income countries like Ethiopia and the Democratic Republic of Congo. This program helps vulnerable communities become more resilient by helping them cope with shocks and stresses, and thereby allaying future humanitarian crises.

FH is proud to partner with governmental agencies like USAID, working together to mitigate global hunger. As a member of the [InterAction consortium](#), FH wholeheartedly agrees that "the Farm Bill couldn't have come at a more crucial time, with the Famine Early Warning Network recently reporting that 83 million people across 46 countries will face acute food security in 2019. International food security programs authorized in the Farm Bill are vital to addressing the challenge of hunger worldwide and we urge Congress to support these provisions in the Farm Bill."

ABOUT FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY

Food for the Hungry is a Christian humanitarian organization ending all forms of human poverty by providing life-changing development programs, disaster relief, and advocacy. Since 1971, Food for the Hungry has been going into the world's hardest places with an exit strategy: to respond to human suffering and graduate communities of extreme poverty into self-sustainability, all within a decade. By creating context-specific solutions in education, agriculture, health, livelihood, clean water, and disaster risk reduction, the nonprofit focuses on transformational development, investing in children as the key to lift entire communities out of poverty. With 98% of staff working in their country of origin, Food for the Hungry works side-by-side with local leaders, churches, and families to implement innovative solutions. The organization currently serves more than 14 million people in over 20 countries worldwide. For more information, follow [@food4thehungry](#) on Twitter or visit www.fh.org.

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