

The Global Food Security Act of 2014 H.R.5656

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Around the world, 805 million people suffer from chronic food insecurity.

- 165 million children are **stunted**, physically and cognitively underdeveloped, due to malnutrition.
- Food security is the **foundation** of all other development investments we make. If students are hungry, they cannot learn in school. If patients do not have proper nutrition, medications do not work.
- A hungry world will never be a secure world and it can never be a just world.

Now is the time for Congress to act to support improving global food security and agricultural development.

- Feed the Future, formally launched in 2010, has its roots in the U.S. government's response to the 2008 food price crisis
 - USAID leads Feed the Future, but it is truly a whole of government initiative with a total of 11 federal agencies contributing to the effort
 - Feed the Future emphasizes a country-led approach to development and works in 19 countries, within Asia, Central America, and Africa, that have demonstrated a commitment to agricultural development and food and nutrition security
 - Last year alone, Feed the Future improved the nutrition of 12.5 million children and assisted 7 million farmers and producers in improving their use of technology and land management practices
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H.R. 5656 ensures we build upon our successes thus far, and strengthens our commitment to helping poor countries grow their way out of poverty and overcome hunger. This bill:

- Requires the development of a comprehensive global food security strategy to promote global food and nutrition security
- Preserves the whole of government approach, with the Administrator of USAID named as coordinator
- Commits to a country-led approach that also leverages unique partnerships with NGOs, the private sector, and educational institutions
- Prioritizes growing small-scale producers' income, productivity, and livelihoods and improving nutrition, especially among women and children
- Authorizes appropriations for Fiscal Year 2015 at just over \$1.0 billion

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