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Season's Greetings from Feed the Future

As 2011 draws to a close, Feed the Future celebrates progress in food security from around the world and looks ahead to the remaining challenges facing global leaders in the fight against hunger and poverty.



Amina Fushieni helps weed the soy field of her friend and Feed the Future beneficiary, Azaratu Fushieni in Ghana. Photo credit: Elisa Walton/USAID

This holiday season, as people all over the world gather to celebrate in the spirit of giving, Feed the Future is taking stock of accomplishments that have advanced food security through the support of nine U.S. Government agencies and the commitment of twenty country partners. Since 2009, President Obama's Feed the Future initiative has:

- Helped launch the 1,000 Days partnership to support investment in nutrition from pregnancy through a child's second birthday, when adequate nutrition has the greatest impact on developing a child's cognitive and physical capacity;
- Established the U.S. as one of the five inaugural donors of the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program, an innovative multi-donor trust fund that has awarded \$481 million to twelve low-income countries, including eight Feed the Future focus countries;
- Invested in the Borlaug 21st Century Leadership Program to strengthen the human and institutional capital needed to promote agricultural sector innovation in partner countries;
- Launched the Women's Empowerment in Agriculture Index, a research method to effectively measure the quantity and quality of gender-related programs.

To learn more about these and other exciting updates on the U.S. Government's global hunger and food security initiative, please visit Feed the Future's News & Events page and stay tuned for a new issue of the Feed the Future Newsletter in January 2012!