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United States Government to Provide 65,870 MT of Food Aid to Malawian Families

This year's prolonged drought and poor harvest, coupled with a steady decrease in household assets and the growing impact of HIV/AIDS, have caused Malawi's food security situation to deteriorate dramatically. Currently, more than 4.8 million Malawians are in need of food assistance.

Since June 1, 2005, the United States has pledged 65,870 MT of food (valued at USD 40.2 million or MK 4.9 billion) to the World Food Program (WFP) and a consortium of seven USG NGOs in Malawi (I-LIFE) for distribution to vulnerable households, orphans and HIV/AIDS patients. In addition, some of the food will be used in Food for Work Programs, helping to create productive community assets like canals and feeder roads.

The United States is a leader in the world's effort to prevent a widespread humanitarian crisis in southern Africa and is pleased to respond to the food security needs of the Malawian people. Working together we can mitigate the impact of drought.