



# USAID FOOD ASSISTANCE

Striving for a world free of hunger and malnutrition, where all people have adequate, safe, and nutritious food to lead healthy and productive lives.

USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (USAID/BHA) is the world's largest single donor of international food assistance, helping more than 70 million people in need in nearly 60 countries every year. For more than 65 years, we have conveyed the compassion and goodwill of the American people by saving lives and reducing hunger and malnutrition around the world. USAID works with partners to provide life-saving food assistance to the most vulnerable around the world and reduce hunger and malnutrition so that people have adequate, safe and nutritious food. Alleviating global hunger is critical to U.S. national security: where hunger persists, instability grows. By supporting the world's most vulnerable, USAID is building a more stable world and empowering people to lead healthy, productive lives.

## EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE

When people face food insecurity or the threat of starvation and local authorities do not have the capacity to respond, USAID/BHA provides food assistance to save lives, reduce suffering, and support the early recovery of people affected by conflict and natural disasters, including refugees. Acute food insecurity affects the amount and quality of food people can eat, as well as the health of families. When responding to severe food crises, USAID complements food assistance with comprehensive, multi-sector programming, such as treatment for acute malnutrition, clean water, and health services programming. USAID works with both United Nations agencies that have the capacity to quickly scale their operations and with non-governmental organizations to design this essential multi-sector programming. Our emergency food assistance is provided in the form of in-kind food, cash transfers for food, or food vouchers. Learn more about our response modalities for emergency food and nutrition assistance at: [usaid.gov/document/modalities-emergency-food-and-nutrition-assistance-12-22-2022](https://www.usaid.gov/document/modalities-emergency-food-and-nutrition-assistance-12-22-2022).

## RESILIENCE FOOD SECURITY ACTIVITIES

USAID/BHA also supports multi-year resilience food security activities that enhance the resilience of vulnerable populations around the world. These activities aim to build people's capacities to better manage shocks and stresses by combating malnutrition, reducing morbidity and mortality, promoting economic growth, minimizing disaster risks, improving food security, and adapting to climate change.

