The U.S. Government Feed the Future initiative is a comprehensive, whole-of-government effort to end hunger, improve food security, enhance nutrition, build resilience, and put countries like Ethiopia on the road to self-reliance. Ethiopia is one of 12 partner countries chosen to participate in this new phase of the Feed the Future initiative. The country plan supports the country's goal of modernizing agriculture under the New Horizon of Hope agenda, aligns with the Growth and Transformation Plan II, National Food and Nutrition Policy, and other national-level development strategies, and contributes to Ethiopia’s vision of becoming a prosperous, middle-income country by 2025.

**WHAT WE WILL DO**

**Support inclusive and sustainable agriculture-led economic growth by:**
- Increasing crop and livestock productivity and diversification
- Improving the business enabling environment
- Increasing alternative livelihood pathways, including employment and entrepreneurship opportunities, especially for youth and women
- Expanding access to markets with increased urban opportunities

**Strengthen resilience among people and institutions by:**
- Improving natural resource management
- Strengthening the systems needed to avert, mitigate, and recover from shocks and stresses

**Improve nutrition, especially among women and children by:**
- Incorporating a multi-sectoral approach that addresses the immediate and underlying causes of acute and chronic malnutrition through both nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive approaches.

**HOW WE WILL ACHIEVE THIS**
- Promote local ownership and capacity building of local systems and stakeholders.
- Layer activities with past and current investments, emphasizing areas where the U.S. Government can work with other stakeholders, including the private sector and the Government of Ethiopia, to leverage resources and expertise.
- Achieve sustainability and self-reliance to end the need for U.S. foreign assistance. The activities are designed to enable Ethiopia’s public and private institutions to achieve inclusive economic growth and poverty reduction, improved nutrition, and resilience.

**WHERE WE WILL WORK**

Feed the Future programs will target the following five geographic zones:

- Northern Cluster
- Lake Tana Cluster
- Southern Cluster
- Jimma Cluster
- Lowlands / Pastoralist Cluster (TBD)
BUILDING ON U.S.-ETHIOPIAN PARTNERSHIPS

The United States Government (USG) and Government of Ethiopia (GOE) will continue to collaborate on technical assistance and policy reforms in order to promote the goals and objectives of the new Feed the Future Country Plan for Ethiopia. Among other things, we will work together on:

- Ensuring GOE coordination with USG to enhance collaboration across ministries;
- Reviewing and coordinating to ensure alignment between the Agricultural Growth Program II, National Nutrition Strategy, and the U.S. Feed the Future Country Plan;
- Aligning public investment and development partner assistance on an annual basis regarding national agriculture, resilience, nutrition, and food-security investment plans;
- Developing, reforming, and implementing policies to achieve the goals of these aligned plans;
- Using and strengthening national data and analysis systems;
- Catalyzing responsible private-sector investment;
- Commit to U.S. and Feed the Future target country public reporting on investment, programs and impact; and
- Monitoring and evaluation (baseline planned for March 2019)

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ILLUSTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

Approximately 50 USAID activities anchor the country plan, including:

- **Development Food Security Activities** provide millions of people with food and cash transfers to help them during drought and lean seasons, as well as better prepare for and mitigate shocks.
- **Livelihoods for Resilience** activities help vulnerable people permanently escape poverty.
- The **Pastoralist Resiliency Improvement and Market Expansion** activity enables lowland pastoralists to sell livestock to markets as a way of mitigating against drought.
- The **Land Administration to Nurture Development** activity provides assistance for land certification and land use policy.
- The **Growth Through Nutrition** activity helps young mothers and children increase their access to affordable and quality healthcare, food, safe water, and sanitary goods and services.
- The **Value Chain Activity** supports the commercialization of agriculture, particularly maize, chickpea, coffee, meat, dairy, and poultry to increase incomes for smallholder farmers.
- **Development Credit Authority** guarantees Ethiopian banks up to a total of $50 million in loans to provide to farmers and businesses, helping them access financing to invest in their enterprises.