

Catholic Relief Services

During this time of unprecedented and dire global food insecurity, please prioritize supporting hunger-reducing development and humanitarian assistance around the world by:

- Protecting non-emergency development programming in Title II Food for Peace by opposing the inclusion of the American Farmers Feed the World Act (H.R. 4293/S.2862) in the upcoming Farm Bill.
- Increasing fiscal years 2024 and 2025 funding for poverty-reducing international development and humanitarian assistance, focusing on Farm Bill and USAID programs that improve agricultural outcomes, increase food security and reduce hunger.



FOOD FOR PEACE TITLE II DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMING:

- **Reduces hunger and improves food security.** With access to training and resources, farmers can increase their agricultural yield, earn a secure living and feed their family with nutritious food.
- **Increases economic stability.** Through livelihood training and access to savings and lending groups, vulnerable communities can recover, rebuild and strengthen their capacity to provide for themselves and thrive.
- **Decreases need for future humanitarian assistance.** Investing in long-term solutions to poverty supports communities in building resilience and self-sufficiency so that they are no longer dependent on aid.



AMERICAN FARMERS FEED THE WORLD ACT:

- **Endangers hunger-reducing programs.** If AFFWA is enacted, Food for Peace long-term development programs would become inoperable. At a time of rising global hunger and malnutrition, this bill is a deadly proposition for millions of children and families.
- **Contributes to food insecurity.** The loss of Food for Peace non-emergency programs alone would result in 3 million fewer people receiving critical assistance to build self-sufficiency.
- **Creates a rigid approach.** AFFWA would undermine the flexibility necessary to effectively implement food assistance programs based on community needs—including providing U.S. commodities, sourcing locally supplied seeds for farmers and improving market access, among other approaches.



INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN AND DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

- **The right thing to do.** It is our moral imperative to provide assistance to our human family and address the root causes of hunger and poverty.
- **Economically beneficial.** Improves agricultural outcomes, strengthens food security and reduces hunger.
- **Increases global security.** Supports people with the resources they need to thrive and to cultivate just and peaceful societies.



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