



# FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY

## Food for the Hungry Celebrates USG's \$11 Billion Commitment to Fighting Malnutrition

**Washington, DC (January 10, 2022)** – During last month's Nutrition for Growth (N4G) summit, USAID Administrator Samantha Power announced a commitment by the U.S. Government to spend \$11 billion - including \$3 billion directed at humanitarian needs - over the next three years to combat rising levels of malnutrition. Before the summit, Food for the Hungry, along with its allies in the U.S.-based international non-governmental organization community, relayed to the administration the extraordinary, rising levels of global hunger and asked for a robust commitment to address the crisis. We are grateful for the resources committed by the USG at the N4G summit, and look forward to seeing the intent of this commitment across USG programs over the next three fiscal years.

As we learn more details about the \$11 billion commitment, we hope the commitment represents new resources outside of existing programs. Strong levels of nutrition funding, including new resources, are necessary to save lives and prevent deaths from malnutrition among children. Malnutrition is a leading cause of death and disability among children under five years of age globally, and is a factor in 45% of deaths of children in that age group. Although the world had been making steady progress to improve child nutrition, the disruptions of the pandemic to families and schools has caused malnutrition among children to rise. The confluence of COVID-19, the increasingly visible effects of climate change on vulnerable communities, and increased levels of global conflict are working together to reverse decades of progress.

However, the USG's substantial \$11 billion commitment at N4G can make a significant impact in alleviating hunger and malnutrition. These programs not only save lives, but also offer an excellent return on invested resources, with every \$1 invested in nutrition programs yielding \$35 in economic returns. We agree with Administrator Power's statement at N4G when announcing the commitment: "By investing in nutrition programs, applying the evidence of what works, and adapting quickly, we can prevent child malnutrition, even in the time of COVID, and we can build a healthier world for everyone."

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### About Food for the Hungry

Food for the Hungry (FH) is a Christian humanitarian organization ending all forms of human poverty by providing life-changing development programs, disaster relief, and advocacy. For over 50 years, FH has been working to respond to human suffering and graduate communities from extreme poverty into self-sustainability within a decade. By creating context-specific solutions in education, agriculture, health, livelihood, clean water, and disaster risk reduction, the nonprofit focuses on transformational

development, investing in children as the key to lift entire communities out of poverty. With 98% of staff working in their country of origin, FH works side by side with local leaders, churches, and families to implement innovative solutions. The organization currently serves more than 5.3 million people in over 20 countries worldwide. For more information, follow FH on [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#), or visit [www.fh.org](http://www.fh.org)