Nutrition

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Relevance

**Nutrition** is fundamental to:

- Global health
- Economic growth
- Community and household resilience
- Education
- Women’s empowerment
- **Feed the Future!**

The average pace of stunting reduction has been **2.5x higher annually** in Feed the Future focus countries than before the initiative began.

[Feed the Future Snapshot: A Decade of Progress](#)
Development programs that address/improve the following factors will increase the number of **well-nourished individuals** at the community and population levels:

- Access, availability, and utilization of nutritious and safe diets year-round (for example, through **nutrition-sensitive** agriculture programming)

- Direct, **nutrition-specific** interventions and services

- More **hygienic** household and community environments

- **Women’s empowerment**
Questions

How can the USG most effectively reduce undernutrition and support a well-nourished population by addressing the determinants of stunting, wasting, and serious micronutrient deficiencies?

• What are the most efficient ways to identify the determinants of stunting in the contexts where we work?

• Which nutrition-sensitive interventions, especially in market systems and value chains, most effectively increase access, availability, and utilization of nutritious and safe diets year-round?

• What are the best ways to identify, deliver and scale up proven nutrition-sensitive and nutrition-specific interventions, through both public and private sector channels?