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VIDEO OF THE WEEK

[The United Nations warns](#) that ecological damage to the planet is so dire that millions of lives will soon be at risk unless urgent action is taken. According to the [sixth Global Environmental Outlook](#), a UN report produced by 250 scientists and experts from more than 70 countries, green investment to the tune of 2% of countries' GDP would deliver long-term and sustainable economic growth.

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DID YOU KNOW...

Drought causes the largest amount of damage and loss in agriculture, among climate-related disasters. It accounts for 83%, which is more than floods, tsunamis, and earthquakes combined. Learn more in this [infographic](#) produced by [FAO](#).

Program and Country Priorities for the 2019 Food for Progress Program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has selected the following program priorities for the 2019 [Food for Progress Program \(FFPr\)](#): Trade Facilitation Agreement (Paraguay), Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (East African Community and its member states), Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (Philippines), Coffee (Ethiopia),

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FFPr has two principal objectives: to improve agricultural productivity and to expand trade of agricultural products. The program helps developing countries and emerging democracies modernize and strengthen their agricultural sectors. U.S. agricultural commodities donated to recipient countries are sold on the local market and the proceeds are used to support agricultural, economic or infrastructure development programs.

Call to Action: Supporting Women Through Water March 22 is Global Water Day



Photo credit: USAID Water & Development Alliance

In honor of World Water Day, Global Water Challenge, the Aspen Institute, and partners are hosting a Call to Action focused on supporting women through water access. The event is being hosted in partnership with the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Agency for International Development at the George C. Marshall Center on March 21, from 9:00 am to 2:15 pm, and will explore the critical intersection between water and women's empowerment.

The meeting will raise awareness around empowering women through clean water access, highlight innovative programs, inspire connections to enhance ongoing work, and identify new opportunities for collaboration.

[Register here](#) (space for this event is limited)

Test Your Knowledge: 2019 Global Food Policy Report Quiz

IFPRI has created a [micro quiz](#) of five questions focusing on rural revitalization, the theme of their upcoming *2019 Global Food Policy Report*. Check your score to see how much you know and share the quiz with others to compare results!

The *2019 Global Food Policy Report* is set to launch on Wednesday, March 27. Visit [IFPRI's website](#) for details on planned launch events.

Featured Resource Alternative Livelihoods Working Glossary

From 'formal work' to the 'informal economy,' 'self-employment' to 'entrepreneurship,' and 'off-farm' to 'non-farm' livelihoods, alternative livelihoods terminology can be confusing. The blurred lines of income classification can be even more challenging within food security initiatives that operate in unpredictable environments, where constantly shifting work opportunities within agriculture and beyond are the norm. This glossary, produced by [SCALE](#), offers definitions and clarifications for some of these terms.

Download it from the FSN Network Resource Library [here](#). Access the [recording of a recent webinar](#) produced by SCALE on this topic.

ALTERNATIVE LIVELIHOODS WORKING GLOSSARY

off-farm agricultural market system
alternative livelihoods entrepreneurship
youth self-employment livelihood diversification
job creation employability job creation *on-farm* resilience

The USAID Office of Food for Peace (FFP) 2016–2022 Food Assistance and Food Security Strategy reaffirms its commitment to enhancing the productivity of resources held by smallholder producers but recognizes that diversification of livelihoods is the path to resilience for many poor households and that increased income is foundational for transformative change. Ensuring that vulnerable populations have reliable economic pathways enables livelihood investments to have a greater impact on poverty reduction in the world. Via the understanding that agricultural-based income streams often need to be supplemented and diversified in the fragile contexts where FFP operates, the new strategy includes a focus on "on-farm and off-farm livelihood opportunities and income expansion" (FFP 2016).

The Strengthening Capacity in Agriculture, Livelihoods, and Environment (SCALE) Award is a capacity strengthening, applied research and knowledge sharing initiative working to ensure that communities and families fully benefit from the U.S. Government's investments in food security programs. Funded by the USAID Office of Food for Peace (FFP), SCALE works to strengthen the impact, sustainability and stability of FFP-funded agriculture, natural resource management, and off-farm livelihood activities on both emergency and development contexts. Implemented by Mercy Corps in collaboration with Save the Children, SCALE partners with food security implementers and the broader research community to capture, generate, apply and share knowledge to foster more resilient agricultural systems and enhance income opportunities for the world's most vulnerable.

It's important to remember that while alleviating ambiguity around alternative livelihood terms is useful, the absolute categorization of these activities is not solely critical, as long as the interventions, strategies, principles, and outcomes are sound.

USAID Office of Food for Peace (FFP), Food Assistance and Security Strategy, 2016-2022.

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Funding & Other Opportunities

[Call for Proposals to Present: Cracking the Nut 2019](#) | **Deadline: March 29, 2019**

The Cracking the Nut Advisory Committee invites interested persons to submit proposals to present at the Cracking the Nut 2019: Leveraging Systems for Improved Food Security conference. This conference's core themes for the breakout sessions are: **Reducing Systemic Risks, Improving Health, Nutrition and Access to Clean Water, and Increasing Inclusion in Commercial Markets**. All proposals must align with at least one of the conference themes. Presenters may submit more than one proposal to present, but only one presentation per theme will be selected.

[Call for Applications: Information Technology Master's Degree for African Policy Makers](#) | **Deadline: April 9, 2019**

The African Development Institute of the African Development Bank is implementing the next African Global IT Leaders Program under the Korea-Africa Economic Cooperation (KOAFEC) Knowledge Sharing Program (KSP). The objective of the program is to create a critical mass of highly trained professionals in ICT across the African continent. This two-year Masters degree program in Information Technology provides integrated courses focused on the IT technologies and Korean business strategies.

[Call for Submissions: 2019 Collaborating, Learning and Adapting Case Competition](#) | **Deadline: April 12, 2019**

The annual Collaborating, Learning and Adapting (CLA) Case Competition captures real-life case studies of USAID staff and implementing partners using a CLA approach for organizational learning and better development outcomes. This is not a call for traditional success stories; USAID Learning Lab wants to hear what's working well, what you're struggling with, and what you've learned along the way. It can be about something big, or about one small practice that made an important difference to your work. All eligible case studies will be featured on USAID Learning Lab and may be shared via communications channels such as their blog, and on Twitter. The competition is open to all types of individuals and organizations working with USAID.

[Call for Applications: Food for Progress \(FFPr\) Program](#) | **Deadline: May 15, 2019**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) is soliciting applications for the Food for Progress (FFPr) program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019. FAS expects to award multiple cooperative agreements under FFPr, totaling up to \$155 million. Applications for cooperative agreements will be prioritized for the following countries and regions: Ethiopia, Indonesia, West Africa Regional, The Philippines, East African Community and its member states, Venezuela and Paraguay. FAS priority thematic areas are: specialty crops, sanitary and phytosanitary systems (SPS), and trade facilitation.

Upcoming Events

[Call to Action: Supporting Women Through Water](#): U.S. Department of State and USAID; March 21; Washington,

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[Launch: 2019 Global Food Policy Report](#): IFPRI; March 27; Washington, DC

[International Food Security Symposium: Building Institutional Capacity for Food Security](#); University of Illinois; April 2-3; Urbana, IL

[Cash and Livelihoods Training](#): The Cash Learning Partnership (CaLP); April 5; Washington, DC

[Save the Date: The Future of Resilient Agriculture: Cultivating Self-Reliance in Emergency & Development Contexts](#): SCALE; May 8-9; Washington, DC

[Ending Global Hunger Colloquium](#): Purdue University; April 10-11; West Lafayette, IN

[Global Nutrition Symposium](#): Government of Nepal & Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Livestock Systems; April 25-26; Kathmandu, Nepal

[Water for a Hungry World- Innovation in Water and Food Security](#): University of Nebraska; April 29-30; Lincoln, NE

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New Reports, Guides & Tools

[Agriculture for Improved Nutrition: Seizing the Momentum](#) from IFPRI

[Global Health 50/50 2019 Report](#) from GH5050

[Resilience, Near Poverty and Vulnerability Dynamics: Evidence from Uganda and the Philippines](#) from USAID Center for Resilience

[Sixth Global Environmental Outlook \(GEO-6\)](#) from United Nations Environment

Recent Articles

[Little time for farmers to deal with rainfall changes from global warming](#) from Reuters

[A change in diet brings a change in health for Kenyan farmers](#) from FAO

[Mother Leaders Strengthen Village Health in Burkina Faso](#) from ACDI/VOCA

[How dire climate displacement warnings are becoming a reality in Bangladesh](#) from The New Humanitarian

[Over 8 million Ethiopians need food aid due to violence, drought -government](#) from Reuters

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