**DID YOU KNOW...**

While someone living in **New York** might spend just **0.6%** of their daily income on the ingredients to make a simple bean stew, someone in **South Sudan** would need to spend **201%** of their daily income. To learn more about the cost of food around the world, check out this [blog post](#) on the [Counting the Beans Index](#) produced by WFP.

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**Join USDA’s Public Meeting on Funding Opportunities**

**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2019  |  **Time:** 9:00 am to 12:00 pm  |  **Location:** 1400 Independence Ave SW, Washington, DC

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites you to a public meeting on their FY 2019 Notice of
application requirements, technical areas of focus, priority countries and regions, and address any questions for applicants. More information on participating online will be added to USDA's Food Aid Information System website.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP with your full name and organization to PPDED@fas.usda.gov by April 10, 2019. If you have any questions, please send an email to PPDED@fas.usda.gov.

Recent USDA and USAID Opportunities

- The FY19 Notice of Funding Opportunity has been released for the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition (McGovern-Dole) program.

- The FY19 Notice of Funding Opportunity has been released for the Local and Regional Procurement (LRP) program.

- The FY19 Notice of Funding Opportunity with Venezuela has been released for the Food for Progress (FFPr) program.

- Request for Application (RFA) for the Office of Food for Peace (FFP) development food security activities in Madagascar and Malawi now released.

For more details, please see the Funding Opportunities section below.

Featured Resource

2019 Global Report on Food Crises

The 2019 Global Report on Food Crises focuses on the most severe manifestations of acute food insecurity in the world’s most pressing food crises. It estimates that in 2018, more than 113 million people across 53 countries experienced acute hunger requiring urgent food, nutrition and livelihoods assistance. Conflict and insecurity, climate shocks and economic turbulence continued to be the main drivers of food insecurity, eroding livelihoods and destroying lives.

Learn more through these versions of the report:
- Interactive online report
- Full report
- Abridged version
- Key messages in English and French

Job Postings

- Senior Business Development Manager based in Washington, DC with World Vision
- USPSC - Knowledge Management and Organizational Learning Advisor based in Washington, DC with USAID FFP
- Resilience and Food Security Internship based in Washington, DC with Mercy Corps
- Analyst, Food and Nutrition Services (Budget) based in Washington, DC with DC Public Schools
- Emergency Food Security Internship based in Washington, DC with Mercy Corps
- Program Officer, Regional Food Economies based in Arlington, VA with Winrock International
Request for Applications: Office of Food for Peace (FFP) development food security activities in Madagascar and Malawi | Deadline: May 6, 2019

All documents are available on Grants.gov and will be available on the Madagascar and Malawi country pages. All comments and inquiries should be sent to FACG@usaid.gov.

The SCALE Award is now collecting research proposals from implementing partners funded by the USAID Office of Food for Peace (FFP), with the aim of building the evidence base for interventions at the intersection of agriculture and the management of water resources. Applicants must be organizations that are currently implementing a development or emergency activity funded by USAID/FFP.

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.

Call for Applications: McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program | Deadline: May 29, 2019
The FY19 Notice of Funding Opportunity has been released for the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition (McGovern-Dole) program. McGovern-Dole anticipates awarding up to $191 million in cooperative agreements, for five-year projects ranging from $10 to $35 million. Information about how to apply can be found at https://apps.fas.usda.gov/fais/public.

Call for Applications: Local and Regional Procurement (LRP) Program | Deadline: May 29, 2019
The FY19 Notice of Funding Opportunity has been released for the Local and Regional Procurement (LRP) program. LRP anticipates awarding up to $15 million in cooperative agreements, for three-year projects ranging from $2 to $4 million. Information about how to apply can be found at https://apps.fas.usda.gov/fais/public.

Call for Applications: Food for Progress (FFPr) Program (Venezuela) | Deadline: May 29, 2019
The FY19 Notice of Funding Opportunity with Venezuela has been released for the Food for Progress (FFPr) program. FFPr anticipates making up to one award for approximately $8 to $10 million as part of its overall program of up to $155 million. Information about how to apply for funding for work in Venezuela or other countries can be found at https://apps.fas.usda.gov/fais/public. Note that applications for other countries are due on May 15, 2019.

Upcoming Events

Public Meeting: USDA’s FY 2019 Notice of Funding Opportunities for the Food for Progress, McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition and Local and Regional Procurement Programs: USDA; April 12; Washington, DC + Online

The FAO/WHO/WTO International Forum on Food Safety and Trade: FAO/WHO/WTO; April 23-24; Geneva, Switzerland

The Future of Resilient Agriculture: Designing Solutions for Emergency & Development Contexts: SCALE; May 8-9; Washington, DC

2nd International Conference on Nutrition, Food Science and Technology: Food Technology Congress; May 8-9;
Read Today’s FSN Network News: Opportunities from USAID & USDA, New Reports, and more!

World Congress on Advancing Nutritional and Food Sciences: PULSUS; September 23-24; Rome, Italy

Sustainable Agriculture & Food Systems Summit: Innovinc International; September 26-28; Berlin, Germany

More Events

New Reports, Guides & Tools

From Scarcity to Security- Managing Water for a Nutritious Food Future from The Chicago Council on Global Affairs

Food Assistance Fact Sheet- Republic of the Congo from USAID

2019 Global Report on Food Crises from FSIN

Beneath the Surface: The State of the World's Water 2019 from WaterAid

2019 Global Food Policy Report from IFPRI

Recent Articles

Stanford researchers explore the effects of climate change on hunger from Stanford News

In Driest Djibouti, Recycling Water is Key to Food Security from USAID FFP

Cyclone Idai disaster compounds problems for Zimbabwe from The New Humanitarian

Building Resilience in Egypt's Agriculture Sector Through An Investment of $37 Million From The United States from USAID

If you are not already on our e-mail list, sign-up here. We welcome news of events, tools, trainings, country updates and other content from the broad FSN Network community. Please send any suggested content to news@fsnnetwork.org.

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