OVERVIEW
Feed the Future (FtF), the U.S. Global Hunger and Food Security Initiative, is a $3.5 billion commitment by President Obama at the G8 Summit in L’Aquila, Italy to address two goals: 1) reducing poverty by 50% and 2) reducing under-nutrition by 50% that will in turn contribute to achieving the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) 1.

To achieve these goals, the initiative aims to accelerate inclusive agriculture sector growth through improved agricultural productivity, expanded markets and trade, and increased economic resilience in vulnerable rural communities. The initiative also aims to improve nutritional status by increasing access to and consumption of diverse and quality foods and by strengthening the prevention, identification and treatment of malnutrition. The FtF principles for advancing global food security are: comprehensively address the underlying causes of hunger and under-nutrition; invest in country-led plans; strengthen strategic coordination; and accountable commitments.

CONTRIBUTION
The U.S. Government (USG) anticipates a five-year $150M commitment to be invested in programs that align directly with the goals of Uganda’s Development Strategy and Investment Plan (DSIP), with a strategic focus on the maize, beans and coffee value chains. USG resources will complement more than $200M of other donor resources to support the Government of Uganda’s (GoU) agricultural development strategy as outlined in the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) Compact and the DSIP.

ANTICIPATED PROGRAMMING
USAID, in partnership with the GoU and development partners, plans to design the following types of programs through existing mechanisms & platforms, competitive procurements, partnerships with private corporate entities & other donors and non-project assistance to Uganda Government agencies:

AGRICULTURE RESEARCH (est. $4M/year for five years)
To support private & public institutions performing research to protect banana and cassava from disease; breed maize, beans, coffee to increase stress tolerance & disease resistance; and scale up research & adoption of vitamin-enriched staples.

POLICY & ENABLING ENVIRONMENT (est. $2M/year for five years)
Supporting selected policy and enabling environment initiatives to harmonize trade policies and standards and support the enactment of the Food and Nutrition Bill to create a National Nutrition Council.

PARTNERSHIP INVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT FUND ($1M-$5M each)
A Public/Private Partnership fund to leverage private sector resources, ideas and technologies for replicable, sustainable and scaleable sector-wide impact.
CAPACITY BUILDING (est. $5M/year for five years)
Strengthen key public and private sector institutions at the national and district level and linkages between the agencies in their efforts to monitor and evaluate progress in agriculture and nutrition through collection and analysis of statistics.

VALUE CHAIN PROD. & MARKET LINKAGES (est. $4M/year for four years)
A partnership between USAID and the Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA) that focuses on increasing production along strategic value chains (maize, beans, and coffee), improving market linkages, expanding financial services supporting the agriculture sector, and supporting trade related sanitary and phyto-sanitary standards and quality management systems.

AGRO INPUT SUPPLIES (est. $1.5M/year for five years)
Focus on developing the agriculture inputs market in Uganda with goal of increasing the quality, availability and use of inputs. The program will work closely with major stakeholders, including the Uganda National Agriculture Input Dealers Association (UNADA) and private-sector stockist.

PRODUCER ORGANIZATION - FARM LEVEL AGGREGRATION DEV (est. $5M/year for five years)
Working with smaller farmers and organizations to benefit from the wholesale purchase of inputs, access to finance and bulking, cleaning and processing farm products - emphasizing linkages to World Food Program and international buyers through the Uganda Commodity Exchange.

MARKET INFORMATION SYSTEMS (est. $1M/year for five years)
Using information and communications technology innovations to address a range of areas from enriching the agricultural information base and disseminating information to pilot testing agricultural finance applications.

COMMUNITY CONNECTOR (est. $6M/year for five years)
Targeting communities with the highest levels of malnutrition and poverty by increasing incomes, improving nutrition and empowering women and children/youth through community-based interventions.

NUTRITION PROGRAMS (est. $11M/year for five years)
Rely on proven, high impact interventions through existing country systems. Implementation will be through Individual Prevention Programs, Population-Based Nutrition Service Delivery and Nutrition Enabling Environment and Capacity Building.

On behalf of the American people, the U.S. government has provided humanitarian assistance and economic development to those in need since the Marshall Plan.