

# Agriculture and Food Security



For many marginalized people around the world, agriculture is a way of life and a means of survival. But small-scale farmers face many obstacles on their journey to food security, which is when a person knows they can always get enough food to be healthy.

In fact, approximately 70% of hungry people are small-scale farmers living in the global south.

Soil degradation, prolonged drought, high rates of poverty and the rising prices of farm inputs make it difficult to grow enough food, eat balanced diets or earn a living. PWS&D is working with partners overseas to overcome hunger and ensure there is food for the future.



## PWS&D, together with our partner organizations, is working to:

- Provide farmers with seeds, tools, fertilizer and training in innovative and sustainable farming practices that protect soil quality, conserve water, use organic fertilizer and improve crop yields
- Introduce drought-tolerant vegetables to help reduce vulnerability to crop failure and food shortages
- Empower farmers to share the knowledge and skills they've acquired with others in the community, helping to improve food security for all
- Reduce malnutrition by helping diversify diets and develop recipes to show families how to incorporate new foods into their diets

## Livestock

PWS&D is also providing farmers with animals like pigs, rabbits, chickens, goats and cows or access to small loans in order to purchase animals, as a way to help farmers:

- Fertilize crops using the manure that animals produce
- Improve nutrition by adding meat, milk and eggs to their diets
- Increase household income by selling meat, milk and eggs at the market

Agriculture and livestock are not just part of food security—they contribute to poverty reduction. Farmers learn marketing skills so they can benefit economically from the sale of produce and livestock. Families then invest the income they earn to expand businesses, access health care, purchase nutritious food and send their children to school.

Support for agriculture programs means families have more food to eat, better nutrition and freedom from persistent cycles of poverty.



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