



The Global Food Security Act (S. 1252 / H.R. 1567)

The Problem: In the last 24 years, the number of undernourished people in the world has decreased by over 200 million people, but we cannot stop now. Over 795 million people globally are still suffering from chronic hunger.

By sharing expertise in agriculture development and supporting programs that work in partnership with small farmers, we can continue the progress already being made by the U.S. government to tackle hunger and malnutrition under the Feed the Future Initiative.

These efforts would help families lift themselves out of poverty in order to access more nutritious food, education and proper health care.

The Solution: The Global Food Security Act (S. 1252 / H.R. 1567) is a bipartisan bill designed to: 1) eradicate hunger and malnutrition, especially for women and children; 2) assist foreign countries to achieve long-term, sustainable agricultural development; and 3) ensure the effective use of taxpayer dollars to further these objectives.

The Act will authorize \$1 billion per year to achieve these goals by:

- Requiring the President to create a whole-of-government strategy to fight the global hunger challenge,
- Improving coordination across all relevant federal departments and agencies,
- Establishing meaningful monitoring and evaluation systems to track performance, and
- Encouraging coordination with outside organizations, such as U.S. universities, faith-based organizations, the private sector, and host countries.

Other Notes: The bipartisan Global Food Security Act was originally introduced in 2014 in the House of Representatives and accumulated 20 co-sponsors. The original bill was passed in December 2014, but didn't make it through the Senate in time.

About The Borgen Project

The Borgen Project believes that the leaders of the most powerful nation on earth should be doing more to address global poverty. It is an innovative, national campaign that is working to make poverty a focus of U.S. foreign policy. For more information about The Borgen Project, please visit borgenproject.org.