



The Global Food Security Reauthorization Act (H.R.5129 / S.2269)

The Issue: In the last 26 years, the number of undernourished people in the world has decreased by more than 200 million, but we cannot stop now. More than 795 million people globally are still suffering from chronic hunger.

The Solution: By sharing U.S. 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. This helps families lift themselves out of poverty in order to access more nutritious food, education and proper healthcare.

The Global Food Security Reauthorization Act **reauthorizes the Global Food Security Act of 2016 (S.1252) for five additional years, through Fiscal Year 2023.**

The Global Food Security Act of 2016 is a bipartisan bill designed to:

1. Eradicate hunger and malnutrition, especially among women and children;
2. Assist foreign countries in achieving long-term, sustainable agricultural development; and
3. Ensure the effective use of taxpayer dollars to further these objectives.

The bill authorized \$1 billion per fiscal 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 federal departments and agencies
- Establishing meaningful monitoring and evaluation systems to track performance
- Encouraging coordination with outside organizations, such as U.S. universities, faith-based organizations, the private sector and host countries.

The bipartisan Global Food Security Act of 2016 secured 127 co-sponsors in the House and 15 co-sponsors in the Senate. The bill passed with wide bipartisan support on July 6, 2016, and was signed into law on July 20, 2016.

Other Noteworthy Facts

- H.R.5129 / S.2269 was introduced by Senators Casey (D-PA) and Isakson (R-GA), and in the House by Representative Smith (R-NJ) and 13 additional bipartisan cosponsors.