



## U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) - Foreign Assistance Overview

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) supports international initiatives in the areas of natural resources and environment, natural resources conservation, trade capacity building, food assistance, food safety inspection, economic research, agricultural research, animal and plant health inspection and marketing services. Five USDA agencies implement these foreign assistance programs:

- Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)
- Agricultural Research Service (ARS)
- Forest Service (FS)
- Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS)
- National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)

### USDA Agencies Currently Reporting to ForeignAssistance.gov\*

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#### 1. Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)

The **Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)** engages trading partners and countries intent on participating in agricultural trade through training and technical assistance (capacity building) to improve sanitary and phytosanitary capabilities. APHIS cooperates in a number of major surveillance, eradication, and control programs in foreign countries, focusing on nations where economically significant pests or diseases are found. It plays a major role in ensuring that U.S. agricultural exports are accessible to foreign countries and works with countries seeking to establish preclearance programs.

| Program Name   | Reported | Not Yet Reported |
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| APHIS - training, capacity building, workshops, technical assistance   | X        |                  |
| Sanitary (animal) and phytosanitary (plant) (SPS) agreements under WTO - Technical Assistance<br>Avian Influenza - capacity building for detection, response and control |          | X                |
| Cattle Health Program - Surveillance Programs - Mexico, Panama, others   |          | X                |
| Safe Trade and International Technical Assistance  |          | X                |



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| Overseas Technical and Technical Trade Operations (OTTO) - technical assistance to foreign governments   |   |
| Disease surveillance and capacity building overseas with the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)  | X |
| Disease surveillance and capacity building overseas with the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO)  | X |
| Standard setting and capacity building with the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE)   | X |
| Methods development and capacity building overseas with International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)  | X |
| Animal disease diagnostics for Foot-and-mouth disease (FMD), classical swine fever (CSF), bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) in cattle, and highly pathogenic avian influenza (AI) and Newcastle disease in poultry, Screwworm (SM) and FMD surveillance activities with Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Venezuela, Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Canada, Mexico, Dominican Republic, Haiti | X |
| Fruit Fly Exclusion and Detection (FFED) - Mexico  | X |
| International Visitor Center - supports foreign visitor technical visits with APHIS regulatory experts at U.S. facilities.   | X |
| International Technical and Regulatory Capacity Building (ITRCB) - principal unit supporting APHIS's international training and technical assistance activities.   | X |
| National Veterinary Services Laboratories (NVSL), the U.S. reference laboratory for animal disease diagnostics which includes the Plum Island Animal Disease Center, sites for international training activities.  | X |

## 2. Agricultural Research Service (ARS)

The **Agricultural Research Service (ARS)**, Office of International Research Programs (OIRP) is the main contact for international activities in the Agricultural Research Service (ARS), in communication with the ARS Office of National Programs, engages strategic international partnerships that can enhance the productivity, effectiveness, and



impact of ARS National Programs, as well as further the goals of the United States government.

| Program Name   | Reported | Not Yet Reported |
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| International agricultural research addressing global food security issues in coordination with Feed the Future (FtF)                                | X        |                  |
| Expand capacity for germplasm collection and geno/phenotyping identification   | X        |                  |
| Harnessing the use of genetics/genomics for crop and animal improvement  | X        |                  |
| Functional food additives  | X        |                  |
| Pakistan Productivity Enhancement Program (Cotton and Wheat)   | X        |                  |
| Capacity Building Toward Control of Animal Diseases (Foot-And-Mouth Disease, Rift Valley Fever, East Coast Fever, Newcastle Disease, etc)            | X        |                  |
| Prevention and control technologies and strategies to reduce pest, disease and mycotoxins in crops   | X        |                  |
| Nutrition studies in infants to improve health and quality of life; improvement in horticultural crops for human consumption/nutritional improvement | X        |                  |
| Development and Implementation of Systems for Sharing Sustainable Land Management Knowledge and Information  | X        |                  |
| Agricultural Model Intercomparison and Improvement Project (AgMIP)   | X        |                  |
| Natural resources management tools: sedimentation management, and soil quality evaluation  | X        |                  |

### 3. Forest Service (FS)

The **Forest Service (FS)** promotes sustainable forest management and biodiversity conservation internationally. It provides technical skills using a variety of FS specialists.

| Program Name                                     | Reported | Not Yet Reported |
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| Africa programs support - technical assistance   | X        |                  |
| Amazon Basin conservation - technical assistance | X        |                  |



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| Central African Regional Program for the Environment (CARPE) support - technical assistance funded by USAID  | X |
| Climate change - technical assistance  | X |
| Disaster management - technical assistance   | X |
| Forest management - technical assistance   | X |
| Habitat Management - technical assistance  | X |
| Invasive species control - technical assistance  | X |
| Migratory species - technical assistance   | X |
| Protected area management - technical assistance   | X |
| STEWARD support - technical assistance   | X |
| Women and REDD - technical assistance  | X |
| Natural resource management - technical assistance   | X |
| International Forestry Cooperation Act of 1990 (PL 101-513, PL 110-234, 16 U.S.C. 4501) authorizes cooperation, financial and technical assistance without reimbursement for international forestry and related natural resource activities outside of the US International Forestry Program - promote sustainable forestry management and address climate change issues in developing countries | X |
| USAID and MCC provide funds for forest and rangeland research, technical information, & assistance   | X |
| Work with the International Institute of Tropical Forestry (IITF)  | X |
| Wood Energy Resource Center (WERC) - international hardwood industry   | X |
| Eastern Forest Environmental Threat Assessment Center - measure water supply stress in relation to carbon and biodiversity, and evaluate ecosystem services to several locations in Africa   | X |

#### 4. Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS)

The **Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS)** works to improve foreign market access to U.S. products, build new markets, improve the competitive position of U.S. agriculture in the global marketplace, and provide food assistance, scientific exchange and research opportunities, and trade capacity building technical assistance to foreign countries. FAS



leads USDA's efforts to help developing countries improve their agricultural systems and build their capacity to become viable trading partners over the long term. FAS also administers the McGovern Dole International Food for Education and Food for Progress food assistance programs that benefit people in need around the world.

| Program Name   | Reported | Not Yet Reported |
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| Food Assistance – McGovern Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program | X        |                  |
| Food Assistance - Food for Progress Program  | X        |                  |
| Borlaug Fellowship Program   |          | X                |
| Faculty Exchange Program   |          | X                |
| International Graduate Studies Program   |          | X                |
| Scientific Cooperation Research Program  |          | X                |
| Scientific Exchanges (non-USDA appropriated)   |          | X                |
| Trade and Scientific Capacity Building Programs (non-USDA appropriated)                      | X        |                  |
| Development Resources and Disaster Assistance Programs (non-USDA appropriated)               | X        |                  |

## 6. National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)

The **National Institute of Food and Agriculture's (NIFA)** Center for International Programs facilitates the internationalization of U.S. universities' research, education and extension programs. Several of NIFA's competitive grant programs allow international partnerships if they align with and enhance the domestic objectives of the agency. Collaborating with the U.S. Agency for International Development and USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service, NIFA also engages agency staff and university faculty to provide technical assistance in developing countries. However, due to NIFA's domestic mandate, such foreign assistance requires funding from non-agency sources. The program(s) listed below reflect only those where NIFA has received a direct appropriation to support foreign assistance activities.

| Program Name                                   | Reported | Not Yet Reported |
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| Food Aid Nutrition Enhancement Program (FANEP) | X        |                  |