

## Commodities Resource Portal

### **Brief Background and define how it fits within the larger FAQR Phase III agenda**

During FAQR Phase II, USAID updated or introduced 21 products to the food aid basket. Updated and new product information was posted on the [FFP Commodities Resource Portal](#)<sup>1</sup>, which has not changed since its inception. USAID and Tufts envision an updated and overhauled FFP Commodities Resource to raise the profile of the U.S. food aid basket and better share and present commodity information online to Private Voluntary Organizations (PVOs), suppliers, USAID mission representatives and other stakeholders, especially for new products. During FAQR Phase III, Tufts will conduct a landscape analysis of USAID FFP resources, focusing on materials relevant to developing an updated commodities resource portal, available through the FFP website. This work stream will include identifying new and relevant materials based on the latest product, programming, and procurement information and will involve expert consultations with USAID, PVOs, FANTA, and TOPS to develop recommendations for a modernized FFP Commodities Resource Portal.

### **Overall Objective**

- Rationalize, consolidate and update product materials and web resource on FFP Commodities Resource Portal
  - Update background on USAID food aid basket that reflects new priorities, modalities and products, including emergency and non-emergency applications
- Propose recommendations for a new portal that is a “one stop shop”, user-friendly
  - Summary: product information, link to program guidance, link to product specifications, photos, etc.
  - Portal will help to improve PVO knowledge and ability to program products appropriately, especially new products, including cost effectiveness information as it becomes available

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.usaid.gov/what-we-do/agriculture-and-food-security/food-assistance/resources/implementation-tools/commodity>