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FOOD AID QUALITY REVIEW

Food Basket Work Stream

BACKGROUND

The Food Aid Quality Review (FAQR) seeks to provide the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and its partners with actionable recommendations for improving nutrition among vulnerable people for whom the direct distribution of food aid can make a significant impact. FAQR works to optimize in-kind food transfers - “food aid” - administered by Food for Peace.

The Food Basket Work Stream will a) develop an optimized list of food aid products for Food for Peace use, and b) propose a process for maintaining that list. The actions related to this work stream will be accomplished through close collaboration between the Food Basket Research Assistant at Tufts University and essential stakeholders, including: USAID, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA); United Nations (UN) entities; the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA); Foreign Agricultural Service Food Aid Division (FAS/FAD); Food and Nutrition Technical Assistance (FANTA); Technical and Operational Performance and Support (TOPS); Natick Research Labs; food aid industry players; implementing partners; non-governmental organizations (NGOs); private voluntary organizations (PVOs); and others.

ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED

- Not all approved food aid products are currently used
- Products may need to be modified
- Products may need to be added
- There is no systematic process or standards for maintaining the list of products and suppliers
- There is no guidance for using food aid products in the context of sudden onset emergencies
- There is no source of technical guidance regarding foods and ration guidance