

# FOOD AID QUALITY REVIEW

## The REFINE Project

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REFINE – Research Engagement on Food Interventions for Nutritional Effectiveness – was established in 2012 as an outcome of the Food Aid Quality Review. REFINE is a **knowledge-sharing mechanism** that aims to improve the effectiveness of **food-supported** interventions. REFINE’s goal is to **improve the nutritional or health status of vulnerable populations** worldwide.

### WHAT REFINE DOES

Organizations around the world are trying to improve the nutritional status of vulnerable populations by providing food aid. However, we currently lack evidence on which foods to use and how to deliver them where improvements in nutrition are a defined goal. REFINE supports consensus-building by collecting ongoing studies and published evidence, and defining what we know and where knowledge gaps still exist.

**REFINEnutrition.org** is our web-based platform with:

- A **map of ongoing studies** involving food assistance products and programs
- A searchable **digital library** of published and ongoing studies, with filtering options
- Current **evidence gaps** in food aid, determined by a team of international experts



### REFINE’S OBJECTIVES

1. Share information and resources on innovations and research relevant to food-supported interventions that support better nutrition outcomes.
2. Engage with the broad food aid community, including researchers, policymakers, and programmers, through the REFINE website, Twitter (@refinenutrition), and resource reviews.
3. Facilitate discussion and presentation of findings of relevant literature.
4. Promote a focus for future research investments and help coordinate where appropriate.

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