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FOOD AID QUALITY REVIEW

The REFINE Project

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 in emergency and non-emergency contexts. REFINE’s ultimate 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 on such topics by collecting ongoing studies and published evidence, and defining what we know and where knowledge gaps still exist.



[REFINEnutrition.org](https://www.refinenutrition.org) is our web-based platform where you’ll find:

- Our **map of ongoing studies** involving food assistance products and programs
- Our **digital library** of related literature, with filtering options
- Current **evidence gaps** in food aid, determined by a team of international expert

REFINE’S OBJECTIVES

1. Facilitate information and resource sharing on innovations and research relevant to food-supported interventions that support better nutrition outcomes.
2. Encourage necessary research and help coordinate where appropriate.
3. Help facilitate discussion and presentation of findings.
4. Promote a focus for future research investments.