



FOOD AID QUALITY REVIEW

Food Basket Work Stream

WORK STREAM GOALS

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. Work stream activities will be accomplished through close collaboration with essential stakeholders, including: USAID; 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; NGOs; PVOs; and others.

ISSUES	ACTIVITIES	OUTPUTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not all approved food aid products are being used Products may need to be modified Products may need to be added 	<p>Conduct a desk review and stakeholder interviews to understand how products need to be improved</p> <p>Host an NGO workshop to gather feedback on interview findings; Present findings to USAID and facilitate a working session</p>	<p>Recommendations on strategies to increase use of underutilized products</p> <p>Recommendations for modifying or adding products that meet programming needs not met by current products</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no systematic process or standards for maintaining the list of products and suppliers 	<p>Facilitate the institution of a USDA/USAID inter-agency process for modifying, accepting, introducing, and removing food aid products</p>	<p>A recommended process for maintaining the list of food aid products, using MFFAPP products as a test case</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is limited guidance on how to prioritize food aid product distribution in response to humanitarian emergencies 	<p>Host activities to guide the development of USAID's strategy for emergency response</p>	<p>A recommended strategy for using products in emergency response</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New products need to undergo shelf life evaluations 		<p>A protocol for Fortified Rice Accelerated Shelf Life Trials</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The FFP supplier list should be expanded 	<p>Interact with industry groups and potential suppliers</p>	<p>A report of potential new suppliers</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no commonly accepted source of ration guidance for development programs 	<p>Host activities to develop USAID's ration guidance</p>	<p>An updated food aid product matrix</p>

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