

§ 1736dd. International food security technical assistance

(a) Definition of international food security

In this section, the term “international food security” means access by any person at any time to food and nutrition that is sufficient for a healthy and productive life.

(b) Collection of information

The Secretary of Agriculture (referred to in this section as the “Secretary”) shall compile information from appropriate mission areas of the Department of Agriculture (including the Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services mission area) relating to the improvement of international food security.

(c) Public availability

To benefit programs for the improvement of international food security, the Secretary shall organize the information described in subsection (b) and make the information available in a format suitable for—

- (1) public education; and
- (2) use by—
 - (A) a Federal, State, or local agency;
 - (B) an agency or instrumentality of the government of a foreign country;
 - (C) a domestic or international organization, including a domestic or international nongovernmental organization; and
 - (D) an intergovernmental organization.

(d) Technical assistance

On request by an entity described in subsection (c)(2), the Secretary may provide technical assistance to the entity to implement a program for the improvement of international food security.

(e) Program priority

In carrying out this section, the Secretary shall give priority to programs relating to the development of food and nutrition safety net systems with a focus on food insecure countries.

(f) Authorization of appropriations

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023.

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Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990, and not as part of the Food for Peace Act which comprises this chapter.

SUBCHAPTER V—FARMER-TO-FARMER PROGRAM

§ 1737. John Ogonowski and Doug Bereuter Farmer-to-Farmer Program

(a) Definitions

In this section:

(1) Caribbean Basin country

The term “Caribbean Basin country” means a country eligible for designation as a beneficiary country under section 2702 of title 19.

(2) Emerging market

The term “emerging market” means a country that the Secretary determines—

(A) is taking steps toward a market-oriented economy through the food, agriculture, or rural business sectors of the economy of the country; and

(B) has the potential to provide a viable and significant market for United States agricultural commodities or products of United States agricultural commodities.

(3) Middle income country

The term “middle income country” means a country that has developed economically to the point at which the country does not receive bilateral development assistance from the United States.

(4) Sub-Saharan African country

The term “sub-Saharan African country” has the meaning given the term in section 3706 of title 19.

(b) Provision

Notwithstanding section 1342 of title 31 or any other provision of law, to further assist developing countries, middle-income countries, emerging markets, sub-Saharan African countries, and Caribbean Basin countries to increase farm production and farmer incomes, the President may—

(1) establish and administer a program, to be known as the “John Ogonowski and Doug Bereuter Farmer-to-Farmer Program”, of farmer-to-farmer technical assistance between the United States and such countries to assist in—

(A) increasing food production and distribution; and

(B) improving the effectiveness of the farming and marketing operations of agricultural producers in those countries;

(2) use United States agricultural producers, agriculturalists, colleges and universities (including historically black colleges and universities, land grant colleges or universities, and foundations maintained by colleges or universities), private agribusinesses, private organizations (including grassroots organizations with an established and demonstrated capacity to carry out such a bilateral exchange program), private corporations, employees or staff of a State cooperative institution (as such term is defined in paragraph 18 of section 3103 of this title, except that subparagraphs (E), (F), and (G) of such paragraph shall not apply), and nonprofit farm organizations to work in conjunction with agricultural producers and farm organizations in those countries, on a voluntary basis—

(A) to improve agricultural and agribusiness operations and agricultural systems in those countries, including improv-

- (i) animal care and health;
- (ii) field crop cultivation;
- (iii) fruit and vegetable growing;
- (iv) livestock operations;
- (v) food processing and packaging;
- (vi) farm credit;
- (vii) marketing;