

Millions Fed

Proven Successes
in Agricultural Development

An initiative led by
International Food Policy Research Institute
(IFPRI)

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

IFPRI invites nominations highlighting interventions that have had a significant impact on food security in a new project:

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To facilitate improved agricultural development policy and investment decisions and to learn and share lessons from past successes, IFPRI, with support from The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, is leading the Millions Fed project to document evidence on what works in agriculture—what sorts of policies, programs, and investments in agricultural development have substantially reduced hunger and poverty.

We invite nominations highlighting interventions that have had a significant impact on food security, including those that have empowered women and vulnerable groups to improve their livelihoods. Nominations may include, for example, research and extension programs that have improved on-farm yields and outputs for small-scale farmers; public investment programs that have helped food-insecure consumers meet their daily nutritional requirements and accumulate assets; community-led efforts that have conserved soil, water, forests, and biodiversity; or market-based interventions that have strengthened the ability of small-scale farmers and food-insecure consumers to gain access to production inputs, rural services, and agricultural commodities.

This is a unique opportunity to showcase successes in global agricultural development. Lessons learned will reach those who can contribute to local and global efforts to improve food security through agricultural development—policymakers, development practitioners, donors, scholars, nongovernmental organizations, and others concerned about the future of global agriculture.

To learn more about the Millions Fed project or to submit nominations, please visit the website www.ifpri.org/millionsfed.

IMPORTANT DATES

Nomination Deadline:
December 31, 2008

Cases Selected:
February 28, 2009

Publication & Dissemination:
September 30, 2009

Criteria: How Nominations Will Be Evaluated by a Diverse Panel of International Experts

- The intervention should be (or have been) operational in a developing country, have benefited a vulnerable group or groups, and be directly related to agriculture.
- The intervention should address an important food security problem, been fully operational at a scale for at least five years, and been implemented in the past 50 years.
- The intervention should be operational at a significant scale, defined as national, regional, or covering a substantial number of beneficiaries. Demonstration or pilot projects will not be considered.
- The intervention should have documented and rigorous evidence of a clear and measurable impact on individual or household income and/or nutrition.
- The intervention should be financially sustainable or, in some way, cost-effective.

Frequently Asked Questions

- How do I nominate interventions?
 - Submit nominations online at www.ifpri.org/millionsfed.
 - If electronic submission is not possible, please send an email to IFPRI-MillionsFed@cgiar.org for alternative means of nominating.
- Who can submit nominations?
 - Any individual or organization may submit nominations. Self-nominations are welcome.
- Why should I nominate?
 - This is an opportunity to take part in a high-profile, cutting-edge global research and communications effort. Inclusion of your nominated program(s) in the Millions Fed project will increase visibility and earn recognition.
- What is the deadline for nominations?
 - December 31, 2008.
- Is my nominated program a success?
 - All programs should be large-scale agricultural development interventions that have had a significant impact on food security. Please review the Millions Fed project criteria.
- How are case studies selected?
 - Nominations will be evaluated by a panel of international experts using a comprehensive set of criteria. If your initial nomination meets these criteria, you will be contacted to continue the nomination process.

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