



USDA's McGovern-Dole international food aid program to feed 5 million children

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Washington, Feb. 26 – Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced Friday that USDA will donate more than 100,000 tons of U.S. agricultural commodities valued at nearly \$170 million (including freight costs and technical assistance) in fiscal year 2010 under the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition (McGovern-Dole) Program.

“I am proud of the assistance we provide to the world’s hungry children through the McGovern-Dole Program,” Vilsack said. “This important program provides a healthy meal, often the only one they receive, for millions of children, mothers and infants in developing countries around the world each day.”

The McGovern-Dole Program helps support education, child development and food security in low-income, food-deficit countries that are committed to universal education. It provides for donations of U.S. agricultural products, as well as financial and technical assistance for school feeding and maternal and child nutrition projects. This year’s allocations will feed more than 4.8 million children in 18 developing countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. In Bolivia, for example, children in more than 2,000 schools ate what was likely their only meal five days a week. In Senegal, this program provided children, mothers and infants with a daily meal and supported nutrition education.

The program is named in honor of Ambassador and former Senator George McGovern and former Senator Robert Dole for their tireless efforts to encourage a global commitment to school feeding and child nutrition. In October 2009, both men were recognized by the World Food Prize for their leadership in forging the link between the productivity of American farmers and the needs of hungry children around the world.

The McGovern-Dole Program is administered by USDA’s Foreign Agricultural Service. For more on the program go to: www.fas.usda.gov/excredits/FoodAid/FFE/FFE.asp

McGovern-Dole Program - New Programs in Fiscal Year 2010

Country	Cooperating Sponsor	Number Benefited	Estimated Value (\$Million)
Bolivia	Project Concern International	251,106	\$6,179,842
Cambodia	World Food Program	96,080	\$16,861,977
Guatemala	Project Concern International	167,395	\$5,118,489
Kenya	World Food Program	652,657	\$9,378,314
Laos	Humpty Dumpty Institute	85,485	\$4,128,091
Liberia	World Food Program	348,000	\$6,435,578
Malawi	World Food Program	388,709	\$8,338,539
Mozambique	Joint Aid Management	603,770	\$20,000,000
Pakistan	World Food Program	300,000	\$10,000,000
Pakistan	Land O'Lakes	169,200	\$5,842,240
Senegal	Counterpart International	270,543	\$8,458,220
Tanzania	Project Concern International	244,315	\$7,717,615
Uganda	ACDI/VOCA	70,000	\$12,177,597
TOTAL		3,647,260	\$120,636,502

Previously Approved Allocations Through Multiyear Agreements

Country	Cooperating Sponsor	Number Benefited	Estimated Value (\$Million)
Bangladesh	World Food Program	350,000	\$7,970,344
Cambodia	International Relief and Development, Inc.	85,282	\$1,280,000
Cameroon	Counterpart International, Inc.	36,000	\$2,710,000
Chad	World Food Program	103,500	\$5,629,966
Ethiopia	World Food Program	160,391	\$4,466,751
Guatemala	Asociación SHARE de Guatemala	72,300	\$9,140,000
Laos	World Food Program	100,000	\$2,990,738
Rwanda	World Food Program	300,000	\$9,107,523
Sierra Leone	Catholic Relief Services-U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops	36,800	\$2,320,000
TOTAL		1,244,273	\$45,615,322

GRAND TOTAL All McGovern-Dole Program Allocations 4,891,533 \$166,251,824

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