



Strengthen International Food Assistance Programs in the 2023 Farm Bill: Proposed Legislative Text

Food for Peace Title II

Increase Food for Peace Effectiveness and Streamline Award Management:

- Amend Section 202(a) [[7 U.S.C. § 1722](#)(a)] as following:
 - (a) EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Administrator may provide **assistance, including in the form of** agricultural commodities to meet emergency food needs under this title through governments and public or private agencies, including intergovernmental organizations such as the World Food Program and other multilateral organizations, in such manner and on such terms and conditions as the Administrator determines appropriate to respond to the emergency.
- Amend Section 202(b) [[7 U.S.C. § 1722](#)(b)] as following:
 - (b) NONEMERGENCY ASSISTANCE.—
 - (1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator may provide ~~agricultural commodities~~ **assistance, including the form of agricultural commodities, for nonemergency assistance purposes** under this title through eligible organizations (as described in subsection (d)) that have entered into an agreement with the Administrator ~~to use the commodities~~ in accordance with this title.
- Delete Section 204(a) [[7 U.S.C. § 1724](#)(a)] in its entirety and replace with the following:
 - (a) MINIMUM LEVELS.—
 - (1) MINIMUM ASSISTANCE.—The Administrator shall make **agricultural commodities available for food distribution under this title for emergency programs carried out pursuant to Section 202(a) for each fiscal year in an equivalent amount that is not less than 30 percent of the funds made available in each fiscal year under this title.**
- Delete Section 202(e) [[7 U.S.C. § 1722](#)(e)] in its entirety and redesignate subsections (f), (g), and (h) as (e), (f), and (g), respectively.
- Delete Section 406(b) [[7 U.S.C. § 1736](#)(b)] in its entirety and redesignate subsections (c) and (d) as subsections (b) and (c) respectively.
- Delete Section 407(c)(1)(B) [[7 U.S.C. § 1736a](#)(c)(1)(B)] in its entirety.

Recognize the Disproportionate Impacts of Food Crises on Women and Girls:

- In the Farm Bill Sense of Congress, insert
 - ***“Women and children are most impacted by food insecurity and its devastating consequences. As of 2021, there are 150 million more women who are food insecure than men in the world, which is 8.4 times higher than in 2018, when it was only 18 million more women than men who were food insecure.”*** ([CARE](#), 2022)

Include Women and Girls in Annual Reports:

- Amend Section 407(d) [[7 U.S.C. § 1736a](#)(f)(2)(G)] as following:
 - ***An assessment of the progress made through programs under this chapter towards reducing food insecurity in the populations receiving food assistance from the United***



States, including the extent of inclusion of interventions specifically targeting women and girls and the impact of programming to address the unique needs of women and girls.

McGovern-Dole International Food for Education

Expand McGovern-Dole Local and Regional Procurement:

- Amend [7 U.S.C. § 1736o-1](#)(l)(4) as follows:
 - “(4) PURCHASE OF COMMODITIES.—Of the funds made available to carry out this section, ~~not more than~~ **not less than** 10 percent **but not more than 20 percent** shall be used—
(A) to purchase agricultural commodities described in subsection (a)(2); or
(B) for capacity-building activities to support the purchases described in subparagraph (A).”

Empower women’s leadership:

- Amend [7 U.S.C. § 1736o-1](#)(f)(2) as follows:
 - (C) involve indigenous institutions **and women-led and owned organizations** as well as local communities and governments in the development and implementation of the programs and activities to foster local capacity building and leadership; and

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