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Georgia's Role in Combating Global Hunger

Discussion Leader: U.S. Senator Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., and U.S. Representative Austin Scott, R-Ga.-08

Purpose:

The roundtable conversation will engage food security experts about research, programs and future opportunities to continue improving and implementing the U.S. global food security strategy. It will highlight the work of Georgia agriculture and researchers in our nation's global food security strategy and begin discussions focused on the reauthorization of the *Global Food Security Act* in 2018, the same year the farm bill will require reauthorization.

Recent Feed the Future program findings:

- USAID released its most recent "Feed the Future Snapshot" on Sept. 15, 2017 with the following findings:
 - Since the beginning of the Feed the Future Initiative, 9 million people have been lifted from poverty. This is a 19 percent decrease in poverty in countries served by Feed the Future;
 - 1.7 million households in countries served by Feed the Future no longer suffer from hunger;
 - 1.8 million fewer children in countries served by Feed the Future are facing the terrible effects from stunting, a 26 percent decrease in developmental issues among children;
 - Smallholder family farmers, who are the target of Feed the Future's strategy, have made more than \$2.6 billion in new agricultural sales;
 - New tools and technologies are leading to higher crop yields.
- Still, there are nearly 800 million hungry people in the world today.
- If population growth continues at its current rate, it is estimated that food production will need to rise by at least 60 percent by 2050 to meet the need.

Background:

U.S. Senator Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., is a member of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and worked closely with U.S. Sen. Bob Casey, D-Pa., to shepherd the [Global Food Security Act of 2016](#) through Congress and into law in July 2016. The legislation aims to address global hunger, bolster U.S. national security, and coordinate U.S. foreign assistance programs, including the Feed the Future Initiative, so that there is a comprehensive strategy for development programs that use American agricultural expertise to more aggressively tackle chronic hunger abroad.

U.S. Representative Austin Scott, R-Ga.-08, is a member of the House Committee on Agriculture, as well as the Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management and the Subcommittee on Rural Development, Research, Biotechnology, and Foreign Agriculture. Scott will also tour [MANA Nutrition's manufacturing facility](#) in Fitzgerald, Ga., on Thursday prior to the roundtable.

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