

Thank you for joining! The public meeting will start soon.

Please note all participants will be muted throughout.

Please submit your questions in the Zoom chat box. Questions will be collected and answered after the presentation.

Additional questions on the FY 2021 McGovern-Dole NOFO can be submitted to ppded@usda.gov until May 28, 2021. All questions & answers will be posted weekly to Grants.gov.

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USDA FY 2021
McGovern-Dole International Food for
Education and Child Nutrition
Notice of Funding Opportunity
Public Meeting

April 20, 2021
International Food Assistance Division
Global Programs
Foreign Agricultural Service

Agenda

- **Opening Remarks**
- **International Food Assistance Division Senior Director**
- **Congressional Reporting**
- **McGovern-Dole Branch**
- **Operations Branch**
- **Monitoring and Evaluation & Strategic Planning Division**
- **FAS Grants Management Office**
- **Questions and Answers**



Opening Remarks

Daniel Whitley

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Stakeholder Feedback from the FY 2020 NOFO



Some examples of feedback implemented in the FY 2021 NOFO:

- Further reducing redundancies between application sections to reduce applicant burden
- Referencing the [Development Experience Clearinghouse](#) in our NOFO as a link to publicly-available project evaluations.


Congressional Reports

- Four Annual Reports:
 - McGovern Dole
 - Local and Regional Food Aid Procurement (LRP) Program
 - Food for Progress
 - International Food Assistance Report
- IFAD will be requesting stories and photos for use in reports

USDA

Report to the United States Congress
Fiscal Year 2019

The Global Effort to Reduce Child Hunger
and
Increase School Attendance



**McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and
Child Nutrition Program**

The child above is a beneficiary of the USDA's McGovern-Dole program where daily school meals are provided for children in preschool through grade nine throughout the department of Intibucá, Honduras.
Photo credit: CRS staff

FY 2021 McGovern-Dole Overview

- FY 2021 Priority Countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Guatemala, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Liberia, Madagascar, Republic of Congo, Senegal, and Sierra Leone.
- Approximate length of awards: 3-5 years
- FY 2021 McGovern-Dole Appropriations of \$230 million, and up to \$250 million in available funding
- \$23 million for the local and regional procurement of agricultural commodities



Submitting a Strong Proposal

- Follow NOFO guidance carefully
- Address both Strategic Objectives:
 - Improved Literacy of School-Age Children (SO1)
 - Increased Use of Health, Nutrition and Dietary Practices (SO2)
- Sustainability and Lasting Impact
- Consideration for USG Global Strategies and Initiatives
- Coordination and collaboration with other USG actors, development partners, and host country governments.



Local and Regional Procurement of Agricultural Commodities

- Local and Regional Agricultural Commodities:
 - Produced in and procured from either target developing country or developing country in the target region
 - Meet the nutritional, quality, and labeling standard of the target country
 - Salt is not considered to be an agricultural commodity
- Appropriate uses of locally- and regionally-procured commodities include:
 - Enhancing project sustainability
 - Improving dietary diversity in school meals
 - Mitigating pipeline breaks
 - Targeting specific populations (i.e. pregnant and lactating women, children under 5)

Donation of U.S. commodities remain an integral part of McGovern-Dole



**ATTACHMENT C -1
Budget Summary**

Total Amount of Federal Funds Obligated

Funding Source (FAS for MGD and LRP) (CCC for FFPr)	Funding Year	Commodity Cost (FFPr and MGD Only)	Freight Cost (FFPr and MGD Only)	Administrative Costs (cash portion)	Total Federal Funding Obligated
	20XX				

Project Operating Budget

Expense Type	Monetization Proceeds	FAS or CCC Funds (CCC is Admin Only)	Cost Share	Total w/out Cost Share	Total w/Cost Share
Administration					
Salaries	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Benefits	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Professional Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Office	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Administration	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Activities					
Activity 1: <i>Insert Description</i>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Activity 2: <i>Insert Description</i>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Activity 3: <i>Insert Description</i>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Activity 4: <i>Insert Description</i>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Insert additional Activities as needed	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Activities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Commodity and Food Purchases (N/A to FFPr)					
Commodity Procurement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Food Vouchers (N/A to MGD)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cash Transfers (N/A to MGD)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Commodity Procurement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

ITSH					
Salaries	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Benefits	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transportation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Professional Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Warehouse	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total ITSH	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Total Direct Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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Indirect Costs					
ICR on Administration	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
ICR on Activities	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
ICR on Commodity and Food Purchases	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
ICR on ITSH	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Total Indirect Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	

Anticipated Program Income					
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Grand Total Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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Total Amount of Federal Award (Total Federal Funds Obligated Plus Cost Share): \$0.00

Local and Regional Procurement Budget and Representation in the Budget Summary

Applicable local and regional procurement commodity component costs

- Include the cost of the commodities.
- May include transportation, storage, and handling costs associated with getting such commodities to the beneficiaries.
- May include staff time and benefits directly related to the procurement.
- The local and regional commodity procurement component will not include capacity building costs (activities).
- Indirect costs associated with these direct costs are allowable.

Local and Regional Procurement Budget and Representation in the Budget Narrative

Summary of Local and Regional Procurement Budget	
Salaries/Personnel (from Administration)	\$273,000
Benefits (from Administration)	\$50,000
Salaries/Personnel (from ITSH)	\$127,000
Benefits (from ITSH)	\$34,103
Internal Transportation	\$854,569
Warehouse	\$196,345
Commodity Procurement	\$1,004,021
ICR on Administration	\$94,791
ICR on ITSH	\$56,798
ICR on Commodity and Food Purchases	\$134,385
Total	\$2,825,012

- A summary of the local and regional procurement budget should be in Part 1: General Explanatory Comments. This summary represents applicable costs excerpted from allowable line items of the budget.
- This LRP budget total figure (\$2,825,012) does not appear on the budget summary. It is however an important total for FAS to understand the total amount proposed towards local and regional commodity procurement.
- Only the Commodity Procurement section cost should equal the Commodity Procurement costs in the budget summary; all of those costs may contribute to the required local and regional procurement portion of the award.
- These costs are also to be described in Parts 2, 4, and 5 as part of the cost category/line item to which they belong.
- Capacity building costs (i.e. Activity costs) and cost share are not allowable as part of this local and regional procurement budget.

Cost Share in McGovern-Dole Applications

- Cost sharing or matching is **not required** for eligibility but is encouraged to maximize program impacts and engender in-country sustainability.
- Cost share will be reviewed and considered by the review panel and may receive **up to two** bonus points.
- **During negotiations, FAS will also ensure that any allowable cost share proposed by the approved Applicant is retained and included in the agreement.**

Cost Share is not:

- To be used to reach the three percent minimum monitoring and evaluation budget.
- To be used to reach the recommended ten percent local and regional procurement budget.
- Unrecovered indirect costs by the Applicant.
- Food vouchers and cash-based transfers **are not** allowable procurement methods and thus cannot be considered cost share within McGovern-Dole projects.

NOFO References: Part C Section 5 Cost Share or Match, Part E Section 1 Application Evaluation Criteria, and Part F Section 1 Notice of Award

- To be eligible, an applicant must have an active [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) registration and DUNS number by the closing date of June 4, 2021. However, the Financial Assistance General Certifications and Representations Report within Sam.gov may be completed up until the date an award is signed.
- FAS will confirm receipt of Past Performance Reviews submitted to ppded@usda.gov.
- To note, this FY 2021 McGovern-Dole NOFO is separate from the [USDA-FAS-0700-10608-21-S](#) Standing Supplemental NOFO also open on Grants.gov.



Packaged Commodity Purchases: Packaged procurements follow a schedule published by Kansas City Commodities Office; procurements run twice monthly. International Procurement Schedule is the Fiscal Year (October through September)

Submitting a Strong Proposal

- Commodity procurement tonnages must be rounded to the nearest multiple of 10 metric tons.
- Warehousing and port information in comparison with proposed tonnages
- Budgets must be built on U.S. flagging to ensure no budget shortfalls
- Applicants should be aware that cargo preference applies to both U.S. donated commodities and locally or regionally procured commodities. In the unlikely event that locally or regionally procured commodities will require ocean transportation, cargo preference on the LRP shipments will be managed by IFAD/Operations. PVO's will provide the tonnage shipped on US or Foreign Flag vessel to Operations. Applicants should contact FAS for further guidance.
- How will the commodities be shipped and delivered?
 - B/L OR through Bill of Lading
 - Third party contractors (surveyors, freight forwarders)

3 M&E components of application:

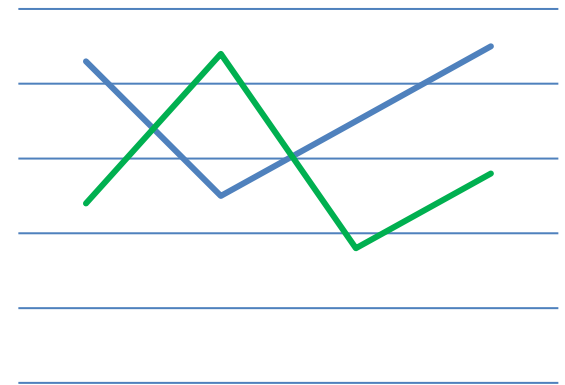
- 1) **Results Framework** (graphic + narrative) (*6 page limit*)
- 2) **Performance Indicator Table** (*5 page limit*)
- 3) **Evaluation Plan** (*14 page limit*)



Strong M&E Proposals

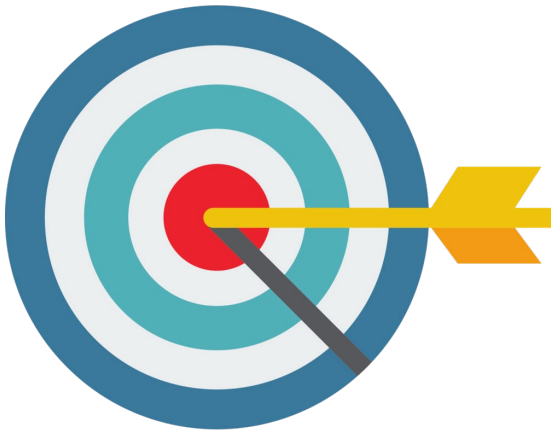
A strong Results Framework:

- *(In the graphic)*: Clearly reflects the results the proposed project will and will not contribute to, and meaningfully links activities to results
- *(In the narrative)*: Cites evidence to support the theory of change, includes critical assumptions, and if applicable explains why the proposed project will not contribute to some results



Strong M&E Proposals

A strong Performance Indicator Table:



- Includes all relevant standard indicators
- Includes a limited number of well-constructed custom indicators
- Includes all estimated baseline values
- Accurately links annual and life-of-project targets

Strong M&E Proposals

A strong Evaluation Plan:

- Proposes a specific evaluation design
 - *If not an impact evaluation, explains why*
- Aligns meaningfully with the Learning Agenda
- Describes the project population and proposes a sampling methodology
- Addresses learning in the new “Learning” section
- Includes a budget displaying key M&E line items

2 CFR 200 Updates

- **2 C.F.R. 200.206 (a)(2) Federal awarding agency review of risk posed by applicants** has been expanded to require the Federal awarding agency review the non-public segment of the OMB-designated integrity and performance system accessible through SAM (currently the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS)) prior to making a Federal award where the Federal share is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold. The Federal awarding agency must consider all of the information available through FAPIIS with regard to the applicant and any immediate highest level owner, predecessor (i.e.; a non-Federal entity that is replaced by a successor), or subsidiary, identified for that applicant in FAPIIS, if applicable.

2 CFR 200 Updates

- **2 C.F.R. 200.216 Prohibition on certain telecommunications and video surveillance service or equipment, and 2 C.F.R. 200.471 Telecommunication and video surveillance costs** have been added in order to comply with Section 889 of the National Defense Authorization Act (Prohibition on certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment).
- **2 CFR 200.320 Methods of procurement to be followed** has been updated to show procurement methods in three main categories: (a) Informal procurement methods, (b) Formal procurement methods, (c) Noncompetitive procurement. This section has also provided guidance for the non-Federal entity to increase the micro-purchase threshold up to and over \$50,000.
- **2 CFR 200.322 Domestic preferences for procurements** has been added.

2 CFR 200 Updates

- **200.340 (a)(2) Termination** has been updated to add that an award may be terminated if an award no longer effectuates the program goals or agency priorities.
- **2 CFR 200.344 Closeout** has been updated to increase the timeframe for the prime recipients to submit its final reports and liquidate all financial obligations incurred under the Federal award as part of the closeout from 90 days to 120 days.
- **2 CFR 200.414(f) Indirect (F&A) costs** has been updated to clarify that any non-Federal entity that does not have a current negotiated (including provisional) rate, except for those non-Federal entities described in appendix VII to this part, paragraph D.1.b, may elect to charge a de minimis rate of 10% of modified total direct costs (MTDC) which may be used indefinitely.

Upcoming Country-Specific Meetings

USAID/Madagascar Education and Food Security Portfolio Overview

Date/Time: Monday, May 3rd, 2021 at 8:00am-9:00am EDT

Meeting Link/Log-in Information: Please RSVP at [this link](#) to receive a calendar invite and Google Meet link.

USAID/Guatemala Education Portfolio Overview

Date/Time: Wednesday, May 5th, 2021 at 4:00pm-5:00pm EDT

Meeting Link/Log-in Information: Please RSVP at [this link](#) to receive a calendar invite and Google Meet link.



Contact Us

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Key Deadlines

Proposals due in FAIS:

5:00 pm Eastern Daylight Time. June 4, 2021

Question deadline (ppded@usda.gov): **May 28, 2021.**

Links

Grants.gov: [FY 2021 McGovern-Dole NOFO](#)

FAIS: <https://www.fas.usda.gov/food-aid-information-system>

*The presentation, recording, and questions and answers will be available on Grants.gov.

*Questions & answers will be posted weekly.

