



FEED THE FUTURE

The U.S. Government's Global Hunger & Food Security Initiative

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Case Study: USAID/Nepal – Integrating Agriculture and Nutrition



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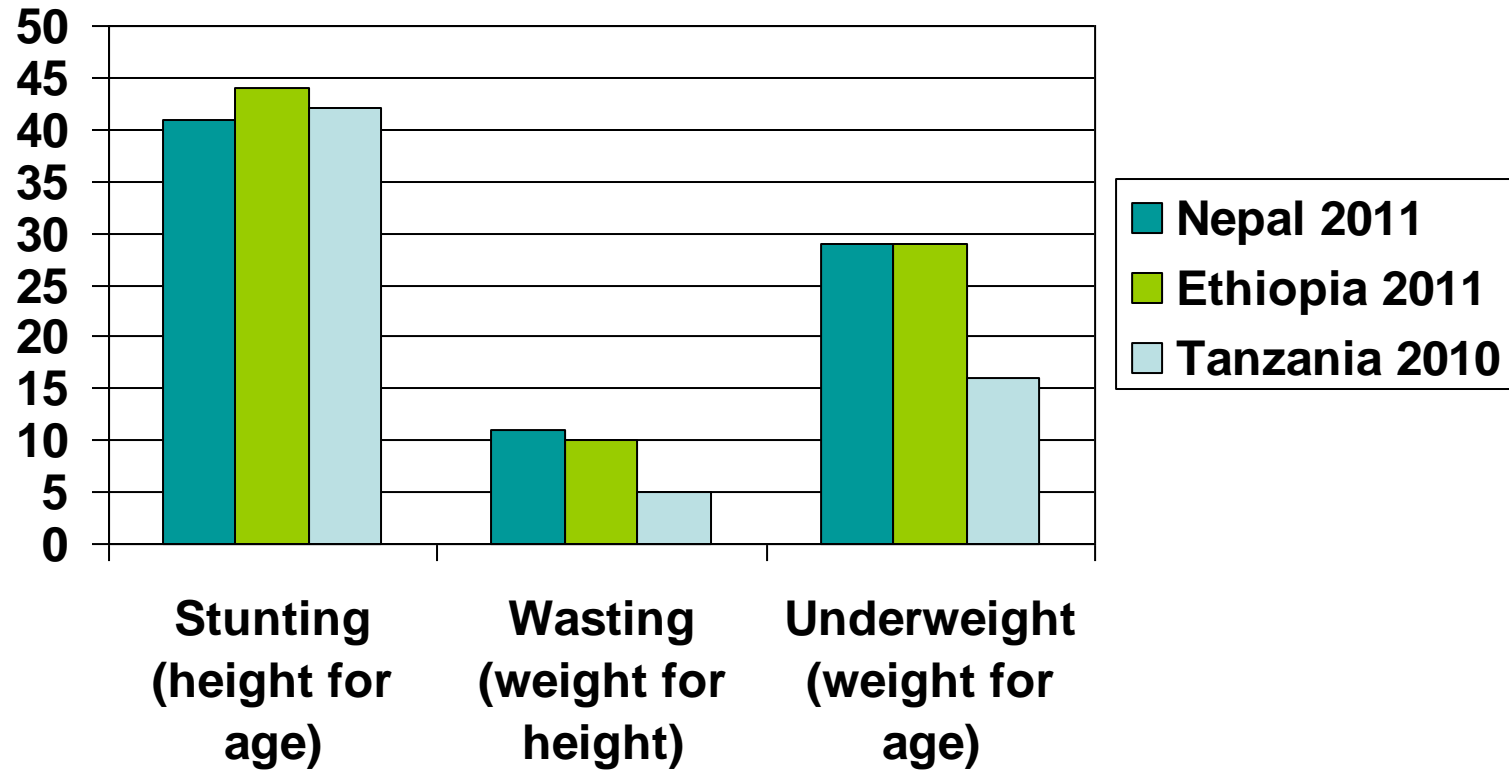
Nepal Context

- Recovering from decade long conflict
- 55% of population below the poverty line
- Nearly 80% of population depends on agriculture
- Two-thirds of population experience food shortages during the year
- High rates of urban and out-migration
 - 20% of GDP is from remittances
- On track to meet 3 MDGs by 2015
 - Maternal and child health and primary education





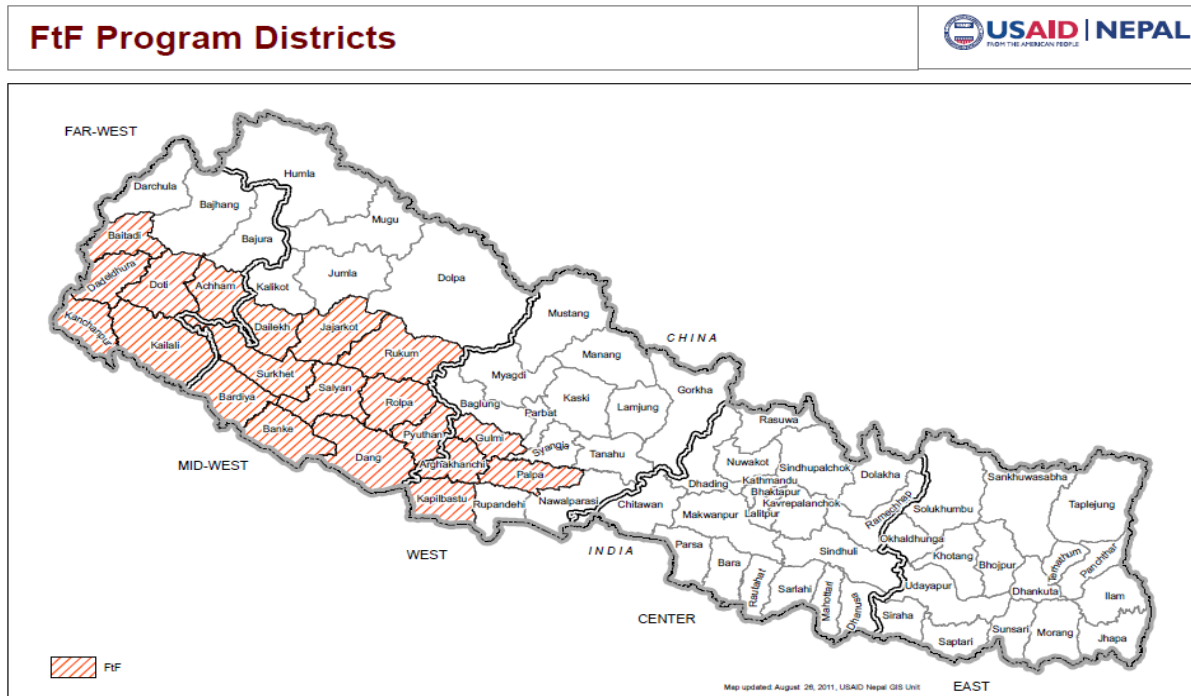
Nutrition Status of Children under 5



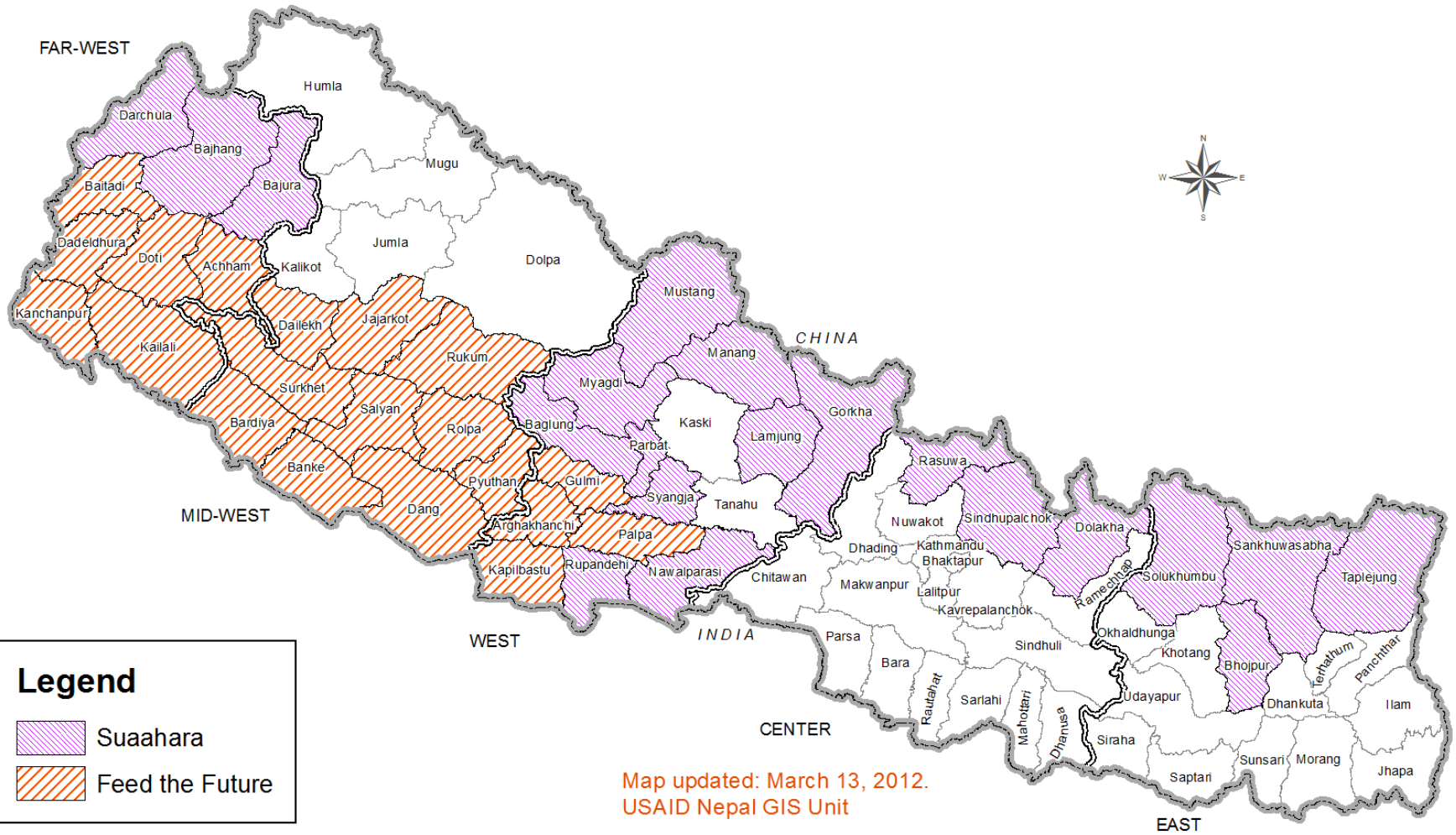


Feed the Future (FtF) Overview

- **Integrated Agriculture and Nutrition Initiative**
- **Working in 20 vulnerable districts**
- **February 2013- Feb 2018**



Health Programs - with Respect to Feed the Future





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Integration Problem

Nutrition Assessment and Gap Analysis key result:

- agriculture, nutrition and health, including WASH, need to be integrated



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Collaborate with and complement other donor programs

Ongoing & upcoming donor programs...



- Agriculture commercialization and trade
- Roads, irrigation & water management
- Poverty alleviation fund
- Direct financial and technical assistance to MoHP



- High mountain agribusiness & livelihoods
- Raising incomes of small and medium farmers
- Crop diversification and commercialization
- Commercial agriculture development program



- Improving business forum
- Small enterprise dev. fund, SME venture risk capital
- Microfinance sector development
- Direct Investment in value chains (seeds)



- Pro-poor value chain



- Challenge fund for agribusiness
- Direct financial and technical assistance to MoHP



- Food security monitoring system (NekSAP)
- MCH, school feeding, Food/Cash for Work



- Food facility for most vulnerable areas
- Training in food safety and Ag. trade



...complement and multiply FTF impact

- **Financing** for private sector agents across agricultural value chains including horticulture
- Productive **infrastructure** in FTF areas
- **Scale-up** of evidence-based **nutrition interventions**

- Improves **purchasing power of Mountain populations** to access food from Hills/Terai
- Investments in **post harvest handling, value addition & marketing** in Western Terai/Hills
- Similar interventions to FTF but in the **East**

- Improves **policy** and **regulatory environment**
- Increases **credit** available to finance activities/assets relevant to agriculture
- Contributes to increased **productivity**

- Increased reach to poor and vulnerable (10 West & Mid-West districts)

- Increased **financing** available for agribusiness
- **Scale-up** of evidence-based **nutrition interventions**

- Market Watch provides early warning information and serves as data collection support for impact evaluation

- **Emergency relief** in extreme hunger areas
- Increased **capacity for export market**



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Integration w/ Host Country Gov't

Intensive discussions with the GON:

- GAFSP collaboration
- Food Security Donor Group & Nutrition Donor Group
- Two GON Officials on TEC
- One Mission coordination mechanism for implementing partners to integrate and harmonize with the GON



Goal: Reduce hunger and poverty and improve nutrition, especially among women and children under five

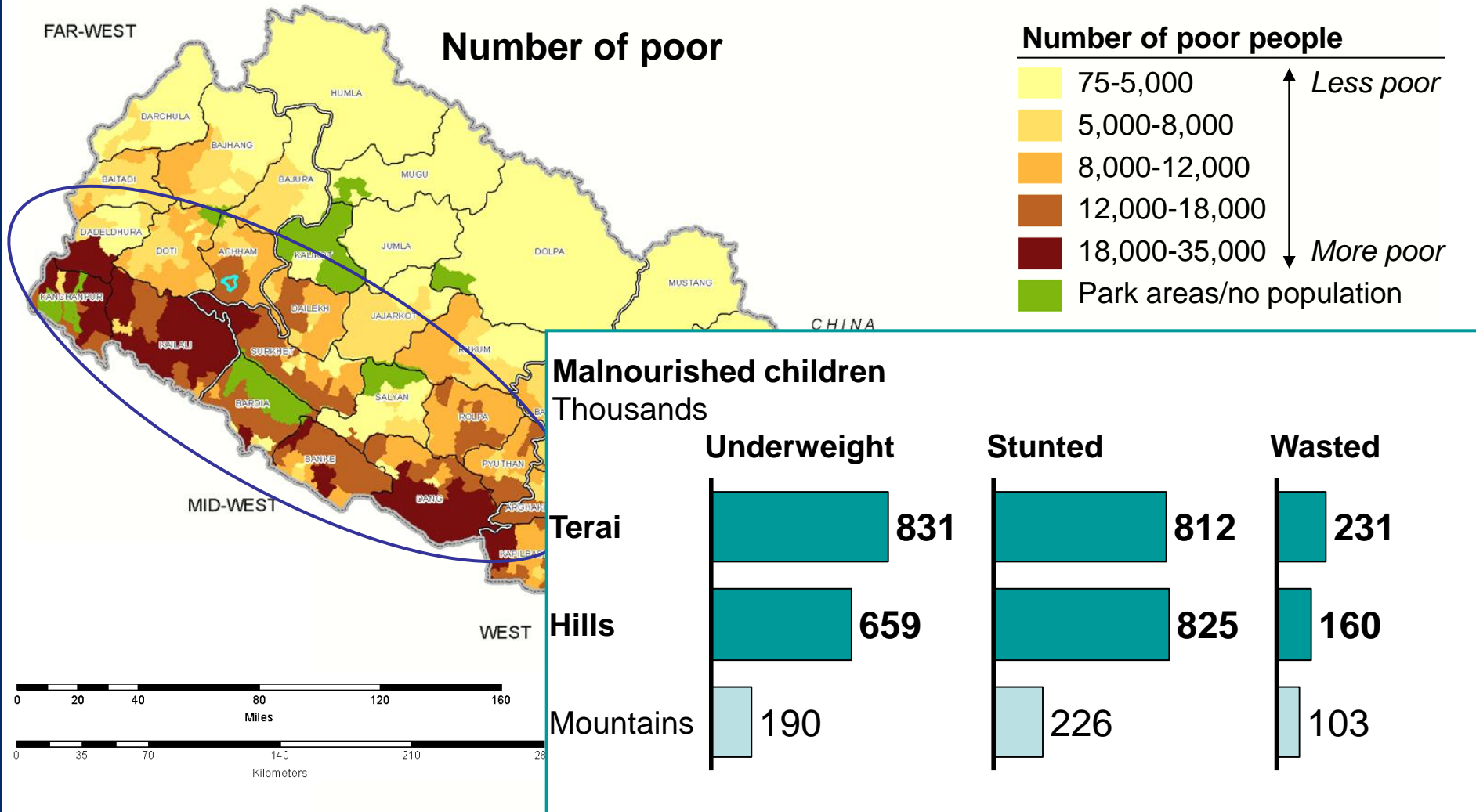
Intermediate Results:

- 1) Increased agriculture productivity and income
- 2) Expanded markets and trade
- 3) Increased investment in agriculture and **nutrition-related activities**
- 4) Increased resilience of vulnerable communities and households
- 5) **Improved access to diverse and quality foods**
- 6) **Improved nutrition-related behaviors**
- 7) **Improved use of maternal and child health and nutrition services**



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Greatest number of poor and malnourished in Western Terai and Hills





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Integration Approach - DESIGN

Integration Approach: Where Does the Rubber Meet the Road?

Nexus = Budget



Lock the Ag-FTF and Nutrition-GHI teams in a room

- Cross-training of ag and nutrition change agents
- Co-location of trainings such as at demonstration farms



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Integration Approach: Dealing with Conflicts Nutrition Saturation vs Agriculture Diffusion

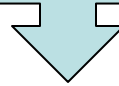




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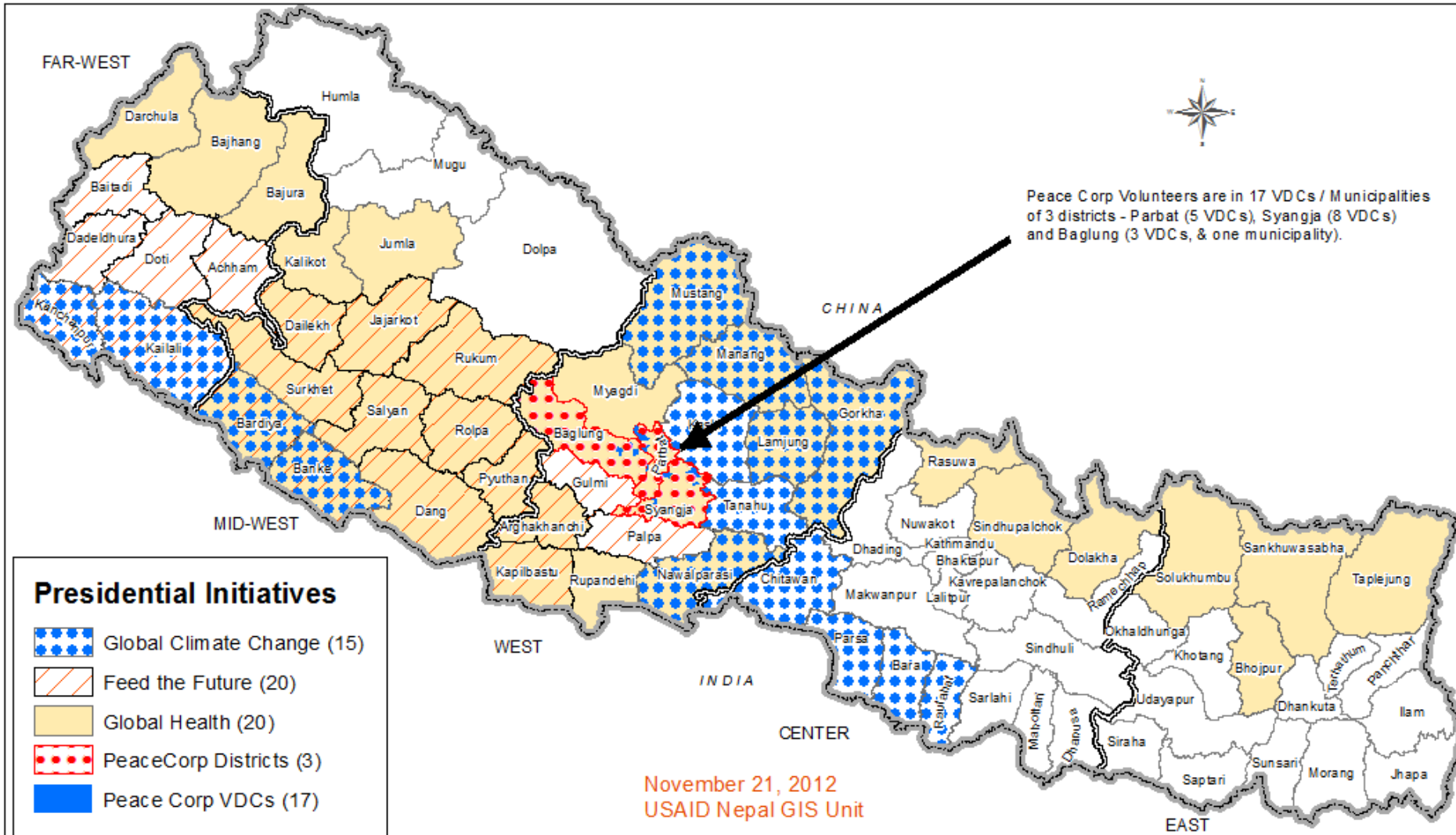
Integration Approach: Teach an Old Dog New Tricks

Novel ways of doing USAID Business



- Leverage Each Other's Funds – GHI and FTF money into one project
- Mission Specific Inter-Agency Agreement w/ Peace Corps

The Three Presidential Initiatives and Peace Corps





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Integration - IMPLEMENTATION

Integration Approach: Award and Implementation

- Evaluation Criteria – integration including past performance integrating ag and nutrition
- Contractual obligation to coordinate
- Integrate but don't duplicate: use of pre-existing nutrition materials
- Integration of workplans



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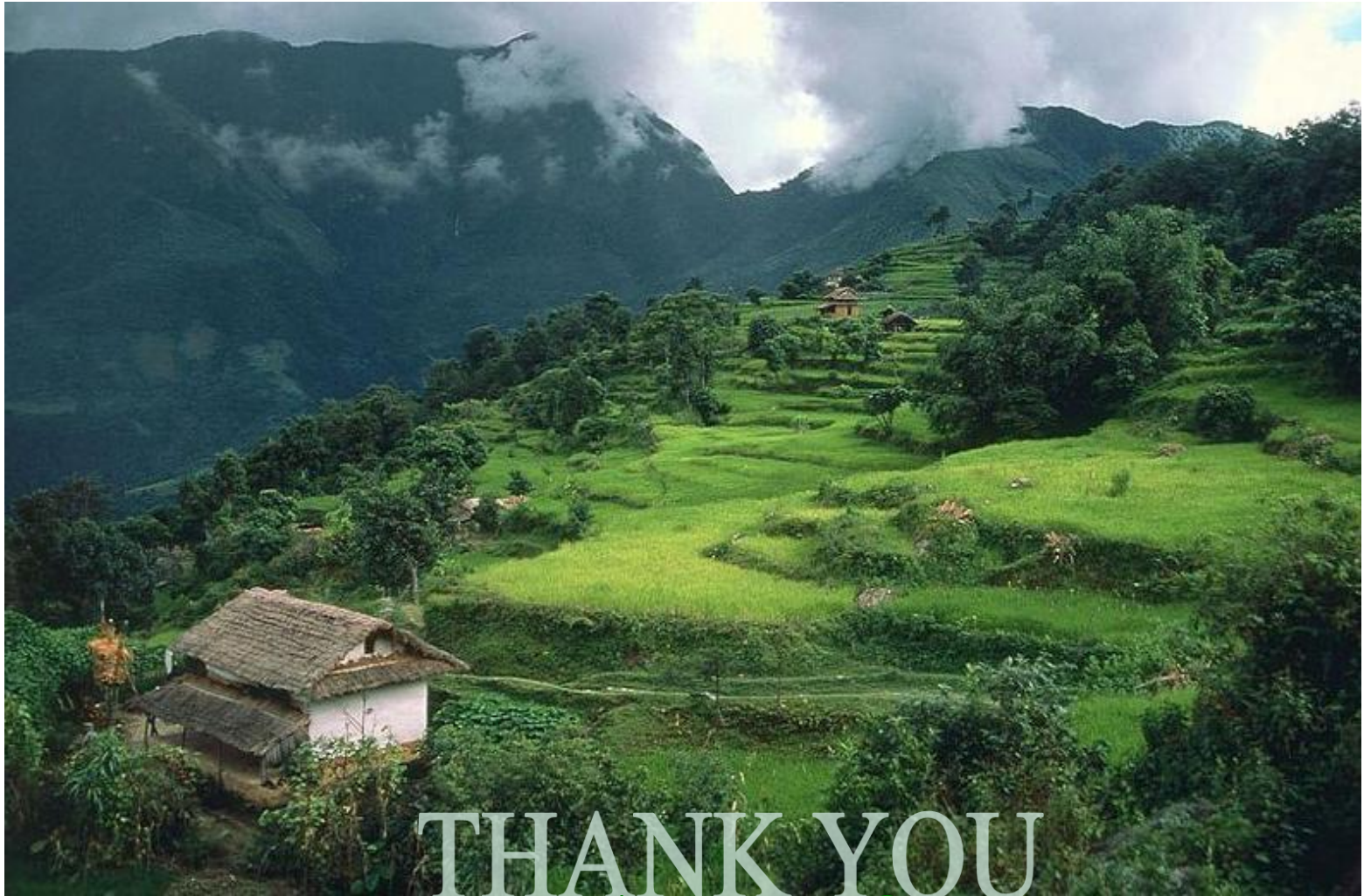
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Some Take-Aways

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- Leverage Each Other's Funds – GHI and FTF money into one project
- Mission Specific Inter-Agency Agreement w/ Peace Corps
- Integrate but don't duplicate: use of pre-existing nutrition materials
- Integration of workplans
- N-CRSP for evaluation impact



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