



## FOOD IS THE FOUNDATION

Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) believes that hope starts with food. Providing nutritious FMSC meals to children and families who don't have a sustainable food source builds a solid foundation for entire communities to become healthy and self-sufficient. Reliable FMSC meals allow our partners to devote their resources to education, health care, ministry, agriculture and micro-business. Our ultimate goal is to create local food security so future generations can thrive.

## TARGETED FOOD ASSISTANCE

Through FMSC's Project Based Food Assistance (PBFA) initiatives, food distribution partners, churches and local leaders within a specific region come together to help their community. For a period of time, individuals and communities receive a consistent supply of FMSC food to empower them to rise out of poverty and become self-reliant.



### PBFA: Batey 106 *Launched in 2015*

Many Haitian immigrants work in the sugarcane fields of the Dominican Republic and live in communities called Bateyes, where they often face critical challenges due to their immigration status. In 2015, FMSC launched a PBFA initiative specifically in Batey 106 to provide food and livelihood initiatives to empower the community.

**"Where there is no hunger, there is peace."**

When Terri came to the Dominican Republic as an immigrant from Haiti, the only work he could find was cutting sugar cane in Batey 106. There, he met Francia. They began a family, but food was expensive. Pay was low. Until FMSC came to their small village, they were barely surviving. "Our life before FMSC meals was at times horrible," said Francia. "We didn't always have enough to eat. MannaPack™ Rice

completely changed our lives. It sustains us. We are so thankful to the people who make it possible for us to receive this food."

When Terri and Francia had a baby girl, they no longer worried about how they would provide for her. **Because of FMSC food and the PBFA initiative in Batey 106, little Sheila has never experienced hunger.**

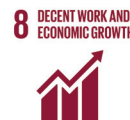
Terri said, "The MannaPack meals helped Sheila develop physically and mentally because they are nutritious. Sheila loves to play with dolls and dance! She loves running around the Batey with the other children. She feels loved and secure because we have food in our house."

**At the start of the PBFA in Batey 106, 35% of children were malnourished. Halfway through the initiative, the percentage decreased to 24%\***

\*According to World Health Organization's standards for Body Mass Index

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs)

Developed by an intergovernmental group of representatives from 70 countries, the SDGs were created to work toward poverty alleviation. FMSC programs already support many of the SDGs, including the ones listed below.



Through PBFA initiatives, FMSC and our food partners work diligently together to alleviate poverty, support sustainability and move the communities they serve toward self-sufficiency, until all are fed.