



# Sustainable Development – CROPPS

## 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.

## CROPPS: WORKING HAND-IN-HAND

Through the Coalition of Relief Organizations Promoting Practical Solutions (CROPPS), FMSC and our food partners are changing poverty into hope, one country at a time. The CROPPS program brings many of our partners who serve in the same country together to collaborate, build relationships and share resources with each other. It also helps connect them with organizations who offer specific services, like water filtration systems or agricultural training.



**90%** of CROPPS organizations have been able to access new resources

## STANDING TOGETHER

*CROPPS Liberia: Est. October 2013*

In the midst of the Ebola outbreak in 2014, FMSC's Liberia CROPPS group showed remarkable unity and tenacity. At a time when many were afraid of exposure to the disease, our partners bravely gathered together to pray for their country, combine resources and send aid to quarantined areas and health clinics. They organized unified outreaches to distribute food, sanitary equipment and other necessary supplies at a time when the Liberian people needed it the most. Their efforts were a beautiful example of the Body of Christ working together to show the love of Jesus during a time of chaos and uncertainty.

## 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.



**1** NO POVERTY



**2** ZERO HUNGER



**8** DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



**17** PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



Through the CROPPS program, 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.