



Since 2005, USAID Office of Food for Peace (FFP) partners have supported the Government of Ethiopia (GOE)-led Productive Safety Net Program (PSNP) which aims to address the basic food needs of nearly 8 million chronically food-insecure Ethiopians with both cash transfers and food assistance. FFP supports the current PSNP through four Development Food Security Activities (DFSAs).

**PSNP IV / DFSA OVERVIEW**

- PSNP IV, which began in 2015 and extends through 2020, aims to transition from food security activities to an integrated social protection system encompassing safety nets, consumption smoothing, promoting gender equity and women’s empowerment, livelihoods support, nutrition activities, and helping communities to become more climate resilient.
- The GOE continues its efforts to integrate the PSNP IV with existing emergency feeding activities to create a flexible system that ensures vulnerable households can maintain their food security in the face of recurrent shocks.

**PARTNER ACTIVITIES — Relief Society of Tigray (REST)**

- FFP’s partner REST aims to enhance the resilience of more than 524,000 vulnerable people in 12 woredas, or districts, of Ethiopia’s Tigray Region by reducing vulnerability to shocks and stresses, increasing agricultural production and income, improving sustainable livelihood opportunities, and improving the nutritional status of pregnant and lactating women and children under two years of age.
- REST uses participatory methods in communities, with a focus on young people, to improve food security by promoting sustainable watershed management. Additionally, REST focuses on the cross-cutting priorities of gender equity and women’s empowerment, resilience to climatic shocks, social accountability and governance, and human and institutional capacity development. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2019, REST restored approximately 7,400 hectares of degraded water catchment areas and supported the reforestation of 5,600 hectares.
- REST is building the capacity of communities to respond to food security shocks by expanding crop insurance and food distribution centers and improving the dissemination of timely early warning information to local decision makers.
- In FY 2019, REST provided skills training and grants for livelihood assets—such as apiaries, poultry, and necessary tools—to 5,000 highly vulnerable households. To increase access to productive assets, REST has targeted a total of 15,000 impoverished households with livelihood transfers, which include a combination of activities, such as cash transfers to purchase productive assets, skills training, financial counseling, and personalized coaching.
- REST focuses on livelihood transfers for the community members most vulnerable to shocks and stresses, including disabled or chronically ill persons, landless youth, and women-headed households, as these groups often lack access to productive resources, financial services, and technology. In FY 2019, REST’s activities provided work opportunities and social assistance to more than 13,800 vulnerable rural youth.



**GOAL:** *Enhanced resilience to shocks and improved food, nutrition and livelihood security among vulnerable women and men in 12 woredas of Tigray*

**Purpose 1:** Reduced vulnerability to shocks and stresses among women and men

**Purpose 2:** Agricultural production and productivity among vulnerable women and men in households improved

**Purpose 3:** Improved sustainable livelihoods of vulnerable women, men and youth groups

**Purpose 4:** Reduced malnutrition among children under five and pregnant and lactating mothers

**PSNP/DFSAs SNAPSHOT — Relief Society of Tigray**

	People Reached with Assistance	Metric Tons of In-Kind Food	USAID/FFP Funding
<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>524,456</b>	<b>39,870</b>	<b>\$27.2 million</b>
<b>Estimated Life of Award</b>		<b>233,850</b>	<b>\$192.8 million</b>



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**Photo:** A woman in Tigray State’s Ahferom Woreda poses with her thriving micro-garden, grown with technical support by REST to improve the diversification of food available to families.