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## MEMO

To: David Lazarus and Lucas Knowles, USDA Agency Review Team

From: Erik Peterson, School Nutrition Association

RE: Recommendations on global school feeding efforts from the School Nutrition Association

Date: December 19, 2008

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**Recommendation:** Use targeted grant-making to leverage the experience of USDA and US school nutrition professionals at the local school district level to promote the development of sustainable school nutrition program infrastructure in developing countries as part of a comprehensive international food and development assistance program.

**Rationale:** The mission of the Global Child Nutrition Foundation is to reduce childhood hunger and advance educational opportunities for impoverished children by helping countries develop sustainable school feed programs.

The Global Child Nutrition Foundation, a 501c (3) founded in 2006, provides training and technical assistance for leaders in developing countries through information, tools, and resource networks. An annual Global Child Nutrition Forum serves as both an entry point for countries just beginning to explore national or regional school feeding programs and countries that are moving forward with policy development and planning from previous years. GCNF partners with international NGOs, Foundations, government agencies and the World Food Programme to identify countries and their delegates; to evaluate, revise and develop new tools; to plan training programs; and provide technical assistance.