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COVID-19: The Rise of Food Insecurity at Home and Abroad

Thursday, May 14, 2020
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM | Panel Discussion via Zoom

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ABOUT THE EVENT

The COVID-19 pandemic is poised to have a profound effect on the food security of millions of people globally. The World Food Program predicts that there will be more than a quarter of a billion people suffering acute hunger by the end of the year, almost double the pre-pandemic level. Efforts to contain the virus, both here in the United States and around the world, have resulted in the unprecedented loss of livelihoods, disruptions to food systems and massive demand for social safety nets. Domestic and international organizations have long worked to respond to food insecurity—both chronic and as a result of acute shocks. However, the covariate risk of COVID-19 and its global scale has resulted in urgent needs at home and abroad. In this special session we will consider the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic both overseas and in the DC metro area. We will hear from a panel of experts working to respond to the massive growth in hunger, and we will consider practical ways to improve our work overseas and help our neighbors here at home.

Moderator
Rebecca Middleton | Executive Director, Alliance to End Hunger

Rebecca Middleton is the Executive Director of the Alliance to End Hunger. She is responsible for implementing the Alliance’s vision of bringing together diverse organizations to build the public and political will to end hunger. This role brings together Rebecca’s many years of professional experience in policy, strategy and advocacy with her lifetime commitment to anti-hunger initiatives. Rebecca joined the Alliance to End Hunger after more than a decade in government relations at Cassidy & Associates, a public affairs firm in Washington, D.C. At Cassidy, Rebecca advocated and supported a wide variety of issues before the federal government on behalf of Fortune 500 companies, hospitals, universities and other not-for-profit entities. Prior to joining Cassidy, Rebecca was a senior legislative assistant for Representative Frank R. Wolf (R-VA). In this position, Rebecca worked closely with constituents, local, state and federal officials, university leaders, and representatives of major corporations on a variety of appropriations and other public policy initiatives. Additionally, Rebecca has extensive political campaign experience having served as Representative Wolf’s Campaign Director in 1998 and as his Campaign Manager in 2000. Rebecca has a B.A. with a double-major in Political Science and English from Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Speaker
Jim Flock | Chief of Party, Feed the Future Tanzania NAFAKA II Activity, ACDI/VOCA

Jim Flock is the chief of party and former deputy chief of party of our Feed the Future Tanzania NAFAKA II Activity, the flagship cereals crop program funded by USAID in Tanzania. Since joining ACDI/VOCA in 2005, Jim has supported projects in South Sudan, Sierra Leone, and Afghanistan as a project coordinator, agribusiness manager, deputy director, researcher, and emergency response coordinator.

Kim Ford

Kim R. Ford serves as President and CEO of Martha’s Table. Ford previously served as Deputy Assistant Secretary and Acting Assistant Secretary in the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education. Ford provided leadership, direction, and management on over $2 billion dollars in career and technical education, adult education, correctional and re-entry education and community college initiatives, which collectively serve over 25 million students annually. Previously, Ford served as the Dean of Workforce Development and Lifelong Learning at the University of the District of Columbia Community College (UDC-CC). She promoted an environment of student success focused on building community, instituting feedback loops and helping students transition into higher levels of education and careers. Prior to joining UDC-CC, Ford served in the Obama Administration’s Recovery Implementation Office, which was responsible for implementing the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. She directed working relationships between the Office of the Vice President and eight federal agencies on over $350 billion dollars of Recovery Act programs. Ford holds a Bachelor’s Degree in International Business from Vanderbilt University and a Master’s Degree in Public Administration from the University of Pennsylvania.

Speaker
Radha Muthiah | President and CEO, Capital Area Food Bank

Radha Muthiah, President and CEO, joins the Capital Area Food Bank following a career spanning multiple sectors, where she has led and grown both start-up and established organizations in the US and internationally. As CEO, she leads a team that works to distribute over 30 million meals, directly and through a network of 450+ partners, to nearly half a million people in the greater Washington region each year. She is also focused on the growth of the food bank’s long-standing partnerships; the creation of innovative new partnerships; and its groundbreaking work to ensure that food both addresses hunger and can be used to enable better health, education, and a pathway towards more inclusive economic growth in the region.
Speaker (cont.)

**Radha Muthiah | President and CEO, Capital Area Food Bank**

Most recently, Muthiah served as CEO of the Clean Cooking Alliance, a public-private partnership hosted by the United Nations Foundation to save lives, improve livelihoods, empower women, and protect the environment by creating a thriving global market for clean and efficient household cooking solutions.

The Alliance works with a strong network of over 1,800 community, corporate, foundation, and government partners to accelerate the production, deployment, and use of clean and efficient cookstoves and fuels in developing countries. Under Muthiah’s leadership, clean cooking rose steadily on the global development agenda and is now included in multiple Sustainable Development Goals and in dozens of countries’ climate action plans.

Prior to joining the Alliance, Muthiah served as the Vice President for Strategic Partnerships and Alliances at CARE International, USA. A key aspect of her work was to recognize and build upon areas of strength and synergy for CARE and its partners to eradicate poverty through the empowerment of women and girls.

Muthiah has also worked at ICF International, the American Red Cross, Mercer Management Consulting, and the Council on Foreign Relations. She holds a bachelor’s and a master’s degree in economics from Tufts University and a Master of Business Administration degree from Stanford University.

Speaker (cont.)

**Carrie Stoltzfus | Executive Director, Food & Friends**

Carrie has lent her public health and advocacy expertise to numerous local initiatives aimed at improving health and nutrition in the Washington, D.C. area. These include: Fair Food for All DC; the Mayor’s Council on Physical Activity, Health and Nutrition; the Senior Advisory Coalition’s Nutrition Subcommittee; the Ward 8 Health Council; and the national Food Is Medicine Coalition, where she sits on the advisory board.

Carrie resides in D.C. with her husband, Jonathan Christophel, who is a child therapist, and their cat. She is a 16 year resident of the District and is originally from Southeastern PA. Her current pastime outside of work is the Times crossword, which she tries to do every day.

Carrie can be contacted via email at cstoltzfus@foodandfriends.org or by calling (202) 269-2277.

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**MAY 21**

**Resilience and Adaptability in the Job Search**

Network Event | Online via Zoom | 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

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**MAY 28**

**The future of project implementation in international development**

Chapter Event | Online via Zoom | 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

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