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A Stimulus Package for the World, by Robert Zoellick, *The New York Times*, January 23, 2009

WITHIN his first 100 days, President Obama will attend his inaugural global summit meeting: an April gathering of the Group of 20 industrialized and developing nations in London. The president, with bipartisan backing in Congress, should send an audacious signal of hope. Starting with the United States, Mr. Obama should call for each developed country to pledge 0.7 percent of its stimulus package to a vulnerability fund for assisting developing countries that can't afford bailouts and deficits.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/01/23/opinion/23zoellick.html>

Nations Attending Upcoming Food Security Summit, Press Release by David Beckmann on upcoming U.N. High Level Meeting for Food Security for All, to be held in Madrid, January 26-27, January 23, 2009
“President Obama faces many challenges as he enters office. Fighting the hunger crisis must be a priority issue. This will require him to put in place the structure and funding needed for the U.S. to show global leadership by reworking the way it handles foreign aid.”

<http://news.prnewswire.com/DisplayReleaseContent.aspx?ACCT=104&STORY=/www/story/01-22-2009/0004959145&EDATE=>

Food crisis, corruption could reverse progress in West Africa, says UN envoy, *UN News Centre*, January 23, 2009

Challenges – including youth unemployment, corruption and the food crisis – threaten to roll back positive gains made in West Africa, the Secretary-General's envoy to the 15-nation region told the Security Council.

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=29620&Cr=west+africa&Cr1=>

UN set to double food aid in 'catastrophic' Kenya, *Agence-France Presse*, January 23, 2009

The United Nations is aiming to double food aid for Kenya to reach at least four million people because of a situation the World Food Programme described Friday as "catastrophic". President Mwai Kibaki declared a "national disaster" in Kenya a week ago, saying 10 million people faced food shortages and launching an appeal for 400 million dollars (312 million euros) in foreign aid.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5gflCFSAxKvllK0PaX9itZgz8a2ew>

US Soldiers Lead Agricultural Development in Afghanistan, *Voice of America*, January 23, 2009

The U.S. Department of Defense is sending agricultural teams to Afghanistan to supplement the war effort and help Afghans rebuild their country's largest and most important economic sector. Pentagon officials said the Agricultural Development Teams are made up of citizen reserve soldiers from the U.S. Army National Guard.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/2009-01-23-voa52.cfm>

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Memo to the President: Redefine America's Global Development Cooperation, *Brookings Institution*, January 2009

To effectively address global expectations, you must launch a fresh start to U.S. relations with the non-Western, developing world. Your approach should link a new international thrust with Americans' hopes for a better future for themselves and for our interdependent world. You must usher in a new era of global cooperation by redefining the way the United States manages global challenges that affect the economic and security interests of every American.

One of the recommendations is to: "Spur research and innovation to bolster agricultural productivity and markets in poor countries."

http://www.brookings.edu/~media/Files/rc/papers/2008/1210_global_development_memo/1210_global_development_memo.pdf