



# Integrating health, nutrition, and food security: Making the case

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A conference sponsored by the **Institute for Health and Social Justice** at Partners In Health in collaboration with the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University and the François-Xavier Bagnoud Center for Health and Human Rights at the Harvard School of Public Health.

In the last five years, increased attention and resources have been focused on pandemic diseases, particularly the chronic, wasting, infectious diseases AIDS and tuberculosis, which draw into sharp relief the linkages between health, nutrition, and food security. Much of current food assistance is targeted at populations suffering from natural disasters and other emergencies. While such crises undoubtedly need urgent attention, the chronic and pervasive food insecurity that underlies poor health in many settings requires a different, long-term, and integrated approach.

The Institute for Health and Social Justice at Partners In Health cordially invites you to a conference on **Integrating health, nutrition, and food security: making the case**. The purpose of this two-day conference is to create a network for and dialog among groups implementing programs that integrate health, nutrition, and food security and to present data demonstrating the importance of an integrated approach to donors and policy makers in a concerted effort to drive program design and funding toward interventions that link food security, nutrition and health.

This conference will focus on four main themes:

- I. **Nutritional interventions as a “vaccine” to reduce morbidity and mortality:** Presentation and discussion of successful nutritional interventions with measurable impact on the incidence and severity of specific diseases.
- II. **Food security as population-based risk mitigation:** Presentation and discussion of demonstrated decreased disease risk with improved food security.
- III. **Food as an integral component of treatment for disease:** Presentation and discussion of nutritional interventions with measurable improvements in disease outcomes.
- IV. **Funding and programming reform in food assistance and health projects:** Presentation and discussion of the role of local production and sourcing of food aid; resource-allocation to foster integration of health and nutrition programs; and greater efforts towards increased food security for the most vulnerable populations.

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## Conference details

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**Conference dates:** October 11-12, 2007

**Location, travel, and parking:**

Norton's Woods Conference Center  
American Academy of Arts & Sciences  
136 Irving Street  
Cambridge, MA 02138  
Directions: [www.amacad.org/nortonswoods.aspx](http://www.amacad.org/nortonswoods.aspx)

**Travel Costs:** We are unable to reimburse any travel expenses for attendees.

**Parking:** Will be available at a lot on Park Street near the center. Directions will be sent to attendees.

**Panel participation and abstract submission:** If you would like to participate in a panel discussion on any of the four conference themes, please submit a short (1-2 paragraphs) abstract to [ihshj@pih.org](mailto:ihshj@pih.org) by **September 1, 2007**. Please include your organizational affiliation(s) and area(s) of interest/research. Participants will be notified by September 15, 2007.

**Registration:** There is no fee to attend this conference, but all attendees must RSVP by **September 15, 2007** by emailing [ihshj@pih.org](mailto:ihshj@pih.org). Due to space limitations, we request that each organization limit its delegation to two people. Additional attendees will be placed on a wait list.

**Questions:** Please direct all inquiries to [ihshj@pih.org](mailto:ihshj@pih.org) or (617) 432-6017