

Project Explores Cognitive Advances in Students in Ghana through Collaboration Fostered by Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Peanut

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Through the Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Peanut (Peanut Innovation Lab), researchers are producing and testing a peanut-based ready-to-use meal for students in northern Ghana to gauge its effects on physical growth and cognitive learning. Building on previous research, the project is comparing the impacts of various formulations of this product compared to a standard school meal in three districts of northern Ghana. Birdsong Peanuts and the National Peanut Board each invested to evaluate the effectiveness a school feeding product developed by Washington University's Mark Manary. The World Food Programme has targeted school nutrition as a way to improve lives of children in low- and middle-income countries, where school meals are sporadic, starchy and may not contain the best ingredients to help a hungry child grow and concentrate in class.