

COMMENTARY



Faustine Wabwire

Meet Faustine Wabwire, Bread for the World Institute's Senior Foreign Assistance Policy Analyst, Washington, DC.

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Bread for the World is an advocacy organization with the mission to engage U.S. leaders to end hunger and poverty, both in the United States and around the world. Bread for the World is one of the nation's most respected anti-hunger organizations. Its members meet with and write personal letters and emails to their members of Congress. It is one of the largest organizations in the world dedicated to building the political will to end hunger and poverty. The president of Bread for the World and its affiliate organizations—Bread for the World Institute and the Alliance to End Hunger, is Rev. David Beckmann. In 2010, Rev

Beckmann, an economist and Lutheran pastor, was awarded the World Food Prize for his leadership and contributions to reducing world hunger. The World Food Prize is the foremost international award recognizing—without regard to race, religion, nationality, or political beliefs—the achievements of individuals who have advanced human development by improving the quality, quantity or availability of food in the world.

Ms. Faustine Wabwire, a native of Kenya, joined Bread for the World in 2010. She is the Senior Foreign Assistance Policy Analyst at Bread for the World Institute. At the Institute, she provides policy leadership on global poverty, gender, food security and nutrition, climate change, trade, and the role of effective U.S. and multilateral assistance in providing solutions. She recently worked with the Institute staff on the 2015 Hunger Report, *[When Women Flourish ... We Can End Hunger](#)*. The report explores why women's economic empowerment is essential to ending global hunger and proposed practical and achievable policy changes to improve women's economic, political, and social status.

Given her broad and in-depth understanding on global development issues, Ms. Wabwire represents Bread for the World in several high-level forums: briefings with members of Congress, the White House, and other key actors, on strategic global issues. Her dedication to improving the lives of struggling populations through institutional capacity strengthening are valued by the World Food Prize Foundation. Ms. Wabwire participates in the annual World Food Prize Lecture series in Des Moines, Iowa, as panelist and faculty expert at the Global Youth Institute.

Prior to joining Bread for the World Institute, Ms. Wabwire held a number of positions in academia, research, and international development. She has worked with agencies at the national, regional, and global level, and has published extensively. She is also a regular commentator on

Voice of America TV and Radio and several other media outlets in the United States. Ms. Wabwire holds Master's Degrees in Development Economics and Management (from Ruhr University, Germany), Development Studies (from the University of the Western Cape, South Africa), and Intercultural Service, Leadership and Management (from SIT Graduate Institute, Vermont, USA). She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Moi University, Kenya. Ms. Wabwire has work experience in Africa, Europe and the United States. She speaks Kiswahili, some French, and English.