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<u>Grow Further</u>, a nonprofit start-up focused on engaging the public on the future of global food security, is **seeking contributors for its newsletter.**

According to the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, 800 million people are currently under-nourished, a figure that has grown in recent years. Continued agricultural innovation, particularly in developing countries, is essential to addressing malnutrition, persistent rural poverty, and the effects of climate change. Yet only a small number of agencies fund agricultural research.

This newsletter will be a voice for smallholder farmers, researchers, and food security experts to drive much broader public engagement and investment to benefit marginalized people and ideas.

The newsletter will be distributed twice a month to a global audience of experts in agriculture, high-level government and foundation officials, and perhaps most importantly members of the general public who wish to learn about and support food security innovation. The writing style will be journalistic, simultaneously authoritative and engaging. It will cover:

- Ways food security can address poverty, climate change, and national security threats as well as hunger and malnutrition;
- Innovative agricultural technologies;
- Farming methods based on local indigenous knowledge; and,
- Ways to support innovations that benefit smallholder farmers in low- and middle-income countries.

We are looking for **two types of contributors:** 1) Distinguished contributors well-versed in global food security matters, and 2) Junior researchers seeking to highlight their own research ideas.

1) Distinguished contributors should write roughly 250 - 500 words with longer pieces also considered about the importance of food security, the context of international agriculture, or a current global food security policy issue, using an engaging and personal tone to get more individuals interested in agriculture.

2) Junior researchers should write roughly 250 words about any past, current or future project or research ideas that are in line with the themes listed above. This would be an excellent platform to increase visibility especially for those with good, yet-to-be discovered, research ideas.

About Grow Further: Grow Further is an organization of global agricultural experts, farmers, and citizens. Founded by Dr. Peter Kelly and advised by world-renowned <u>agricultural experts</u>, Grow Further connects citizens interested in learning about and supporting a food-secure future to agricultural scientists in developing countries whose innovative approaches are often overlooked by larger institutions. We take inspiration from the historical success of the March of Dimes, which not only supported a polio vaccine but also created the concept of a medical research charity, and aim to create similar systemic change in the agricultural research sector. For details, see https://growfurther.org/what-we-do/.

Interested contributors should email <u>peter@growfurther.org</u> with possible topics and could be featured as soon as September. Contributions are accepted on a rolling basis. We encourage you to forward this call for contributors to others in your network.