RWANDA IS AMONG THE WORLD’S POOREST AND MOST Densely Populated Countries with over sixty percent of the population living below the poverty line of $1.25 per day. Owing to a lack of available nutrients, many Rwandans suffer from chronic malnutrition rates or stunting. The cognitive deficits associated with stunting impact not only an individual child’s potential but also results in economic losses.

This project, Africa Improved Foods Limited (AIFL), will finance the construction of a processing plant to produce fortified blended food for infants in Rwanda. If consumed on a regular basis, these maize-based fortified cereal products can help prevent chronic malnutrition.

The plant will source raw material from local farmers, thereby providing additional income to rural communities in the country.

The proposed investment is estimated at $66 million out of which GAFSP, under the auspices of IFC, will provide up to $16 million in equity and debt investments.

EXPECTED RESULTS:

The project aims to produce fortified blended food to feed 700,000 children annually, supporting the prevention and treatment of malnutrition among vulnerable communities in Rwanda.

The project will also support additional income opportunities for 12,000 farmers that supply maize and soy to the plant and provide employment to more than 235 full time employees.

In addition, AIFL will increase access to high-quality nutritional products among African urban and rural populations and will support agri-manufacturing and related value chains in Africa.