

## Philippines: Golden rice rice approval 'edging closer'

Scientists in the Philippines are weeks from submitting a genetically modified variety of rice to the authorities for biosafety evaluations. They claim it could be in the fields within a year, but national regulators will have the final say.

Supporters say it will help the 1.7 million Filipino children who suffer vitamin A deficiency – which reduces immunity and can cause blindness. But campaigners say “Golden Rice” is a dangerous way to tackle malnutrition. They say that it threatens the Philippines’ staple food.

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