GMO Golden Rice lauded as one of the most important research projects over the past 50 years

The Golden Rice humanitarian project has been recognized by Project Management Institute (PMI) as one of the Most Influential Projects of the past 50 years. It has the distinction of being the only plant-based biotech project in the list of honorees.

Golden Rice is a not-for-profit project, which means that individuals and organizations involved in its development have no financial stakes in the crop. The technology was donated by its inventors, Professors Ingo Potrykus and Peter Beyer in 2000 to aid resource-poor countries and address the global concern of Vitamin A deficiency. To date, Golden Rice has been declared safe in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and the USA. Prof. Ingo Potrykus stated, "Hopefully in my lifetime, you, and I, will start to see Golden Rice saving the sight and lives of some of the 3.5 billion people, half the world's population, who consume rice, and often little else, every day."

The Most Influential Projects list is part of PMI's 50th anniversary celebration and aims to celebrate project work across the world and raise awareness on its positive results.

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