Scaling-up Nutrition
A Framework for Action &
South Asia Food and Nutrition Security Initiative -- SAFANSI

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A Framework for Action
ONE unified and powerful call to action

...Building a Global Nutrition Movement
Two main purposes...

- Outline emerging framework of key principles and priorities for action
- Mobilize wide-spread support for increased nutrition investments

"Targeted to policy makers and opinion leaders, and not to technical specialists"

"Targeted to BIG-picture developments: G8, G20, MDG summits, next generation MDGs…"
Three key elements

1. Country-level action is key
   • Country ownership and leadership
   • Tailored to country-specific epidemiology
   • Tailored to country-specific context and capacities

2. Scale-up evidence-based cost-effective interventions
   • For prevention and treatment
   • Highest priority to the “minus 9 to 24 months window of opportunity”

3. Take a multi-sectoral approach
   • Food security, Social protection, health
   • Education, water and sanitation,
   • Gender, Governance and state fragility
## Scaling up Direct Nutrition Interventions...

### Table 1
**Evidenced Based Direct Interventions to Prevent and Treat Undernutrition**

**Promoting good nutritional practices** ($2.9 billion):
- breastfeeding
- complementary feeding for infants after the age of six months
- improved hygiene practices including handwashing

**Increasing intake of vitamins and minerals** ($1.5 billion):
- periodic Vitamin A supplements
- therapeutic zinc supplements for diarrhoea management
- multiple micronutrient powders
- de-worming drugs for children (to reduce losses of nutrients)
- iron-folic acid supplements for pregnant women to prevent and treat anaemia
- iodized oil capsules where iodized salt is unavailable
- salt iodization
- iron fortification of staple foods

**Therapeutic feeding for malnourished children with special foods** ($6.2 billion):
1. Prevention or treatment for moderate undernutrition
2. Treatment of severe undernutrition ("severe acute malnutrition") with ready-to-use therapeutic foods (RUTF).

Multi-sectoral actions...

- Health
- Agriculture and food security
- Social protection
- Water and sanitation
- Gender
- Governance
- Finance and poverty reduction...

**Financing envelope**

- Health sector
- Narrow nutrition lens
- Multisectoral nutrition lens

**Education sector**

**Agriculture sector**

**Private sector**

**Trade and tax policies sector**

**Transportation sector**

**Multiple other sectors**

Increasing space for new sectors & new partners
Moving to action…

- Support for capacity development
- Paris-Accra principles of Aid-Effectiveness
- Mobilise key stakeholders in an inclusive approach to country ownership
- Use the “Three ones”
  - One agreed framework
  - One national coordinating body with broad mandate
  - One national M&E system
- Strong, prioritised country strategies
- Draw on support from related initiatives
  - Food security and agriculture, health, vulnerability protection, etc…
- Special needs for fragile states
South Asia Food and Nutrition Security Initiative -- SAFANSSI
What is SAFANSI?

- Multi-donor Trust Fund established at World Bank
- Initial contribution from DFID
- Other contributions under discussion
- Combination of Bank-executed and recipient-executed activities
- Regional activities (e.g. capacity building) as well as country-specific activities
SAFANSI Objectives

- Promote food and nutrition security in South Asia
- Multi-sectoral approach
- Availability, access and utilization of food
- Impact on nutritional outcomes
Three-pronged Approach

- Improved evidence and analysis on the most effective ways to achieve FNS outcomes in South Asia
  - E.g. strong focus on political economy analysis, gender analysis, social exclusion

- Increased awareness of FNS-related challenges, and advocacy for action, amongst relevant stakeholders

- Strengthened regional and in-country policy and programming capacity to achieve FNS outcomes
Target Groups

- High-level policy and decision makers
- Development partners
- Policy groups, civil-society organisations, and experts/opinion-makers
SAFANSI Principles

- Promote political leadership and stewardship
- Ensure nutrition outcomes are central to regional and country food security policy and programming
- Promote an inter-disciplinary, inter-ministerial and cross-sectoral approach
- Build strong partnerships
- Add value to existing country and regional efforts
- Encourage coherence and coordination among countries and among development agencies
- Focus on actionable research
- Focus on building South Asian regional capacity
- Prioritize action to tackle gender inequality and social exclusion
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