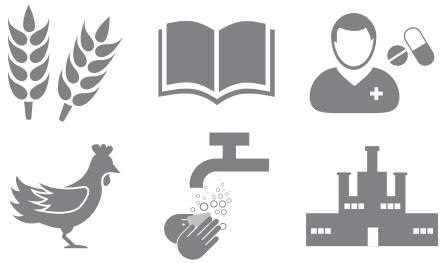
USING FINANCIAL DATA TO ACCELERATE PROGRESS ON NUTRITION

Nutrition budget analysis determines how much much money has been allocated to and/or spent on nutrition over time, by various sources, and at the national and sub-national level. The USAID-funded SPRING Project has gathered and synthesized information from 11 countries to better understand how they have used findings from their budget analysis activities to improve decision making regarding funding allocations and expenditures for nutrition.

By the end of 2017, nearly **50 countries** had begun to analyze the funding available for nutrition.

FINDINGS FROM NUTRITION BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE ANALYSES HAVE BEEN USED IN 3 COMPLEMENTARY WAYS

1 TO IDENTIFY AND COORDINATE NUTRITION ACROSS SECTORS



"We found many new nutrition stakeholders in the multi-sector framework. That is where we found out that there are NGOs that not only participate in nutrition, but also food security and social protection."

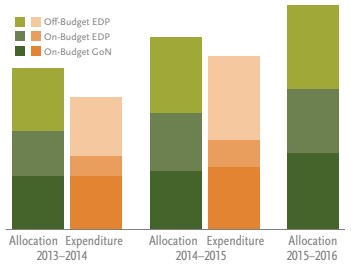
—DRC stakeholder

2 TO ADVOCATE FOR INCREASED FUNDING FOR NUTRITION

"We advocate about these findings to the layers of people through a decentralized process and engaged citizens through public hearings."

—Nepal stakeholder

3 TO TRACK AND MANAGE THE USE OF NUTRITION FUNDS



"The analysis was beneficial because it measured the gap in nutrition budgeting and noted progressions. It revealed shortcomings linked to the ability to trace nutrition financing and the ability to control the analytical tools."

—Madagascar stakeholder

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FROM INTERVIEWS AND OBSERVATIONS, SPRING IDENTIFIED 6 KEY LESSONS

1 There is no one "right way" to use the data from nutrition budget and expenditure analysis—data use should fit the country's needs

2 Financial analysis is often an iterative, evolving process, and the availability and use of data often improves with each subsequent round of analysis

3 Knowing when to use your findings is an important part of the process

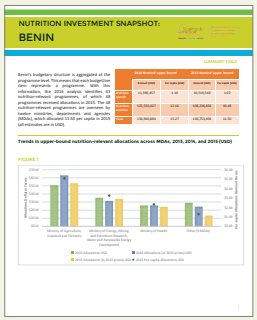
4 Involving a range of stakeholders in budget analysis and dissemination broadens perspectives and increases buy-in and use of findings

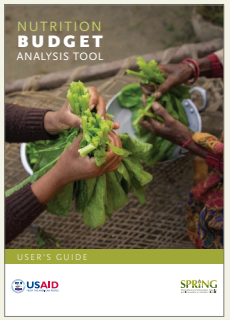
5 It is important to target the dissemination of findings, using language and evidence appropriate for each audience

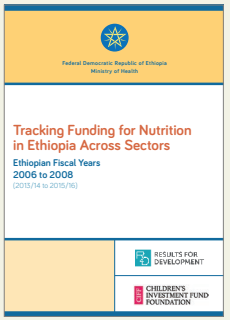
6 Adopting a system to routinely track nutrition funding and expenditures improves usefulness of data and increases accountability and commitment to nutrition funding

USEFUL RESOURCES ON NUTRITION FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Each country's nutrition financing situation is unique. Similarly, how findings from nutrition budget and expenditure analysis are used, presented, and shared will vary. Go to **www.spring-nutrition.org/technical-areas/systems/budgeting** for tools for collecting and analyzing financial data as well as country-specific examples of using the findings like the examples to the right.







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