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OBJECTIVES

- Scale up promotion of the Essential Nutrition Actions and the Essential Hygiene Actions (ENA) within the ministry of health and Family Welfare (MOHFW) and the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) mobilization of non-governmental (NGO) health and agriculture projects.
- Enhance the capacity of frontline health and agriculture workers within the MOHFW and MOA, field and rural facilitators, and community groups to deliver quality nutrition services and counseling.
- Increase household access to and utilization of diversified and seasonal vegetables through farmer nutrition schools (FNS).
- Enhance project learning and sharing.

STRATEGY

- Competitive Multiple Sectors

Collaboration Across Multiple Sectors

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- Foster Nutrition Schools (integrating agriculture, nutrition, and hygiene)

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