Funding the Cause
Tracking Nutrition Allocations in Nepal and Uganda

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Why Track Nutrition Financing?

Lack of financing for nutrition is one of the biggest barriers to reducing undernutrition.

Yet there is an acute shortage of nutrition financing data.
Countries cannot manage what they cannot measure
Filling the Data Gap: SPRING’s Pathways To Better Nutrition Studies

Develop evidence on how nutrition prioritization affects nutrition funding within the context of a multisectoral national nutrition plan.

“Political will for nutrition must be reflected through financial support”
- USAID Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Strategy

“I see statement of commitment (to nutrition) in the budget and plans”
- Government stakeholder, Uganda
PBN Study Overview

In each country, documenting the process of national nutrition plan rollout:

Two country mixed-method (qualitative and budget) prospective case study

National and district level research
KIs are Drawn from Six Stakeholder Groups

Key Stakeholder Groups

- Government
- Donors
- UN Groups
- Academics
- Private Sector
- Civil Society
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Named Activities Added

Follow Up Interviews / Allocation Verification

Revisions

Analysis of Revised Budget Figures

Analysis of Themes Affecting Allocations
Collection: Key Informant Interviews

- Activities related to nutrition, and NNP
- Prioritization decision-making
- Funding processes
- Use of evidence in nutrition funding decisions
- Other influences on funding decisions
- Organization of nutrition funding & expenditure management
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Collection: Budget Data Collection

On-Budget

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER LOCAL GOVERNMENT
MINISTERIAL POLICY STATEMENT
FINANCIAL YEAR: 2014/15

Estimates of Expenditure
for
Fiscal Year 2013/14

Sector/Ministry Workplans

Off-Budget

Summary of Project support managed outside Government systems

Welcome to AMP
Welcome to the Foreign Aid in Nepal website from the Ministry of Finance. This site provides public access to the Aid Management Platform (AMP), the online system that the Government and development partners use to manage aid in Nepal...

Total Commitments: 10659.00 Millions USD
Total Disbursements: 5699.00 Millions USD
Total Activities: 937
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Validation: Allocation Verification & Interviews

Budget activity identified as nutrition relevant

- Stand Alone (100%)
  - Specific (100%)
    - Primary (100%)
      - Secondary (25%)
  - Sensitive
- Integrated (1-99%)
  - Specific (100%)
    - Primary (100%)
      - Secondary (25%)
  - Sensitive

Integration percentages determined in validation meetings
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Analysis: Budget Figures

Total Nutrition Allocation

On-budget
- GOU
  - Specific
  - Sensitive
- External
  - Specific
  - Sensitive

Off-budget
- Specific
- Sensitive
Analysis: Budget Figures

Total On-Budget Nutrition Funding, Uganda, 2013/14, By Ministry

- Agriculture
- Education
- Gender
- Health
- Local Govt.
- Trade

Millions of UGX
Analysis: Budget Figures

On-Budget Nutrition Funding, Nepal

USD Millions

2013/14 2014/15 2015/16

- Government (unadj.)
- Donor (unadj.)
- Government (adj.)
- Donor (adj.)
Analysis: Themes

**Vision:** How do stakeholders understand their role in financing the NNP?

**Execution:** Has the NNP functionally changed planning and financing for nutrition? How?

**Sustainability:** Will financing for nutrition in national budgets be sufficient and sustained?
Drawbacks of This Approach

- Off-budget figures are hard to track, especially at district level
- Relatively higher resource intensity (both human and financial)
- Can be difficult to turn around results in time for maximum impact on next funding cycle
Strengths of This Approach

Increased ownership of country stakeholders over findings, use for planning and advocacy

Increased demand for skill set to do these analyses within government ministries

Longitudinal approach allows for continued engagement to revise and refine methods
Next Steps

- Data collection, validation and analysis for 2014/15 and 2015/16
- Continued collaboration with GoN & GoU, DSW, SUN, others on methods
- SPRING nutrition budgeting toolkits and guides