EXERTING INFLUENCE: HIGHLIGHTS

February 2016
- Launched operations research to inform national distribution strategy testing home-based and facility-based delivery mechanisms

March 2016
- SPRING Pathways to Better Nutrition case study informed the Multi-sectoral Uganda Nutrition Action Plan

April 2016
- Conducted a study on the efficacy of iCheck rapid-test kits to ensure proper food fortification levels

August 2016
- Integrated anemia prevention and control topics in a healthcare worker training curriculum

December 2016
- Supported the GoU to develop their five year multi-sectoral National Food Fortification Strategy and multi-sectoral National Anemia Prevention and Control Strategy

SPRING WORKS ACROSS SECTORS TO STRENGTHEN NUTRITION

- Developed a national nutrition behavior change campaign with over 1,800 radio spots delivered through 14 radio stations across the country to promote healthy growth in the first 1,000 days and eating a healthy Ugandan diet

- Trained 94 health inspectors from Uganda National Bureau of Standards and the National Drug Authority in food fortification regulations and measurement standards, supported the first-ever national market surveillance of fortified foods in 91 districts of Uganda and helped train 308 employees from different food industries in fortification standards and food safety

- Introduced micro-nutrient powders in Namutumba District, distributing 20,165 packets to eligible children and training 2,014 health workers to counsel on their use

- Piloted a multi-sectoral framework to prioritize and monitor anemia prevention and control initiatives

In Uganda, SPRING has achieved significant progress towards improving the demand, quality and accessibility of high impact nutrition interventions to build capacity at the national, facility, and community levels.

- 1,729,054 people contacted
- 49 institutions supported
- 8,952 people trained

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