TRANSCRIPT FOR "Pathways to Better Nutrition Country Case Studies Overview Video"

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| Experts believe multi-sectoral nutrition policies are the ***key*** to achieve lasting reductions in global malnutrition.  |
| But we have little clear cut evidence on ***how*** these policies can impact nutrition  |
| One way policy could impact nutrition is by influencing the flow of funding to targeted programs and services to improve nutritional status. |
| Researchers estimate that for every dollar spent on nutrition, there is an average gain of ***$16*** in benefits through improved health and greater productivity.  |
| And as we know, improved nutrition and health saves lives.  |
| But ***does*** a multi-sectoral policy impact financing for nutrition?  |
| There is little evidence on***if***and***how*** this happens, so our SPRING Nutrition project team investigated.  |
| SPRING conducted our Pathways to Better Nutrition Case Studies in Uganda and Nepal.  |
| We hypothesized that multi-sectoral policies ***can*** influence how much money is allocated for nutrition… |
| by increasing the likelihood that nutrition activities are planned for and implemented on a yearly basis. |
| The results of these studies are ***enlightening***.  |
| First, our results defined influences that affect what activities get prioritized by governments and donors during the yearly workplanning process. |
| We called these our ***“drivers of change.”*** |
| When looking at these drivers across Uganda and Nepal, we saw some common drivers, such as Coordination; Human Resources; Advocacy; and Sustainable Structures.   |
| Our research confirms that multi-sectoral nutrition policy must address these drivers in order to increase financing for nutrition.  |
| Our SPRING team then tracked ***changes*** in these drivers, and whether they did (or did not) result in increased priority for nutrition across sectors and funders.  |
| We measured change by multiple indicators, including increased numbers of planned nutrition activities.   |
| Finally, we developed estimates of what funding was made available for nutrition in each country to identify any changes in funding over time. |
| We also explored how well ***current spending*** aligns with the objectives named in each multi-sectoral policy.  |
| By combining this evidence, we identified where further work is needed to make sure multi-sectoral nutrition policies are more than just words – that key nutrition activities are planned, funding is allocated, and that those funds get spent.  |
| Our findings are the result of rigorously designed qualitative and quantitative research, carried out over the course of two years in ***collaboration with*** the Ugandan and Nepali nutrition secretariats.   |
| We hope what we learned will be of interest to program planners, advocates, researchers, and policymakers in many countries.  |
| Visit ***SPRING-Nutrition.org*** for more details on these results and our final study recommendations. |