USING FINANCIAL DATA FOR BETTER NUTRITION
Management, advocacy, and monitoring

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

1. TO IDENTIFY AND COORDINATE NUTRITION ACROSS SECTORS

2. TO ADVOCATE FOR INCREASED FUNDING FOR NUTRITION

3. TO TRACK AND MANAGE THE USE OF NUTRITION FUNDS
1. To Identify and Coordinate Nutrition Across Sectors

“Sharing findings was useful in building relationships [with other sectors] to inform and build the NNP [National Nutrition Policy].”

-Tanzania 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.”

-Madagascar stakeholder
Examples

- Nutrition Score Card, Sierra Leone
- Donor spending analyses, Global Nutrition Report
- Civil Society Press Briefing, Malawi

**FIGURE 4.7:** Government and multilateral ODA spending on nutrition-specific interventions, 2006–2015

CSONA calls for increased nutrition budget

Civil Society Organisation Nutrition Alliance (CSONA) has persuaded the Parliamentary Committee on Nutrition, HIV and AIDS to lobby for increased budgetary allocation towards nutrition in line with what was committed during the nutritional summit.

CSONA National Coordinator, Tsempa Zimpita urged Members of Parliament to speak with one voice and ensure that the nutrition budget increases.

Giving the 2017/2018 budget analysis, on behalf of CSONA, Moses Abdulla, said it is unfortunate that Ministry of Health is prioritizing funding Capitol Hill at the expense of funding Hospitals.

"For example, Ministry of Health Headquarters has been located K26 Billion which is 36% of the total budget which is very sad indeed," said Abdulla.
Key Lessons Learned

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. Target the dissemination of findings, using language and evidence appropriate for each appropriate audience.

6. Consider adopting systems to make monitoring and tracking routine.
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