DEMYSTIFYING NUTRITION BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE ANALYSIS

Opening Remarks

Nutrition Budget and Expenditure Analysis Workshop
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Setting the Scene

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SPRING’s Framework for Systems Thinking
“Political will must be reflected through financial support.”

– USAID Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Strategy
1. **COSTING**
- Estimates funding needed to implement nutrition activities.
- Serves as a first step in understanding overall resources required to support nutrition in a country.

*Without estimated costs of an intervention, governments can’t properly advocate for funds.*

2. **BUDGET ANALYSIS**
- Estimates funding allocated to implement nutrition activities.
- Provides insight into where to budget for nutrition within ministerial budget line-items.

*Without money committed on paper for nutrition, activities will not be included in work plans.*

3. **EXPENDITURE ANALYSIS**
- Estimates what percentage of allocated funds was actually spent.
- Suggests where capacity to implement nutrition interventions and track expenditures may need to be strengthened.

*Without funding line-items and actually spending money, governments can’t implement interventions.*

4. **EXPENDITURE TRACKING**
- Helps determine why funds did not reach their intended destination.
- Tools like the World Bank’s Public Expenditure Tracking Surveys (PETS) can do this type of analysis.

*Without knowing where bottlenecks occur, stakeholders can’t improve funding systems.*
Thank you!

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