Developing Sustainable Nutrition Financing Systems

THE ROLE OF BUDGET ANALYSIS

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STEPS TO TRACK FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR NUTRITION IN LMIC COUNTRIES

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.

* SPRING’S UNIQUE APPROACH TO BUDGET ANALYSIS
   - SPRING and our country partners are using a multi-sectoral, systems strengthening approach to analyze budget allocations for nutrition.
   - Where data are available, SPRING is also analyzing disparities between what is allocated and what is spent, and why this occurs.
   - When utilized by policymakers, this work can improve advocacy for nutrition, increase funding transparency, and facilitate negotiations for aligning donor and government funding.

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.

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

Tracking financial support for nutrition is needed to assess value for money.

For more info: www.spring-nutrition.org/technical-areas/systems/budgeting

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