Achieving Feed the Future Goals: Understanding the Role of Nutrition-Sensitive Agriculture

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SPRING – general information

- 5-year
- USAID centrally-funded
SPRING: Where Do We Work?

- Haiti
- Mali
- Nigeria
- Ghana
- Uganda
- Kyrgyz Rep.
- Bangladesh
SPRING: How We Work

IR 1

Country-specific approaches to scale up nutrition programs improved

IR 2

Global evidence base, advocacy platforms, and policies for nutrition expanded
Feed the Future Initiative

- 2009/10 – present
- Whole-of-government initiative
Feed the Future Results Framework

**FEED THE FUTURE GOAL**

Sustainably Reduce Global Poverty & Hunger

**INDICATORS:**

- Prevalence of poverty &
- Prevalence of underweight & stunted children

**OBJECTIVE**

**INCLUSIVE AGRICULTURE SECTOR GROWTH**

- Improved agricultural productivity
- Expanded markets & trade
- Increased investment in agriculture & nutrition-related activities
- Increased employment opportunities in targeted value chains
- Increased resilience of vulnerable communities & households

**OBJECTIVE**

**IMPROVED NUTRITIONAL STATUS (WOMEN & CHILDREN)**

- Improved access to diverse & quality foods
- Improved nutrition-related behaviors
- Improved use of maternal & child health & nutrition services

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Objective
Inclusive Agricultural Sector Growth

Objective
Improved Nutritional Status
(Women & Children)

“I think you should be more explicit here in step two.”

The Agriculture to Nutrition Pathways: A Conceptual Framework
Key components of the enabling environment:
- Food market environment
- Natural resources
- Health, water, and sanitation
- Nutrition/health knowledge and norms
SPRING: Applied Research and Technical assistance

Pre-year
- AgN-GLEEs
- Landscape analysis

Year 1
- A series of technical briefs
- Book chapter
- Context assessment
- Field research (Ethiopia; Rwanda; Guatemala)

Year 2-3
- SBC guidance
- Monitoring guide
- Multi-sectoral integration & collaboration
- Guidance for (NRVCC)
Way forward

• Need coordinated effort to build evidence base
  o Better design in applied research
  o Document incremental results
  o Choose indicators that demonstrate agriculture – nutrition linkages, set realistic targets

• Strengthen implementation of nutrition sensitive actions within ongoing agriculture programs

• Bridge the gap of understanding between agriculture and nutrition practitioners
Thank you!

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