The SPRING project continued to expand its reach and contribute to the global nutrition knowledge base in project year 4.

EXPANDING PRESENCE
SPRING continues to expand its global reach and scale of country programs.

GROWING THE EVIDENCE
63 informational products and success stories
10 sets of training materials
19 events
30 briefs and reports

REACHING PEOPLE
SPRING is working with ministries of health and agriculture, health professionals, students, and community members to improve nutrition practices in seven countries.

- 6,488,788 contacts made
- 37,512 people trained
- 103 institutions supported
- 3,921 service sites supported

SPRING is building local capacity to improve health outcomes through a range of nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive practices.

EXERTING INFLUENCE
The five highlights below are a selection of many events and network engagement that showcased the project’s global leadership in agriculture and nutrition.

November
Designing the Future of Nutrition Social and Behavior Change Communication Conference USA

December
Nutrition Global Learning and Evidence Exchange, Cambodia

February
Technical Meeting on the Diet and Eating Practices of Adolescent Girls and Women of Reproductive Age, USA

March
Record Attendance for Measuring Impact across Agriculture-Nutrition Pathways Webinar, Global

June
Launch of the Nutrition-Sensitive Context Assessment Guide, Global

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SPRING IS WORKING TO STRENGTHEN THE NUTRITION SYSTEM IN BANGLADESH

Established 1,280 new Farmer Nutrition Schools, reaching 24,028 women with household agriculture, hygiene, nutrition, and infant and young child feeding training.

Trained 3,275 frontline health workers and 1,058 supervisory-level health workers on the national nutrition training curriculum.

Provided refresher training to 868 agricultural extension workers to ensure that frontline workers of the Ministry of Agriculture are able to deliver messages on nutrition and hygiene through their ongoing work.

SPRING is reaching women and children under two in Bangladesh through the training of health workers and agriculture extension officers, and through farmer nutrition schools.

REACHING PEOPLE

- 2,980,110 contacts made
- 5,318 people trained
- 8 institutions supported
- 1,379 health facilities supported

EXERTING INFLUENCE: HIGHLIGHTS

February
- SPRING’s nutrition experts in Bangladesh presented at the 14th World Congress on Public Health in Kolkata, India

March
- The Director General of the Directorate General of Family Planning and the Additional Secretary of RCHOB expressed a wish to have tippy taps installed in all Family Welfare Centers and Community Clinics across the country.

August
- SPRING/Bangladesh launched its own Facebook page to highlight its work

September
- The Acting Administrator for USAID, Ambassador Alfonso E. Lenhardt, visited a Farmer Nutrition School in Bagerhat District.

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Developed mass media materials promoting the project’s 1,000 days household approach, including a 6-episode radio series on WASH, a 3-minute radio drama on the prevention of aflatoxin contamination, and 6 short mobile-friendly infant and young child feeding videos.

Initiated the “WASH 1,000” concept to promote key hygiene behaviors, and then trained 2,923 members of the community and government on WASH behaviors, who then integrated those behaviors into community-led total sanitation activities.

Developed pre-harvest management training materials and trained 6,843 individuals in reducing aflatoxin contamination and consumption in groundnuts through the farmer field school methodology.

Trained 1,105 health workers in IYCF, created a community-level curriculum to supplement existing IYCF training materials and strengthened health systems by procuring nutritional commodities and providing supply chain training to 636 government staff members.

Through its 1,000 Day Household agenda, SPRING/Ghana is working with community members, health workers and students to reduce stunting in the northern region of the country.

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Fifteen health facilities received items purchased from the SPRING/Haiti Quality Improvement Fund, to help enhance the quality of nutrition services through low-cost feasible solutions.

Trained 260 health workers in Nutrition Assessment, Counseling, and Support (NACS) in 17 health facilities across 9 departments.

Obtained MOH validation and distributed 100 copies of the NACS training package including the Protocol, Reference Manual, Trainers and Participants guides, and CD containing training package.

Held two group education technique trainings for 58 pediatric and prenatal health workers to build capacity to deliver nutrition messages to clients in a group setting.

SPRING/Haiti focuses on strengthening Nutrition Assessment, Counseling, and Support (NACS) in 17 health facilities across nine departments throughout the country.

EXERTING INFLUENCE: HIGHLIGHTS

- May: Established QI fund
- August: Finalized the On-the-Job (OJT) research report
- August: Job aids and anthropometric equipment distributed
- September: Developed Haiti’s National Anemia Profile
- October: Data Collection & Quality Improvement Report published
- October: NACS Launch event

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**SPRING IS WORKING TO STRENGTHEN THE NUTRITION SYSTEM IN KYRGYZ REPUBLIC**

**Provided training in infant and young child feeding (IYCF) to 909 health workers who then counseled more than 12,500 mothers of children under two on nutrition and health care; trained 478 recipients of the IYCF training in 104 facilities on supportive supervision to ensure ongoing quality of IYCF counseling.**

**Engaged more than 2,400 community activists to take messages about exclusive breastfeeding and complementary feeding to more than 100,000 households in the SPRING zone of influence with children under two, reaching 21,032 people at home and 22,133 people through community meetings.**

**Conducted research to better understand household nutrition practices, accessibility of food throughout the year, and existing practices for food storage and preservation during the winter.**

**Supported the national Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative and provided training to 225 providers across six health facilities.**

**SPRING is training health providers in the Kyrgyz Republic through a pool of trained national and regional nutrition trainers, and reaching thousands of households with critical nutrition messages through a network of community activist volunteers.**

**EXERTING INFLUENCE: HIGHLIGHTS**

- **December**: Convened key stakeholders to build consensus around key national nutrition messages.
- **March**: SPRING officially launched in the Kyrgyz Republic.
- **March**: Supported the completion of the national guideline on anemia prevention and treatment.
- **May**: Provided the AgroHorizon Project with training on nutrition sensitive agriculture.
- **June**: Mobilized over 2,400 community volunteers for household and community level nutrition promotion.
Following facility-level ENA/EHA trainings, conducted supportive supervision visits using tablet computers that provide real time feedback to help promote improved staff practices and monitor the quality of nutritional services received by clients.

In collaboration with the regional government, triggered community-led total sanitation in 15 villages and established 1,557 tippy taps at the household level.

Completed cascade trainings on the Essential Nutrition Actions and Essential Hygiene Actions (ENA/EHA) for 375 facility-based health workers and community actors.

Initiated training for 500 leaders in nutrition-sensitive agriculture through 20 commune-level Farmer Nutrition Schools who in turn trained an additional 5,000 farmers to increase access to diverse and quality foods.

REACHING PEOPLE

SPRING is working across 4 cercles, 20 communes, and 100 villages in Mali, reaching community leaders and health workers with nutrition-sensitive agriculture, ENA/EHA, and WASH interventions.

- 75,291 contacts made
- 5,875 people trained
- 14 institutions supported
- 200 support groups and health facilities supported
- 1,557 tippy taps installed

EXERTING INFLUENCE: HIGHLIGHTS

- January: Established SPRING office in Sevare, Mopti
- May: Hosted homestead food production workshop
- June: Launched Farmer Nutrition Schools
- July: Completed ENA/EHA trainings
- September: Triggered 15 villages in CLTS

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SPRING IS WORKING TO STRENGTHEN THE NUTRITION SYSTEM IN NIGERIA

Trained 74 health workers at primary health care centers on infant and young child feeding to better equip them to counsel pregnant mothers and caregivers of children under two in ideal feeding and care practices.

Convened 270 community member support groups of primarily infant and young child caregivers for monthly nutrition discussions facilitated by a SPRING-trained community volunteer in 102 LGAs.

Led community mobilization activities and sensitized leaders in all 13 of its implementation states to increase understanding of proper nutrition.

To ensure quality nutrition programming and service delivery, conducted 204 supportive supervision visits to reach health workers, support groups, communities, and civil society organizations helping vulnerable children across 104 LGAs in 13 states.

REACHING PEOPLE

SPRING’s interventions in Nigeria are reaching health workers, community members, and caregivers with quality nutrition counseling.

EXERTING INFLUENCE: HIGHLIGHTS

9,856 contacts made
1,231 people trained
45 institutions supported
662 health facilities, groups, and organizations supported

FY15 work plan approved
Kickoff meeting with LOPIN partners
Training-of-trainers conducted for 28 master trainers from Cross River, Imo, and Lagos

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Supported Uganda’s National Working Group on Food Fortification to strengthen efforts to institutionalize a mandatory food fortification program in Uganda.

Collaborated with the Ministry of Health and the National Anemia Working Group to develop a national anemia strategy aimed at streamlining anemia activities in Uganda.

Provided nutrition assessment, counseling, and support (NACS) training to 189 health workers across 61 SPRING-supported health facilities and reached another 329 health workers through continuing medical education.

Initiated the procurement of micronutrient powders and developed a research protocol for pilot testing their distribution in Namutumba District.

In Uganda, SPRING provides national-level technical support to the national government on food fortification and the prevention and control of anemia. We also deliver nutrition services across 10 districts in the Southwest and East Central regions of Uganda.

EXERTING INFLUENCE: HIGHLIGHTS

- 832,690 contacts made
- 4,766 people trained
- 18 institutions supported
- 77 trainings conducted

December
- Participated in World Breastfeeding Week
- Began non-folic acid operations research in partnership with Mulago Hospital

April
- Conducted second Anemia Stakeholders Meeting

August
- Launched “Great Mothers, Healthy Children” campaign

September
- Presented at Future Fortified Global Summit on Food Fortification