Funding the Cause

Tracking National Budget Allocations for Nutrition in Two Countries

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Why Track Nutrition Financing?

Lack of financing for nutrition is one of the biggest barriers to reducing undernutrition.

Yet there is an acute shortage of nutrition financing data.
Financing and the Policy Cycle

Countries cannot manage what they cannot measure
Some Definitions

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Costing → **Budgeting** → *Expenditures* → Audits
Filling the Data Gap: SPRING’s Pathways To Better Nutrition Studies

Develop evidence on how nutrition prioritization affects nutrition funding within the context of a multisectoral national nutrition plan

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

“I see statement of commitment (to nutrition) in the budget and plans”
- Government stakeholder, Uganda
PBN Study Overview

In each country, documenting the process of national nutrition plan rollout:

Two country mixed-method (qualitative and budget) prospective case study

National and district level research
Collection

Validation

Analysis

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Follow Up Interviews / Allocation Verification

Analysis of Revised Budget Figures

Analysis of Themes Affecting Allocations
Collection: Key Informant Interviews

- Activities related to nutrition, and NNP
- Prioritization decision-making
- Funding processes
- Use of evidence in nutrition funding decisions
- Other influences on funding decisions
- Organization of nutrition funding & expenditure management
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On-Budget

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER LOCAL GOVERNMENT

MINISTERIAL POLICY STATEMENT
FINANCIAL YEAR: 2014/15

Estimates of Expenditure
for Fiscal Year 2013/14

Off-Budget

Summary of Project support managed outside Government systems

Welcome to AMP
Welcome to the Foreign Aid in Nepal website from the Ministry of Finance. This site provides public access to the Aid Management Platform (AMP), the online system that the Government and development partners use to manage aid in Nepal...

+ Total Commitments Total Disbursements Total Activities
10659.00 Millions USD 5699.00 Millions USD 937

Sector/ Ministry Workplans
Collection

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Collection Validation Analysis Budget Documents

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Analysis of Themes Affecting Allocations
Budget activity identified as nutrition relevant

- Stand Alone (100%)
  - Specific (100%)
  - Sensitive

- Integrated (1-99%)
  - Specific (100%)
  - Sensitive

- Primary (100%)
- Secondary (25%)

Integration percentages determined in validation meetings
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Total Nutrition Allocation:
Around 200 billion UGX (~$77 million)

On-budget: Around 10 billion UGX (~$4 million)
- GOU: ~5.6 billion UGX
  - Specific: ~1 billion UGX
  - Sensitive: ~5 billion UGX
- External: ~5.2 billion UGX
  - Specific: ~1 billion UGX
  - Sensitive: ~4 billion UGX

Off-budget: 190 billion UGX (~$73 million)
- Specific: ~96 billion UGX
- Sensitive: ~94 billion UGX
Analysis: Budget Figures

Total On-Budget Nutrition Funding, Uganda, 2013/14, By Ministry

Agriculture
Education
Gender
Health
Local Govt.
Trade

Millions of UGX

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Analysis: Budget Figures

Nepal Donor Funding, by MSNP Objective Area

Number of Funded Activities

- National Policy
- Multi-level/sector
- Health
- Adol. Girls
- Diarr./AR
- MN rich Food
- Capacity
- Info System

- Sensitive
- Specific
- Both
Analysis: Themes

**Vision:** How do stakeholders understand their role in financing the NNP?

**Execution:** Has the NNP functionally changed planning and financing for nutrition? How?

**Sustainability:** Will financing for nutrition in national budgets be sufficient and sustained?
Drawbacks of This Approach

- Off-budget figures are hard to track, especially at district level
- Relatively higher resource intensity (both human and financial)
- Can be difficult to turn around results in time for maximum impact on next funding cycle
Strengths of This Approach

Increased ownership of country stakeholders over findings, use for planning and advocacy

Increased demand for skill set to do these analyses within government ministries

Longitudinal approach allows for continued engagement to revise and refine methods
Next Steps

Finalize Study

Continued collaboration for dissemination

Skillset Transfer
Questions & Discussion

For more information:
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