

REACH

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ACCELERATING THE SCALE-UP OF FOOD AND NUTRITION ACTIONS



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REACH: Accelerating the Scale-Up of Food and Nutrition Actions through Strategic Partnerships



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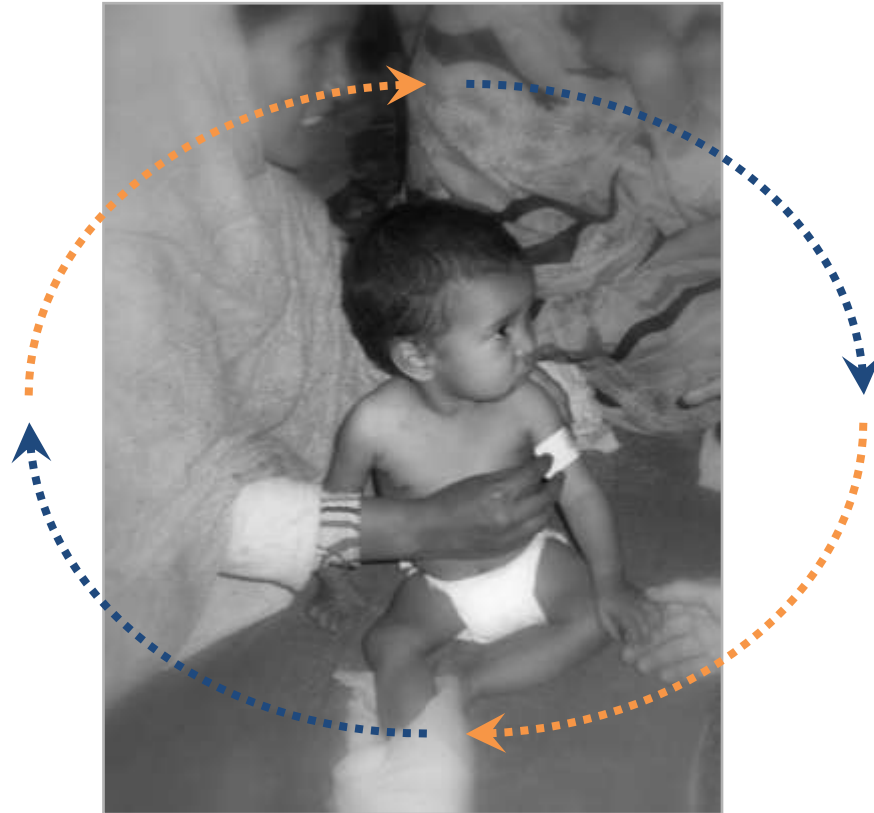
What is REACH?

- Established in 2008 by WFP, FAO, UNICEF, and WHO, REACH embodies the spirit of working as 'One UN.'
- REACH is a United Nations initiative that assists governments in countries with high burdens of child and maternal under-nutrition to accelerate the scale-up of food and nutrition actions
- REACH acts as a catalyst to help governments develop capacity through better nutrition governance and management.
- The REACH country approach and resource tools provide guidance for the implementation of multi-sectoral nutrition programming that cuts across government sectors.



The Agencies that Contribute to Food, Health & Care Actions

Food:
(FAO/WFP)



Care:
(UNICEF/WFP)

Health:
(WHO/UNICEF)

WFP: Host Agency of UN REACH

- REACH is hosted by WFP
- WFP manages a multi-donor trust fund for REACH
- NGO secondments and internship programs managed by WFP



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

AMONG

THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS
(FAO),

THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO),

THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND (UNICEF),

AND

THE UNITED NATIONS WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME (WFP)

CONCERNING THE HOSTING ARRANGEMENT
OF THE REACH PARTNERSHIP

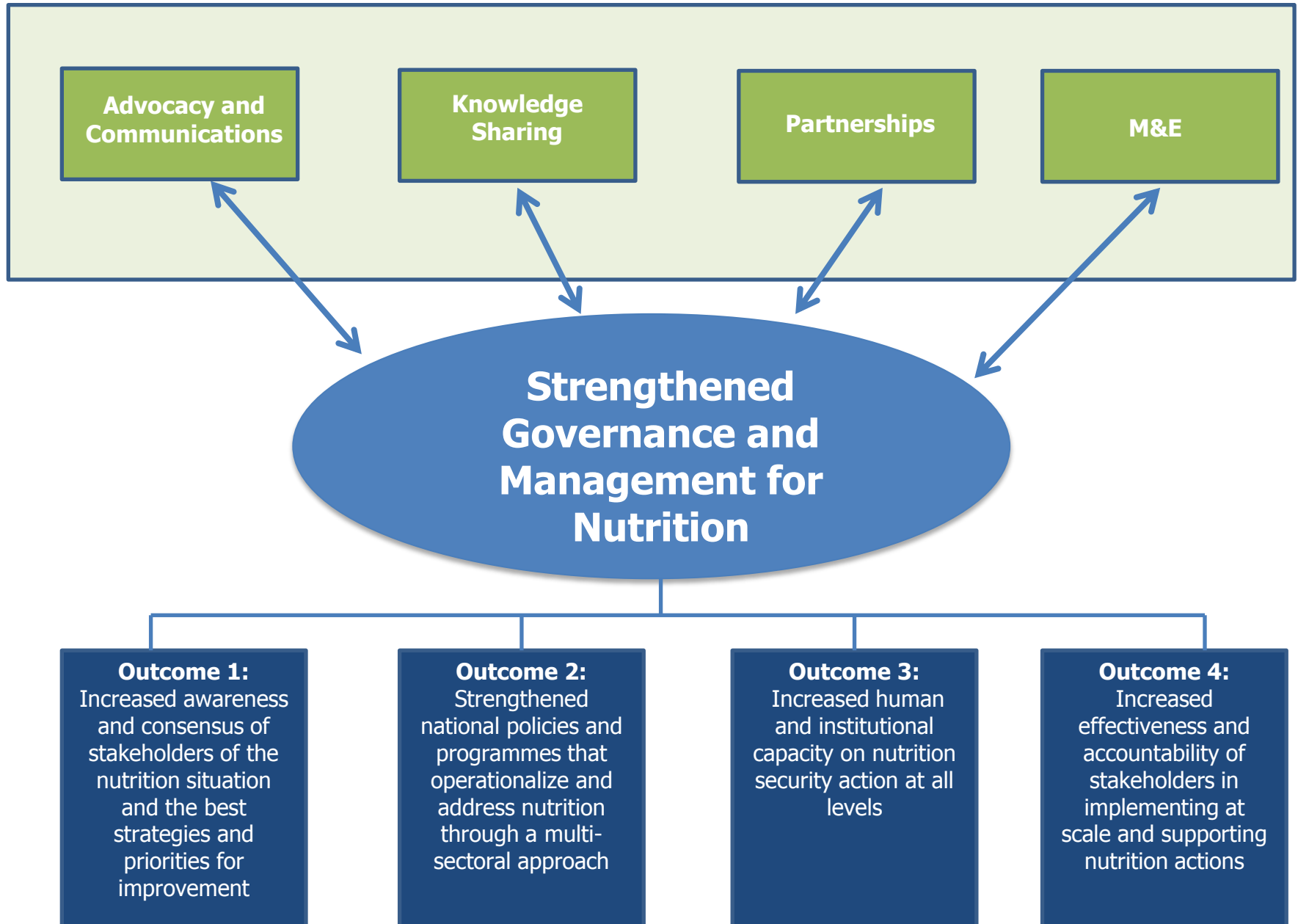
PREAMBLE

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations ("FAO"), the World Health Organization ("WHO"), the United Nations Children's Fund ("UNICEF") and the United Nations World Food Programme ("WFP"), and together with FAO, WHO and UNICEF, the "Initiating Partners", also collectively referred to as the "Parties" issued a Letter to Country Representatives dated 18 August 2009 that sets forth their commitment to a renewed effort against child hunger and undernutrition ("REACH" or the "Partnership"). REACH builds on the activities and achievements of the Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition ("ECHU") initiative and is geared to supporting countries to intensify action through government-led, solution-focused partnerships involving a broad range of organizations.

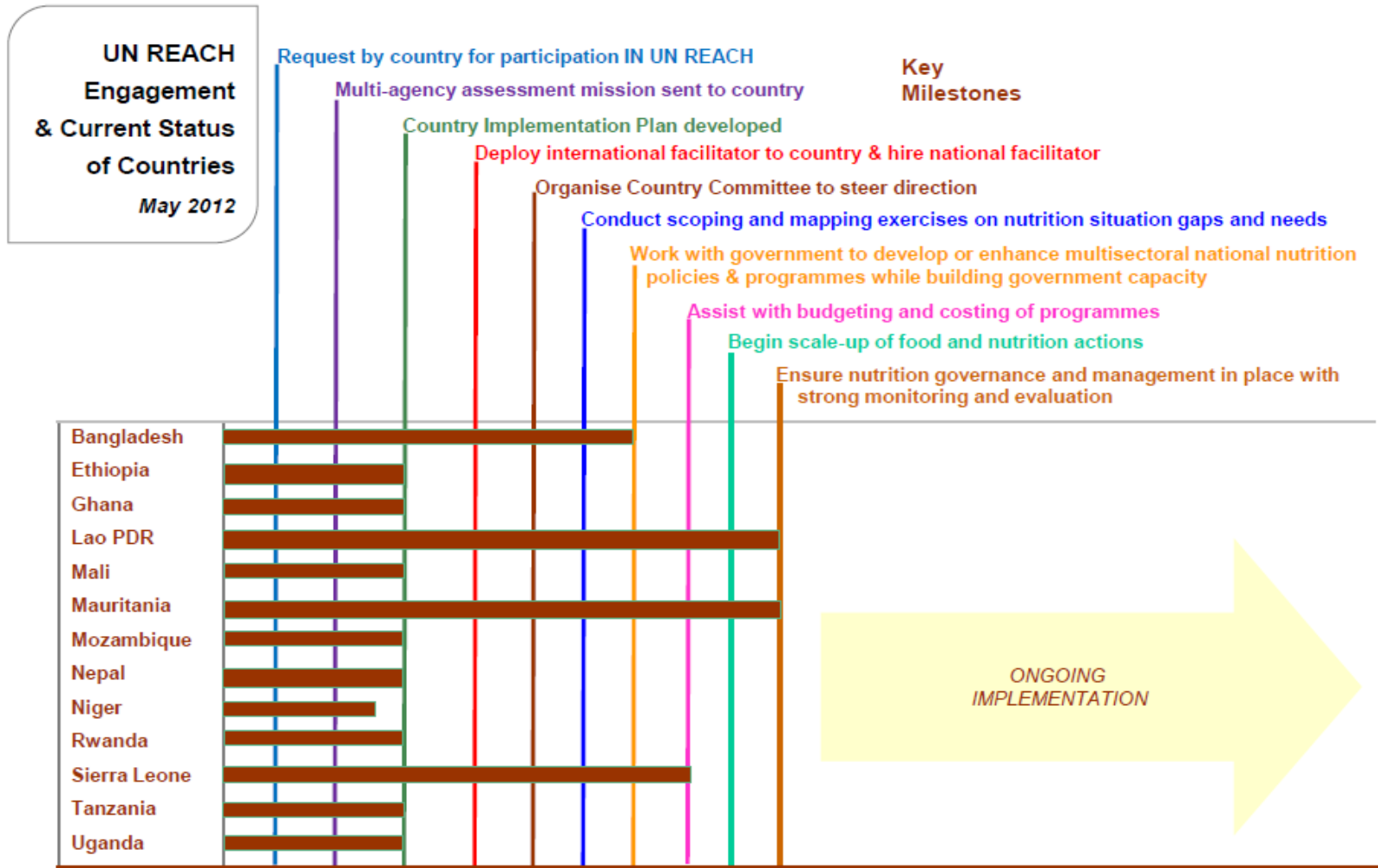
The Initiating Partners have jointly established and contributed staff members to an inter-agency team (the "REACH Secretariat"), currently hosted by WFP, which assists country-based actors in the promotion of operational synergies and coherence, facilitating the systematic application of successful practices and focused advocacy messages in pursuit of nutrition goals.

Because effective country-level coordination of nutrition programming is essential to addressing childhood undernutrition, at the request of the REACH steering committee (the "Steering Committee", as further described in Article II hereof), WFP has agreed to assist the Partnership in achieving its objectives by hosting the REACH Secretariat for an initial term of three years, subject to the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding ("MoU") and related agreements between the Parties, and by providing its technical, legal, financial management, fiduciary and administrative support and facilities. As host agency for REACH, WFP will be addressed as the "Host Agency" under this MoU. Where WFP ceases to host the

REACH Conceptual Framework

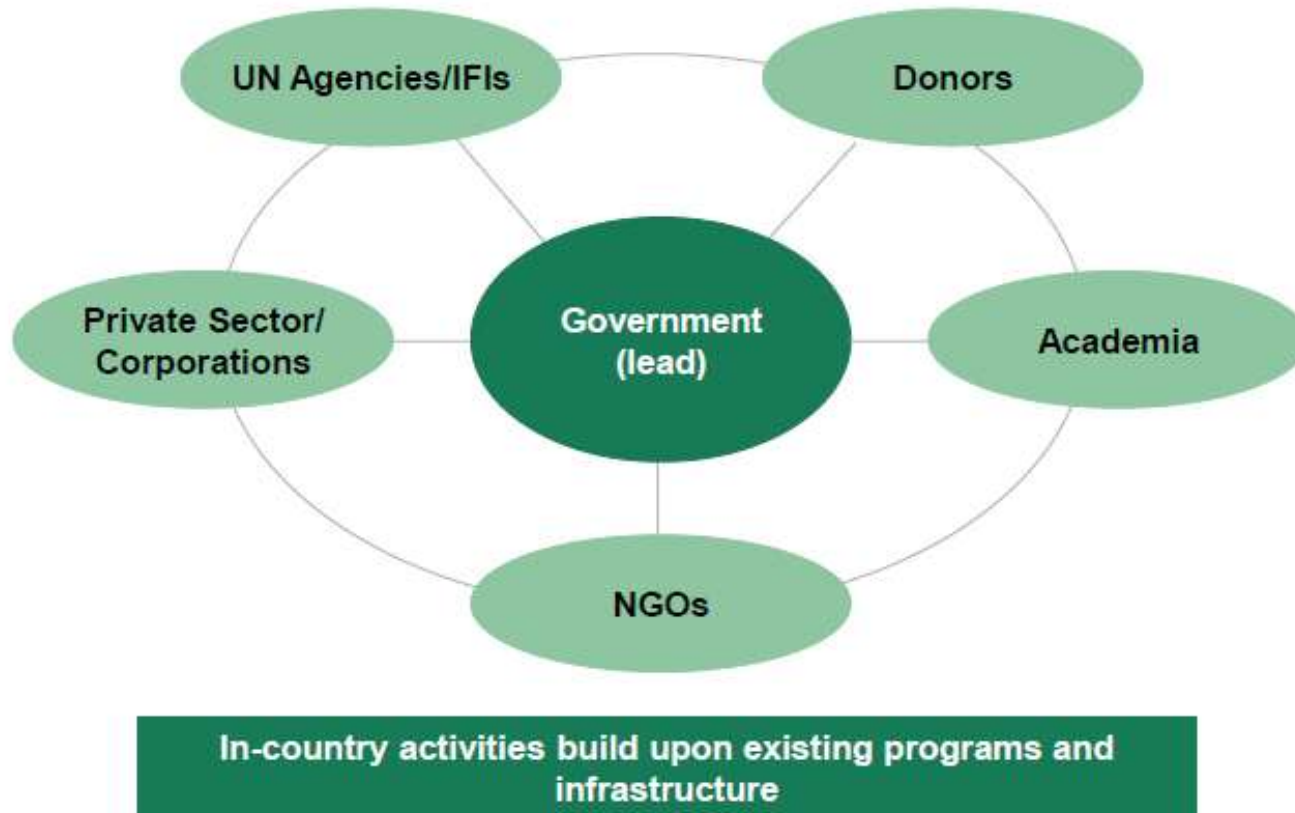


REACH Country Operations



Strategic Partnerships:

Country-led approaches enable governments to mobilise and to work with multiple stakeholders



REACH Nutrition Partners

Mauritania example

	Treatment Interventions				Preventative Interventions						
	Suppl. feeding	Therapeutic Feeding	Zinc	ITN IPTp	Breastfeeding Vit. A, Deworming	Breastfeeding Compl. feeding Iodine	Iodine	Fortif.: Iron, Folic Acid, Zinc	Breastfeeding Compl. feeding Iodine Iron suppl. Handwashing Iodine	Full Package	Home- stead food production
Donor	USAID, Italy	Own funds	Ireland, OFDA,ECHO, CERF, Them. Fund, UNICEF	None yet	Global Fund, BID, OMVS	CIDA, UNOCHA/CERF, Ireland, Humanitarian Thematic Fund, United Kingdom, MI, UNICEF Set-aside fund		None yet	World Bank	Various incl. UNICEF	Spanish con- sumer
Catalyst	Counter- part, Ital. Coop.	WFP	UNICEF		UNICEF			WHO			INGO
Govt implementer	CSA	CSA	Ministry of Health				Min.of Commerce	Ministry of Social Affairs	INGO	Min. rural dev & CSA	
Field Coordinator	NGO / INGO	NGO / INGO	Health System		EPS	Agents	Technicians			FAO, WFP	
Delivery Channel	CRENAM /CAC	CRENAM	CRENI, CRENAS	Hospitals, Centres and Postes de Santé	Mass Campaigns	Mass Media	Private sector	CNC	Commun- ity-based		

Government
 Other actor

Sierra Leone: A Double Benefit of Combating Malnutrition and Enhancing Market Linkages for Smallholder Farmers

- **Pilot the REACH approach** to generate knowledge on operational connections between nutrition interventions and smallholder farmers.
- **Expanded the Practitioners Toolkit** that included new guidance on nutrition-sensitive local procurement from smallholder farmers.
- **Provided a framework** for nutrition and agricultural experts to translate field lessons into a knowledge base for sharing at the national level.

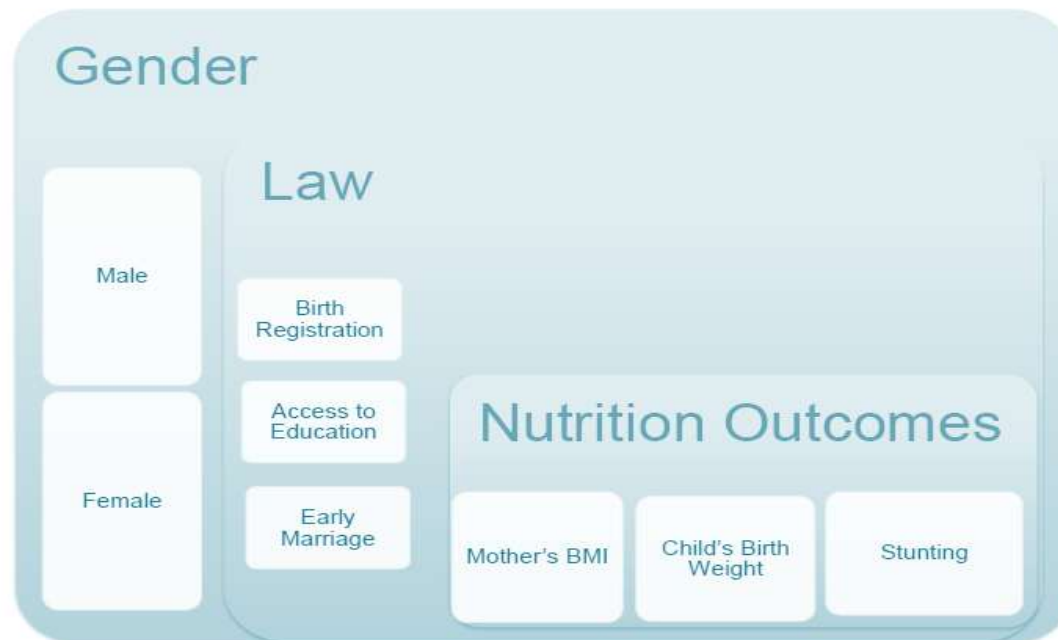


Bangladesh Partnerships: World Bank and IDLO

World Bank South Asia Food and Nutrition Security Initiative

(SAFANSI): Develop Nutrition Prioritization and Costing Tools with REACH

International Development Law Organization: Can the application of legal empowerment approaches, such as the enforcement of the legal age of marriage, birth registration, and access to education have an impact on nutrition?



UN Nutrition Coordination at the Global Level

REACH

4 UN Agencies
+IFAD

Steering
Committee

A "lean"
Secretariat

- **WHAT:** UN Coordinating Mechanism
- **PURPOSE:** Supports improvements in governance and management to scaling up nutrition
- **AGREEMENTS:** MOU between the four agencies
- **FUNDING:** Several donors for country operations

UN SCN

Chair, Steering
Committee of
UN and NGOs

Secretariat

Working Groups
and Task Forces

- **WHAT:** UN harmonization forum
- **PURPOSE:** Provides technical guidance and policy harmonization
- **AGREEMENTS:** Strategic framework and action plan
- **FUNDING:** From members
- *In process of reform*

SUN

Lead group

SUN Movement
Secretariat

SUN Networks

- **WHAT:** A "movement"
- **PURPOSE:** Provides political space and commitment to scaling up nutrition efforts
- **AGREEMENTS:** Framework and road map
- **FUNDING:** Looking to mobilize funds

1000 DAYS drives the acceleration for scaling up nutrition

UN Nutrition Coordination at the Country Level

REACH

13 countries

UN Country teams

International and national REACH facilitators



- Provides technical and operational assistance to countries in scale up of nutrition through multi-sectoral, UN coordinated action
- Promotes the strengthening of governance and management of nutrition actions on the ground
- In-country presence of two REACH facilitators to assist process
- Robust monitoring and evaluation process complimentary to operations

UN SCN

No presence

SUN

27 countries

Multi-sectoral, multi-stakeholder

Country network



- Providing the political space and support for country scale up plans in a way that enhances partner responsiveness to country demands
- Promotes engagement of national efforts and coordinates external support
- Supports high level advocacy and resource mobilization; and helps connect SUN countries with donors to increase their likelihood of mobilizing funds

REACH Progress Report



January 2010 - June 2011

UN REACH Progress Report

Accelerating the Scale-up of Food and Nutrition Actions



REACH: An effective catalyst for scaling up priority nutrition interventions at the country level

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Abstract

Background. Renewed Efforts Against Child Hunger (REACH) is the joint United Nations initiative to address Millennium Development Goal (MDG) 10, Target 3, i.e., to halve the proportion of underweight children under 5 years old by 2015. The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the World Food Programme (WFP), and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) developed and tested a facilitation mechanism to act as a catalyst for scaling up multisectoral nutrition activities.

Objective. The UN-REACH partners developed pilot projects in Mauritania and Lao PDR from 2008 to 2010 and deployed facilitators to improve nutrition governance and coordination. Review missions were conducted in February 2011 to assess the REACH approach and what it achieved.

Methods. The UN review mission members reviewed documents, assessed policy and management indicators, conducted qualitative interviews, and discussed findings with key stakeholders, including the most senior UN nutrition directors from all agencies.

Results. Among other UN-REACH achievements, the Prime Minister of Mauritania agreed to preside over a new National Nutrition Development Council responsible for high-level decision-making and setting national policy objectives. REACH facilitated the completion of Lao's first national Nutrition Strategy and Plan of Action and formation of the multistakeholder Nutrition Task Force. During the REACH engagement, coordination, joint advocacy, situation analysis, policy development, and joint UN programming for nutrition were strengthened in Lao PDR and Mauritania.

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Conclusions. Improvements in the nutrition governance and management mechanisms in Mauritania and Lao PDR were observed during the period of REACH support through increased awareness of nutrition as a key development objective, establishment of governmental multisectoral coordinating mechanisms, improved government capacity, and new joint UN-government nutrition programming.

Key words: Multisectoral coordination, nutrition governance and management, undernutrition

Background

UN-REACH was jointly established by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), and the World Food Programme (WFP) to solve the nutrition needs of the world's most disadvantaged and vulnerable children and women. Recognizing that this would require a multisectoral approach, these UN agencies—later joined by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)—agreed to set up a joint mechanism to ensure that the UN system at the country level would be able to jointly support better-coordinated efforts to end hunger and undernutrition. It was also recognized that effective interventions to address these problems already existed and that by focusing investments on an equity-based approach to development, the world will meet the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) faster and more cost-effectively. Reducing malnutrition among the world's most vulnerable children prevents irreversible damage to human development and helps achieve the goal of halving extreme poverty and hunger as well as the MDGs related to child mortality, maternal health, primary education, and gender equality, and will make significant contributions to all the remaining MDGs.