



World Food Programme

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CHANGING
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WFP Nutrition: *Saving Lives, Changing Lives*

Induction Session for new Members and
Observers of the WFP Executive Board

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What is Malnutrition?



- Occurs when the body does not receive - or is unable to process or absorb - the **right quantity and quality of food and nutrients** that the individual needs to grow, develop and thrive;
- Encompasses forms of **undernutrition** as well as **overnutrition**;
- **A large scale and universal problem:** malnutrition causes more ill health and mortality than any other cause, while hindering the developmental potential of communities and nations;
- **A solvable problem.**

The State of Global Malnutrition



47 million
children below 5 are
acutely malnourished
(*wasted*)



144 million
children below 5 are
chronically malnourished
(*stunted*)



> 2 billion
people are affected by one of
more forms of micronutrient
deficiency



1 in 3
adults (+18) are
obese/overweight



38.3 million
children under 5 are
overweight



Multiple forms of
malnutrition coexist in many
countries

Nutrition in WFP

What we do



Nutrition in WFP

Some numbers from 2019



17.2 million* beneficiaries reached with nutrition programmes:

- **9.4 million** reached with treatment programming
- **8.1 million** reached with prevention programming
- **14 million** beneficiaries reached with SBCC programming



74 countries where WFP implements nutrition programmes



80% of WFP Nutrition beneficiaries live in emergency contexts

*overlap in numbers accounting for beneficiaries reached with both treatment and prevention programmes





Promotion of Healthy Diets

- Assisting vulnerable groups to **access healthy diets** is at the core of WFP mandate
- WFP supports governments in **strengthening food systems for better nutrition** across the various food system dimensions:

Food Supply Chain

Food Environments

Consumer Behaviors



Treatment and Prevention of Acute Malnutrition


Acute malnutrition (or *wasting*) is when inadequate nutrition results in rapid weight loss or a failure to gain weight.

- WFP places prevention at the heart of a **continuum of care**
- WFP aims to prevent as many cases as possible while **improving treatment**
- WFP is committed to support the **Global Action Plan (GAP) Roadmap for Action**







Innovation



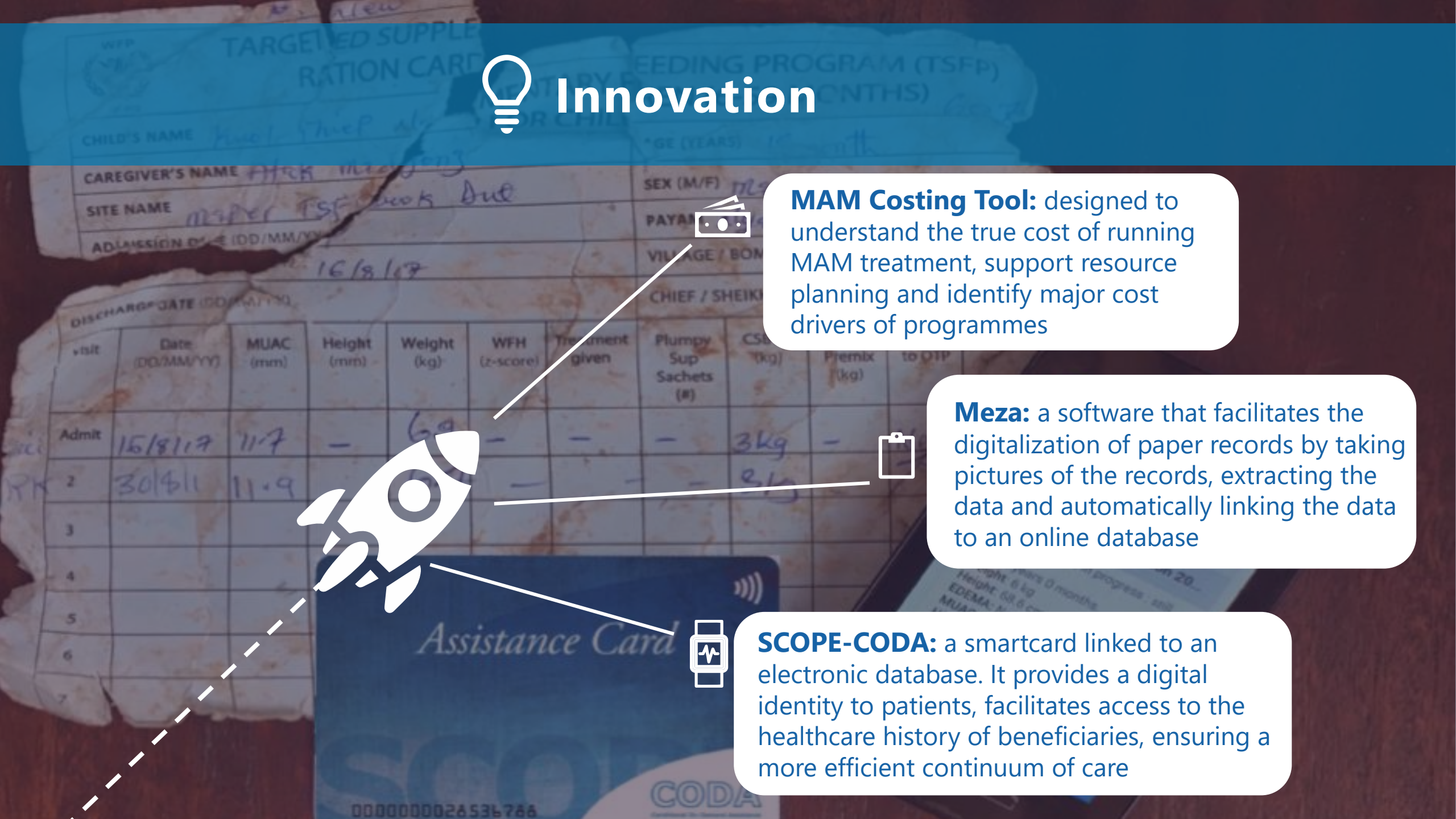
MAM Costing Tool: designed to understand the true cost of running MAM treatment, support resource planning and identify major cost drivers of programmes



Meza: a software that facilitates the digitalization of paper records by taking pictures of the records, extracting the data and automatically linking the data to an online database



SCOPE-CODA: a smartcard linked to an electronic database. It provides a digital identity to patients, facilitates access to the healthcare history of beneficiaries, ensuring a more efficient continuum of care





Working in Partnership



***Thank you for your
attention!***

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