Advancing a Multi-sector Nutrition Plan in Nepal

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Child Mortality & Under-nutrition

Mortality Trends (Under 5, Infant, Neonatal)

Undernutrition is still high in

Strong Public Health Programs Contributed (Immunization, IMCI, and Micronutrient)

Without improvement in Stunting, further Child Mortality Reduction is not likely
Multi-sector Approach for Nutrition: Milestones

- National Nutrition Seminar 1978
- National Nutrition Strategies 1996
- Nutrition Policy 2004 updated in 2008
- National Plan of Action for Nutrition 2007
- Nutrition Assessment and Gap Analysis 2011
- Multi-sector Nutrition Plan 2013-2017

High Level Govt Commitment for MSNP
Kathmandu, 17 September 2012
Main Roles of the Key Sectors in MSNP

**National Planning Commission**
(Leadership, Coordination, Resources Management, Capacity Building, Information Management)

### Health
- Maternal Infant and Young Child Feeding
- Micronutrients supplementation
- Management of SAM cases
- Integrated management of Neonatal and Childhood Illnesses

### Education
- Expand school day-meal program
- Improve knowledge, attitudes and practices related to nutrition

### Federal Affairs and Local Development
- Ensure social protection
- Mobilization of local resources and ownership by local level

### Agriculture
- Increase accessibility, availability and consumption of foods
- Income generating entrepreneurship
- Reduce workload of women

### WASH
- Increase access to safe drinking water
- Encourage use of improved toilets
- Proper management of wastes
- Encourage handwashing practices with soap and water at critical times

### Livestock
- Increase accessibility, availability and consumption of animal source foods
- Income generating entrepreneurship

Intervene Intergenerational Life Cycle Transmission of Growth Failure

- Child Growth Failure/Death
- Low Birth-weight Baby
- Early Pregnancy
- Low Weight and Height in Teenagers
- Small Adult Woman
- Small Adult Man

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Women, Children and Social Welfare
- Women empowerment
- Income generating activities for women
- Campaign against child marriage
- Public awareness on gender-based violence
- Adolescents and child protection
Engagement with Stakeholders and Nutrition Architecture

Academia Platform

Civil Society Alliance for Nutrition, Nepal

Private Sector Platform

MS-TWGs

NNFSCC

HLNFSSC

Regular Dialogue with Parliamentarians

UN Agencies, Donors, and Development Partners

Media Network

Provincial Level Steering Committee

District Level Coordination Committee

Municipality Level Steering Committee

Municipality’s Ward Level Steering Committee

HLNFSSC: High Level Nutrition and Food Security Steering Committee

NNFSCC: National Nutrition and Food Security Coordination Committee

MS-TWGs: Multi-sector Technical Working Groups

Ministry of Finance
Ministry of Health
Ministry of Agriculture Development
Ministry of Livestock Development
Ministry of Water Supply & Sanitation
Ministry of Education
Ministry of Women, Children & Social Welfare
Ministry of Federal Affairs & Local Development
Ministry of Information & Communication
Multi-sector Nutrition Projects

- Suaahara II- Good Nutrition, a Multi-sector Approach to Nutrition Initiative in 40 districts, 2016-2021: USAID Support
- Promoting Agriculture, Health, and Alternative Livelihoods (PAHAL) in 14 districts: USAID Support
- Feed the Future- Nutrition Innovation Lab- Agro-Nutrition Research Program by Tufts University/USA: USAID Support
- Agriculture and Food Security Project (AFSP) in 19 districts, 2013-2018: World Bank
- Golden 1000 days Program in 15 districts, 2012-2017: World Bank
Budget for nutrition interventions increased from USD 49.7 Million in 2013/2014 to USD 110.2 million for year 2016/2017.

Each sector has increased its budget for nutrition interventions.
MSNP Implementation in Nepal

- Due to High Level Commitment from all sectors, successful implementation of MSNP (2013-2017), and Formulation of MSNP II (2018-2022)

- MSNP I saw a large increase in budget from USD 49.7 million in 2013/2014 to USD 110.2 million for year 2016/2017

- MSNP operationalized at district and sub-district level characterized by Joint Planning and Implementation at local level reflecting both nutrition specific and nutrition sensitive interventions
Way Forward

- Endorsement of Multi-sector Nutrition Plan II (2018-2022), including new target groups- Adolescent Girls, Pregnant and Lactating Women, Overweight and Obesity
- Update Sectoral Polices, Strategies and Plans incorporating Multi-sector approach for Nutrition
- Implementation of MNSP II through local governance in the new federal structure
- Strengthen operational modality for MSNP II: Introduce annual review of MSNP, Strengthen accountability through strong monitoring and evaluation, Knowledge documentation and dissemination through Nepal Nutrition and Food Security Portal
- Strengthen collaboration with Academia Platform, Civil Society, Private Sectors, Donors, External Development Partners, UN Agencies, for MSNP
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