Advancing the multisectoral nutrition agenda

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We work in 30+ Countries Across three continents

With a global team of over 1100 experts

90% of our professionals are nationals of the county in which they work

We focus on 3 sectors which are fundamental to human development
SNV’s Nutrition Vision

“The greatest contributor to economic growth is not physical infrastructure but brainpower: ‘grey matter infrastructure’…...Stunted children today leads to stunted economies tomorrow”

Akin Adesina, President, African Development Bank

SNV: Address chronic malnutrition through multisectoral approach and contribute to the 2030 goal of ending all forms of malnutrition
SNV’s Multi-sectoral Nutrition Approach

Sustainable Nutrition for All
Integrates WASH, Agriculture, Gender, SBCC, Governance & Nutrition

Nutrition

Advocacy

Nutrition in Value Chain

Urban Food & Nutrition

Example: CHAIN
Cambodia Horticulture for Advancing Income and Nutrition

Example: Learning Route in Bangladesh

Example: Voice for Change, including Indonesia

Example: ENUFF
Enhancing Nutrition of Upland Farming Families Lao PDR
Multi-sectoral approach to Nutrition in Lao PDR: District and Village Nutrition Coordination

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Nutrition Landscape in Lao PDR


Stunting Rate (%)

Source: LSIS 2011/12
Strong political commitment

National Nutrition Strategy

Strategic Direction I: Address immediate causes
- SO 1: Improve nutrition intake
- SO 2: Prevent food and Vector borne diseases

Strategic Direction II: Address underlying causes
- SO 3: Improve food availability
- SO 4: Improve access To nutritious food
- SO 5: Improve MCH practices
- SO 6: Improve WASH And environments
- SO 7: Improve access to health and nutrition services

Strategic Direction III: Address basic causes
- SO 8: Improve Institutions and coordination
- SO 9: Improve human capacity
- SO 10: Increase the quantity and quality of information
- SO 11: Increase investments in nutrition interventions
## 22 Priority Actions: Nutrition-specific and -sensitive

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Source: 2015 Nutrition Stakeholder and Action Mapping
National & Sub-national coordination structures

- **Prime Minister’s Office**
- **Governor’s office**
- **Provincial Health Office**
- **Provincial Nutrition Committee (Health, Ag, Edu, Planning)**
- **National Nutrition Committee (Health, Ag, Edu, Planning)**
- **NNC Secretariat (Health, Ag, Edu, Planning)**
- **NNC Secretariat Office**
- **Ministry of Health**
- **PNC Secretariat**
- **PNC Secretariat Facilitator**

District Nutrition Committees/Secretariats (Health, Ag, Edu, Planning)
Integrated Agriculture, Nutrition & WASH

Approach

GOVERNANCE

DEMAND CREATION
Improved Agricultural, Nutrition & WASH products

MARKET DEVELOPMENT
Agriculture, Nutrition & WASH

BEHAVIOUR CHANGE COMMUNICATION
Nutrition & WASH

Healthy family
Enhancing Nutrition of Upland Farming Families (ENUFF)

2 provinces
4 districts
4,000 households
District Nutrition Team (DNT): Implementation by convergence

Building capacity of DNT through:

• Technical training and field practice
• Support in facilitation, counselling and follow-up in the villages
• Formation and strengthening of Village Nutrition team
• Need based support to the community.
Village Convergence Plan
Village Nutrition Team (VNT): Community ownership by convergence

**Building capacity of VNT in:**

- Developing and monitoring convergence planning
- Supporting their roles as community influencers (village leader, LWU, youth organisation, health volunteer, teacher etc.)
- Organising community dialogue for targeted change in behaviour
- Supporting families in applying positive nutrition behaviours
District Nutrition Committee: Coordination by convergence

- Formation of District nutrition coordination committees is in progress
- In ENUFF target districts, the members of District Nutrition Team are also members of secretariat to the District Nutrition Committee
- DNCs represented by agriculture, health, education and mass unions.
Strengthening coordination from national to village level

Challenges

- DNCs formed, but functionality not defined
- At the district and provincial level, there needs to be a connection to practical implementation, hence the role of Secretariat
- Accelerating commitment and ownership at the sub-national level
- Multi-sectoral approaches, including coverage and convergence is still in its infancy.
• Building capacity on local governance in multi-stakeholder nutrition programming
  ▪ Planning, coordination and monitoring capacity
  ▪ Food system approach and BCC
  ▪ Evidenced based cost effective module for attracting investment in this sector
Discussion & Questions