HIGHLIGHTS
JAN-JUN 2020

IMPROVED THE LIVES OF AN ADDITIONAL 5 MILLION CHILDREN AND 4.5 MILLION WOMEN

through nutrition-specific interventions to address stunting; together with our partners reaching over 48 million women and children to date

2 NEW PROGRAMMES APPROVED
totalling 14 programmes in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia

$8 MILLION IN NEW FUNDS
raised for nutrition programmes – totalling $88m in new funds to date

CONVENED stakeholders and ADVANCED the nutrition agenda
through digital roundtables

CELEBRATED 5 YEARS
of The Power of Nutrition and our unique partnership funding model
Highlights from OUR PROGRAMMES
Jan-Jun 2020

Working with experienced implementing partners and governments to support national nutrition programmes that deliver at scale.
OUR PORTFOLIO IN 2020

- **5 million children and 4.5 million women** have been reached with essential nutrition services in 2020 (as of June).
- **14 programmes across 12 countries** addressing stunting, wasting, and breaking the cycle of undernutrition.
- **Covid-19 adaptive measures** were introduced in every programme.
- **Excellent progress** quantifiable in many areas – due to increasing data and results as the programmes mature.

48 million women and children reached to date, through nine of our programmes
Total Portfolio Size: $470 million
TANZANIA

*Strengthening primary care for women and children using a programme-for-results model*

- **14.5 million children** under 5 and **7 million women** reached with vital nutrition services.
- **2019 programme targets surpassed** in 4 of 6 key maternal and child health indicators.
- **DRA for nutrition increased to 81% of the budget** in 2020/21, up from 57% in 2019/20 budget.
- **On track to meet 4 WHA targets**: stunting, acute malnutrition, anaemia in women and prevalence of overweight.
LIBERIA PHASE I

Strengthening health systems and making progress on nutrition in post-Ebola Liberia

- 936,627 children and 555,553 women reached through vital nutrition service.

- Implementation of the Phase Two Programme underway, with adjustments due to COVID-19.

- COVID-19 led to up to 20% decrease in key maternal and child health nutrition services.

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<td>Children assessed for SAM</td>
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<td>Children receiving VAS</td>
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<td>Children receiving MNS</td>
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Table 1: target and reach figures for programme indicators

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<td>Stunting</td>
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<td>Wasting</td>
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<td>Underweight</td>
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Table 2: child nutrition indicators
ETHIOPIA

Achieving child and maternal nutrition results through scaling up interventions, technical assistance and research

- 16 million children and 5.6 million women accessed nutrition interventions.

- Progress on vitamin A & Iron and Folic Acid supplementation coverage, uptake and VAS transition from campaign to routine delivery.

- Operational research underway to inform delivery of vitamin A and Iron and Folic Acid Supplementation, Growth Monitoring Promotion, as well as to strengthen multi-sectoral coordination.

- Limited impact of COVID-19 on uptake of health services and continuous government monitoring.

- Phase Two Programme development underway. Focus areas will be deworming, wasting, multiple micronutrient supplementation and strengthening the quality of nutrition services.

Community health workers and a health centre in Tigray Region, Alamata Woreda, February 2020
MADAGASCAR

Bringing together community nutrition and health platforms to reach mothers and children through integrated services for the first time

- **379,672 children** and **125,508 women** accessed nutrition interventions through our programme this year.

- **Health workers recruitment & training:** 240 qualified health workers recruited and over 6,000 community and health workers trained, especially on Integrated Management of Childhood Illness, addressing capacity gaps at local level.

- **Progress continues:**
  - The voucher system providing free health care and medicines for women and children has been rolled out in November 2019
  - Integrated management of childhood illness at community level has been implemented in February 2020.

- **Impact of COVID-19:** Scaling project activities to the fifth region, Bongolava, was delayed by Covid-19 but 15 NGOs have been recruited to support the preparation of community sites.
CÔTE D’IVOIRE

Multisectoral nutrition and early child development programme for enhanced impact in Cote d’Ivoire

- **27,508 women** and **71,619 children** accessed nutrition interventions.

- **Community nutrition activities:**
  - Active screening for acute malnutrition;
  - Supported community food banks to prevent acute malnutrition in children (72 food banks operational).

- **Activities strengthened in light of covid-19**, including 3,878 hand washing devices installed in 3 regions.

- **Implementation in new regions:** NGOs/Implementing Agencies contracted, sub-regional nutrition committees set up and 857 villages selected for implementation.

- **New electronic data collection system** up and running.
965,242 women and children accessed nutrition interventions.

- **Covid-19 impact**: catch-up plans are being developed by government and eligibility criteria for social protection expanded.

- **Health and social protection**: implementation has accelerated.

- **Increased enrollment** on the fortified blended food component.

- **68,681 eligible individuals accessed conditional cash** transfers, reducing poverty and vulnerability.

- **Looking ahead**: The government has used this investment as an opportunity to explore innovations for delivering and integrating key social services.
BENIN

Improving behaviours and access to quality nutrition services for women and children and strengthening coordination and implementation capacity in Benin

- **On track despite COVID-19 impact:**
  - Implementation of community activities through local NGOs, in adherence with COVID-19 modifications;
  - Bolstering social behaviour change efforts with COVID-19 related messaging;
  - Delay in some community-based IYCF counselling.

- **Activities continue to progress:**
  - Additional 4 NGOs on boarded;
  - Growth monitoring promotion carried out every month in 785 localities in 7 communes;
  - Monthly group education sessions led by NGO community motivators;
  - Monthly home visits conducted by NGO nutrition community motivators;
  - Mass sensitisation through local radios.

The project ensures the continuity of services: mothers and their children still attend the Bohicon health centre in the Zou department, during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Number of newly pregnant women sensitised on ANC and received IFA

![Graph showing number of newly pregnant women sensitised on ANC and received IFA]

- Baseline
- Y1
- Y2

- Target
- Women Reached
- Extrapolation following mid-line results
Mitigating COVID-19 impact on implementation:

- A number activities postponed to year 2 of the programme and direct implementation has yet to commence;
- Business Continuity Plan drafted to mitigate further risks to programme implementation from the pandemic.

Pre-implementation activities are progressing:

- Baseline survey completed;
- High-level Social Behaviour Change Strategy completed;
- Firms selected to conduct capacity assessment of health workers, assessment of supply chain of essential nutrition commodities, and weekly IFA supplementation capacity building.

Data on progress and results expected in early 2021.

Translating the national level strategy to reduce stunting into effective and resourced initiatives at the sub-national level in Indonesia

Researchers chatting informally with a family in their own home after they had received their IFA supplements.

Location: District of Bandung Barat, West Java

The labelling of IFA tablets as 'tambah darah' which literally means 'add blood' does not help in understanding their purpose.
BURKINA FASO

Moving from an emergency response approach to a long-term development agenda on nutrition

• **Key country challenges impacting on nutrition progress:**
  o Covid-19 impact and restrictions on movement;
  o Unstable security and displacements.

• Despite challenges the project has focused on **prevention and long-term improvement in nutrition** through interim activities:
  o Covid-19 mitigation measures: work to procure RUTF undertaken in conflict-affected areas, anticipating a rise in SAM. An estimated 12,500 children were reached with provisions;
  o Launched a mass media campaign promoting exclusive breastfeeding;
  o Continued strengthening of data systems.
MAHARASHTRA (INDIA)

Making nutrition aspirational for women and children in Maharashtra

- **Digital alternatives working well:** due to the impact of COVID-19 the delivery of physical services has been disrupted, making digital platforms the norm.

- **Improved Infant and Young Child Nutrition** and implemented in 6 out of 10 target districts.

- **Anticipating SAM increase due to Covid-19:** a comprehensive strategy is in place and facilities have been scaled up.

- **Nutrition services for adolescent girls and women:** pre COVID-19 programme was implemented covering 74,312 schools and 81,943 Anganwadi Centres.

- The closure of Anganwadi Centres has affected the implementation of core nutrition services, however a good recovery and return to positive progress is expected.
GUJARAT (INDIA)

Contribute to a reduction in children’s stunting and severe wasting by improving health, nutrition, and hygiene amongst pregnant women and children.

• Pre-Covid-19 progress:
  ○ Delivered an inception workshop to formalise the workplan and theory of change;
  ○ Facilitated a meeting with Gujarat’s Department of Health and Department of Women and Child Development where positive support was given for the project;
  ○ Established four working groups across partners and recruited key positions.

• Several key inception activities are on hold due to Covid-19, however mitigation measures have been implemented:
  ○ Short-term response plan developed to prevent further deterioration of health and nutrition practices in the two Project Districts;
  ○ 4,325 people reached with messaging on Covid-19 prevention, 865 mothers reached with key messages on nutrition and given hand hygiene kits and 122 front line workers given hygiene kits.
COVID-19: LESSONS LEARNT

- **Prevent a drop-off in demand** for nutrition services due to distancing measures
- **Ensure programmes are flexible** and can adapt as the pandemic evolves
- **Scale up Severe Acute Malnutrition** treatment in anticipation of increased malnutrition
- **Integrate COVID-19 responses** into objectives to ensure sustainability
- **Digital alternatives to in-person services** bring opportunities and pitfalls: some initial resistance and hard-to-reach areas, but increasingly good engagement
- **Continue data collection** in socially distanced ways where possible
- **Engage local implementing agencies**
At the center of everything we do is the recognition that strong partnerships can achieve far more to improve nutrition and transform children’s futures than any organisation can do alone.
FUNDRAISING AS OF JUNE 2020

New donor funds raised 2015-2020

- $8 million of new funds raised by June 2020
  - Including first grant for Operational Expenditure ($3 million from Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation), and multiple repeat investments.
  - 2 grants made this year were by funders new to nutrition (Open Philanthropy and The End Fund).
- Ongoing conversations with numerous corporates and foundations.
- Advancing discussions around nutrition commitments with a number of bilateral organisations.

Distribution of funds raised by sector

Seeded with funding from DFID, CIFF and UBS Optimus Foundation - the total funds raised to date as of November 2020 is $288.54 million.
Highlights from
OUR COMMUNICATIONS & ADVOCACY WORK
Jan-Jun 2020

Convening voices and advancing the nutrition agenda
CONVENING VOICES IN NUTRITION

VIRTUAL EVENTS

Hosted a series of Expert Opinion webinars to facilitate dialogue on nutrition – showcasing our unique network and convening ability, and calling for increased and diverse investment for nutrition.

Jointly hosted Knowledge Management webinars with the SUN Movement to explore synergies and collaboration opportunities.
ADVANCING THE NUTRITION AGENDA

The Power of Nutrition spokespeople joined partners and industry leaders at major events to share our expertise and champion increased funding for nutrition.

Advocated multi-stakeholder, whole-system approaches in COVID-19 responses to protect nutrition progress through a series of opinion-editorials placed in targeted media outlets.
Our partnership programmes change lives for the better. We worked with the World Bank to create a series of films that show some of the women and children who have benefitted from our nutrition intervention.

VIDEO: Peru’s stunting reduction story and how to replicate success

VIDEO: The Power of Nutrition, World Bank & Government of Madagascar partnering to end stunting
LOOKING AHEAD

- **New CEO** and **Director of Investments** joining January 2021.
- **New appointments** to expand African and Asian Philanthropy.
- Increased focus on funding from new **bilateral sources**.
- Renewed focus on **advocacy** and communications.
- Programmes **adapting and integrating evidence** based on new technologies and approaches to increase our impact.
- Presence and active advocacy around **2021 N4G Summit**, UNFSS and other major platforms.

“**THE POWER OF NUTRITION HAS EVOLVED. OUR MISSION HASN’T.**”
THANK YOU for being part of our journey