

WFP's Nutrition Interventions and Policies in Africa – including Ghana

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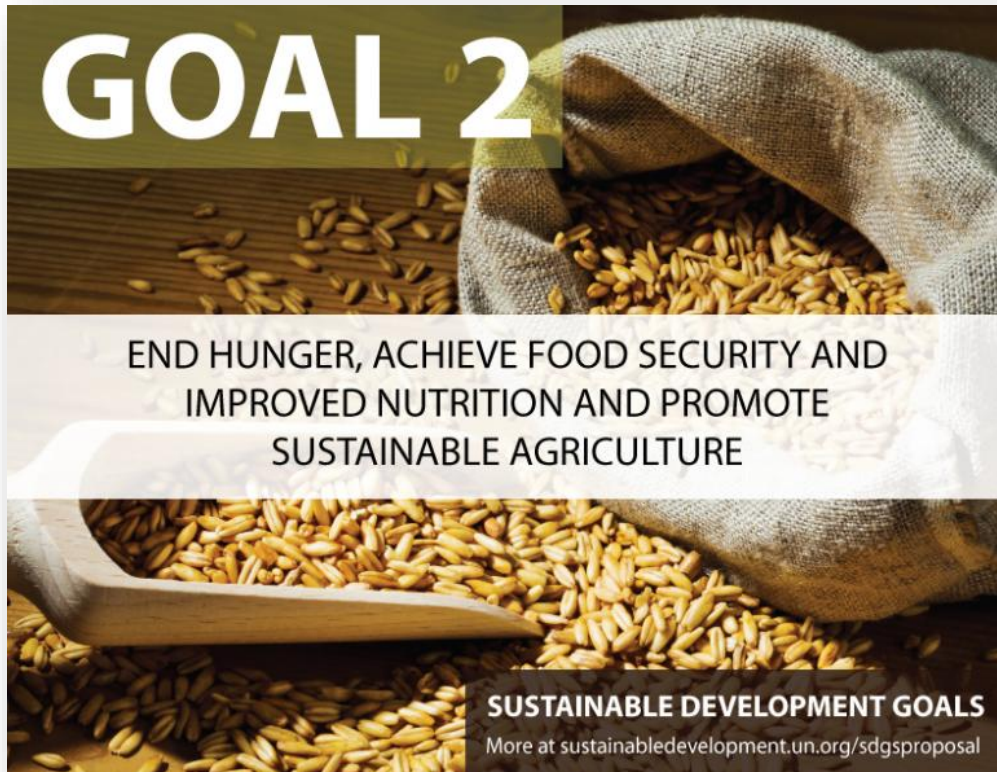


World Food Programme

Agenda

- 1. The Nutrition Solutions**
- 2. WFP Nutrition Programmes in Africa**
- 3. Nutrition Programmes in Ghana**

Sustainable Development Goal No. 2



Multisectoral, multistakeholder efforts required to address malnutrition

Stakeholder landscape for nutrition – *not exhaustive*



* UN Nutrition Network comprised of FAO, UNICEF, WFP, WHO and IFAD; other agencies engaged in nutrition include UNHCR, UNFPA, UN Women, and UNDP

What do we know: The unacceptable magnitude of the problem...

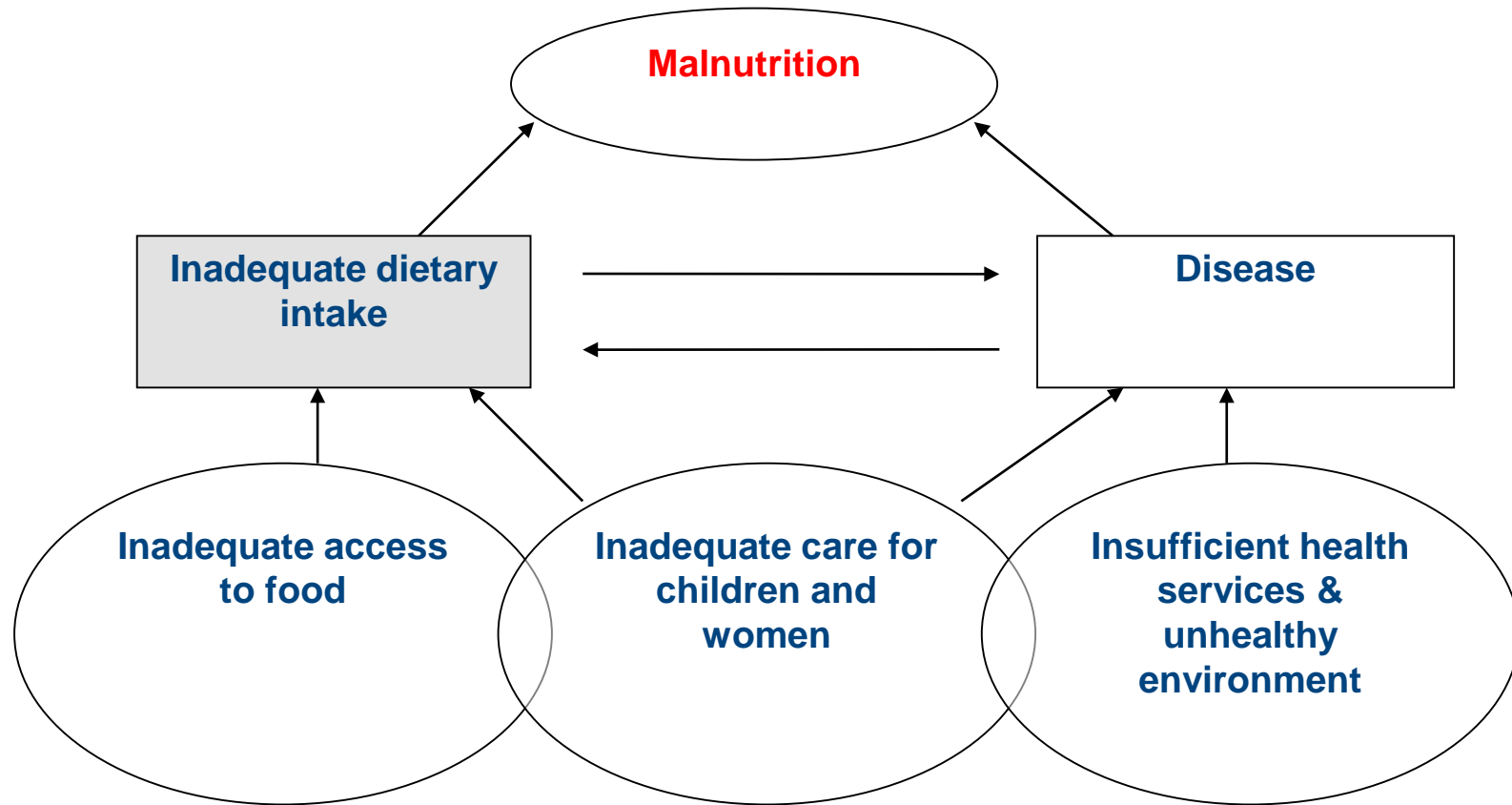


- **3 million children under 5** die every year from malnutrition-related causes
= **45% of all child deaths**



- **50 million children under five** are **wasted** (*thin*; low weight for height)
- **159 million children under five** are **stunted** (*small*; low height for age), primarily in Africa and Asia
- Moderate Acute Malnutrition (**MAM**) rates can **at least double** during **lean season**, with even **greater risk** in sudden onset **emergencies**

UNICEF Conceptual Framework (partial representation)



The High Burden Countries in Africa



countries have a stunting prevalence above 40%, the level defined as critical by WHO.

How does WFP fight Malnutrition?

- **Targets the 1,000 days window of opportunity**
- **Treatment and Prevention of Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM)**
- **Brings expertise in Specialized Nutritious Foods**
- **Strengthens capabilities of Governments in Nutrition**
- **Applies Nutrition Sensitive Lens to its deep field programming**



WFP's work in Africa

- **In 2014, WFP had nutrition operations in 33 countries of Africa**
- **6.3 million nutrition beneficiaries (61.5% of all nutrition beneficiaries in 2014, were in African countries)**
 - 32.8% in Prevention programmes
 - 67.2% in MAM Treatment Programmes
- **Largest programmes are in Niger, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Kenya and Somalia**

Nutrition Profile in Ghana

National Nutrition Figures

Stunting Prevalence	18.8%
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Wasting Prevalence	4.7%
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Low birth weight	9.5%
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Regional Figures (where WFP implements its projects)

Northern region (stunting)	33.1%
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Upper Eastern (wasting)	9.4%
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Source: GSS,GHS and ICF International 2015. Ghana Demographic and Health Survey, 2014.

Current Nutrition Programmes in Ghana

- **MAM Treatment Programme for pregnant and lactating women and Children**
- **Pilot Prevention Programme supported by Japan**
- **Nutrition Programme for People Living with HIV**
- **Enhanced Nutrition and Value Chains in Ghana (anticipated for 2016)**
 - Linking small holder farmers to producers of fortified blended foods
 - Hoping to produce Super Cereal and Super Cereal Plus locally in 2016.

MAM Treatment Programme in Ghana

Children 6-59 months

- Targeted supplementary feeding programme (TSFP) for 96,000 children with moderate acute malnutrition
- Provided in 435 health facilities in the 26 districts with relatively high food insecurity levels in the three northern regions
- Super Cereal Plus (CSB++).

Pregnant and Lactating Women

- 12,000 pregnant and lactating women with MAM in the same 26 districts in Northern, Upper East, and Upper West Regions
- Receive rations of Super Cereal, fortified vegetable oil and sugar, from as early in their pregnancy as possible.

Prevention Programme in Ghana

- **Prevention of chronic malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies among children 6-23 months old**
- **Japanese funded “New Nutrition Project” in cooperation with Ajinomoto**
- **10 districts in the Northern region, Upper East and Upper West regions are being targeted.**
- **Cash transfer(voucher) for the purchase of a small quantity of complementary product (start 2016)**
 - Includes a Behavior Change Communication component
 - Distribution of small quantity LNS to be done through supply chain including pharmacies and health volunteers

Prevention Programme in Ghana

- **Nutrition Sensitive focus**

- Focus on the increased production of diverse crops and the increased consumption of a diverse diet
- Includes Behavior Change Communication

Activities implemented:

- Identification and nutrient analysis of locally available nutritious foods and the promotion of their production and consumption; (10 staples have been analysed with another 10 to be analysed soon)

- **Improve the Nutrition Component of School Feeding**

- Improve the nutrition component of school feeding programmes (nutritious school menus)