Stakeholder Community Meeting: COVID-19’s Impacts on Nutrition

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• Introduction
• Problem Statement and Nutrition Shock Pathways
• Priorities in Humanitarian Programming
• Priorities in Health Response
• Priorities from a Food Systems Perspective
• Q&A / Discussion
• Closing
PRESENTERS

- **Shawn Baker**, Chief Nutritionist, USAID
- **Matt Nims**, Deputy Director, USAID Office of Food For Peace
- **Elizabeth Bontrager**, Nutrition Team Lead, USAID Office of Food For Peace
- **Monique Wubbenhorst**, Deputy Assistant Administrator, USAID Bureau for Global Health
- **Rob Bertram**, Chief Scientist, USAID Bureau for Resilience and Food Security
INTRODUCTION

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Prioritizing Our Response to COVID-19

- **U.S. Government Goal:**
  - Save lives
  - Reduce secondary impacts
  - Leadership and expertise for global benefit

- **Responding to secondary impacts of COVID-19 by:**
  - *Adapting* current food security and assistance programming to ongoing global challenges
  - *Protecting* development gains and *planning* for the long-term implications of COVID-19
Problem Statement
Nutrition Shock Pathways

The COVID-19 crisis is creating multiple types of shocks that can undermine nutrition

- Livelihoods and Food Systems
- Health Systems
- Social Protection Programs
- Humanitarian Response
- Misinformation
- Political Momentum
Priority Actions
Priorities in Humanitarian Response

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Humanitarian Response

Priority: Reducing risk of transmission while continuing to provide life-saving health & nutrition services

- Adapting service delivery
  - Infant and Young Child Feeding
  - Management of Wasting
  - Other SNF Interventions
- Coordination is critical
Priorities in Health Response for Nutrition

Dr. Monique Wubbenhorst
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Heath Systems Programming

Six Action Areas:

- Breastfeeding and Human Milk Feeding
- Complementary Feeding
- Social Behavior Change
- Management of Child Wasting
- Vitamin A and Micronutrient Supplementation
- Maternal Nutrition
Health Systems Priority Actions During Recovery
Priorities from a Food Systems Perspective

Rob Bertram
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Food systems will need to adapt to ensure sustainable, healthy diets for all populations

- Sustain production and marketing of safe and nutritious foods
- Market measures for safe operation, especially for fresh foods
- Foster local/household production of quality foods in remote areas
Food Systems Priority Actions During Recovery

• Accelerate industrial-scale fortification
• Rebuild and strengthen nutritious food value chains
• Market surveillance for access to and affordability of quality diets
• Trade-fostering policies
Q&A AND DISCUSSION
CLOSING THOUGHTS

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USAID Top-Line Messages

- The COVID-19 crisis is creating multiple shocks which will undermine nutrition
- To reduce loss of life, it is imperative to protect gains in nutrition
- Prioritization:
  - Immediate priorities
  - Monitoring and analyses
  - Recovery priorities
- The COVID-19 crisis underscores why nutrition is a development imperative
THANK YOU!