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USAID/Zambia ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SCALING UP NUTRITION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (SUN TA)

Malnutrition and stunting impairs growth and development in children as a result of poor nutrition, repeated infection, and inadequate psychosocial stimulation. Affecting 35 percent of Zambian children under age 5, stunting can cause poor cognition and educational performance and other harmful lifelong effects. USAID's Scaling Up Nutrition Technical Assistance (SUN TA) works to ensure that more of Zambia's children grow up healthy, strong, and productive. Zambia is a member of the global network to end malnutrition. The network focuses on improving nutrition and quality of life for children.

- **Life of Project:** February 2019 - February 2026
- **Geographic Focus:** Central, Copperbelt, Northern, and Luapula Provinces
- **Partner:** DAI Global, LLC.
- **Chief of Party:** Karen Doll
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The SUN TA project is helping Zambia accelerate progress toward improved nutrition and implement the Zambian government's Most Critical Days Program (MCDP II). This integrated activity, working hand in hand with the National Food and Nutrition Commission and other

donors to provide needs-based nutrition technical capacity strengthening, focuses on reducing stunting by two percent per year in select districts across Zambia.

SUN TA supports efforts across multiple ministries to provide coordinated and impactful nutrition programs at the household level. The project works with cross-sectoral coordinating committees at the provincial, district, and ward levels to identify nutrition challenges, identify gaps in programming, prioritize and develop approaches to address those gaps, and provide technical support to create long-lasting solutions to improve nutrition that can be replicated across the country.

The partner project, SUN Learning and Evaluation project, works with the government, SUN TA, and other donors, to measure progress in improving nutrition and conduct special studies to inform best practices.

Expected Results

The efforts of SUN TA will create accountable structures (e.g. District Nutrition Coordination Committees) to coordinate multi-sectoral nutrition actions and robust monitoring and evaluation systems for evidence-based decision making. These improvements should build a strong enabling environment resulting in sustainable nutrition services to reduce stunting in children under two by at least two percentage points per year in the targeted 13 districts.