

MULTI-SECTORAL NUTRITION

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Health and Food Security Collaboration

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Why we need to collaborate?

- Health and Food Security activities are in the same geo areas.
- Common goal “reduce stunting”.
- Limited budget in nutrition. Need better leverage. Think beyond health sector.

Who initiates? Who leads?

- The health office initiates joint program design, led by program office, Mission Director support.
- Both Food Security and Health Offices signed an agreement.
- Experts in nutrition, WASH and Ag designed an Integrated Nutrition, Sanitation and Ag (called NOURISH) co-managed by both offices.
- Refer to agency Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Strategies and host government “Food Security and Nutrition Strategic Plan”.

Challenges

- FtF requirement in WASH
- Changed management, changed priorities.
- Slow start up in implementation as we need to coordinate with 3 line ministries.

Lesson Learned

- Take time to get everyone in agreement
- Mission management support is critical
- Enhance mutual technical capacities in managing cross sectoral project.

Key Takeaways

- Program Office (third party) facilitated and led the process, which was critical
- Documentation is critical to continue collaboration
- First experience teaches us to do more