

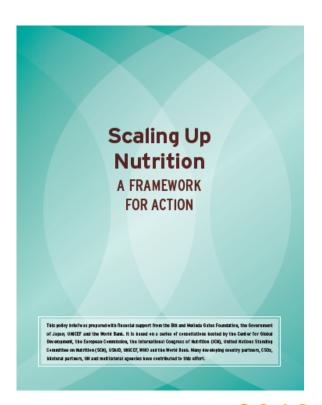
WHO Updates Essential Nutrition Actions: Improving Women's, Newborn, Infant and Young Child Health and Nutrition

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High-Impact Nutrition Interventions



Evidenced Based Direct Interventions to

Prevent and Treat Undernutrition

Promoting good nutritional practices:

- I. breastfeeding
- 2. complementary feeding for infants after the age of six months
- 3. improved hygiene practices including handwashing

Increasing intake of vitamins and minerals: Provision of micronutrients for young children and their mothers:

- 4. periodic Vitamin A supplements
- 5. therapeutic zinc supplements for diarrhoea management
- 6. multiple micronutrient powders
- 7. de-worming drugs for children (to reduce losses of nutrients)
- 8. iron-folic acid supplements for pregnant women to prevent and treat anaemia
- 9. iodized oil capsules where iodized salt is unavailable

Provision of micronutrients through food fortification for all:

- 10. salt iodization
- II. iron fortification of staple foods

Therapeutic feeding for malnourished children with special foods (\$6.2 billion):

- 12. Prevention or treatment for moderate acute malnutrition
- 13. Treatment of severe under-nutrition ("severe acute malnutrition") with ready-to-use therapeutic foods (RUTF).





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Multi-sectoral Approach



Morbidity and mortality in childhood

Cognitive, motor, socioemotional development School performance and learning capacity

Benefits during the life course

Adult stature
Obesity and NCDs

Work capacity and productivity

"The Series identifies a set of ten prov nutrition-specific interventions, whi from present population coverage to the need, would eliminate about 900 of children younger than 5 years in the nutrition-burden countries—where world's stunted children live."

Maternal and Child Nutrition

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Nutrition specific interventions and programmes

- Adolescent health and preconception nutrition
- Maternal dietary supplementation
- Micronutrient supplementation or fortification
- Breastfeeding and complementary feeding
- Dietary supplementation for children
- · Dietary diversification
- Feeding behaviours and stimulation
- Treatment of severe acute malnutrition
- Disease prevention and management
- Nutrition interventions in emergencies

Optimum fetal and child nutrition and development

Breastfeeding, nutrientrich foods, and eating routine

Food security, including

availability, economic

access, and use of food

Feeding and caregiving practices, parenting, stimulation

Feeding and caregiving resources (maternal, household, and community levels)

Access to and use of health services, a safe and hygienic environment

Low burden of

infectious diseases

Nutrition sensitive programmes and approaches

- Agriculture and food security
- · Social safety nets
- · Early child development
- · Maternal mental health
- Women's empowerment
- Child protection
- Classroom education
- Water and sanitation
- · Health and family planning services

Knowledge and evidence Politics and governance

Leadership, capacity, and financial resources
Social, economic, political, and environmental context (national and global)

Building an enabling environment

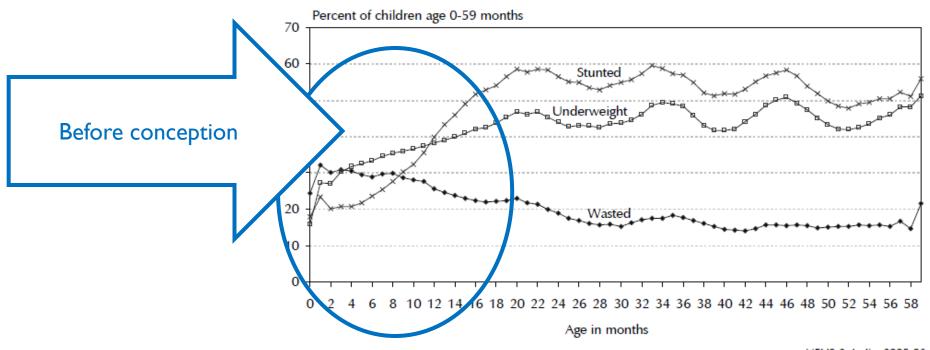
- · Rigorous evaluations
- Advocacy strategies
- · Horizontal and vertical coordination
- Accountability, incentives regulation, legislation
- Leadership programmes
- Capacity investments
- Domestic resource mobilisation



ENA focuses on the

1,000 days window of opportunity

Figure 10.1 Nutritional Status of Children

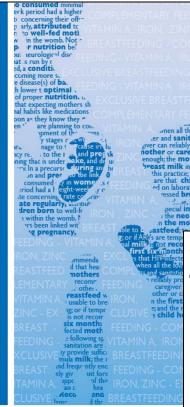






Essential Nutrition Actions

IMPROVING MATERNAL, NEWBORN, INFANT AND YOUNG CHILD HEALTH AND NUTRITION



Life Cycle Approach to Nutrition

Since 1997- The Essential Nutrition Actions (ENA)

framework

Adolescent & Women's Nutrition



Breastfeeding 0-6 months



Complementary Feeding with BF



Nutritional Care of the sick & Malnourished child





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Control of Vitamin A deficiency



Control of Anemia



Control of Iodine Deficiency Disorders



Women's Nutrition 1

Adolescents before & between pregnancies



Promote & support key practices

Diversified diet and appropriate amount



Provide micronutrient supplementation

- Iron/Folic acid supplementation and treatment of anemia
- De-worming

Women's Nutrition 2

During pregnancy & lactation



Promote & support key practices:

- Increase food and micronutrient intakes
- Consumption of iodized salt
- Supplementary feeding
- Prevention of malaria Insecticide-treated bed nets (ITNs)

Control & prevention of micronutrient deficiencies:

- Supplementation (Iron/Folic Acid, Vitamin A, Calcium)
- Treatment (Anemia, de-worming, intermittent preventive treatment of malaria)



Women's nutrition in the context of HIV and emergencies

Infant Young Child Feeding 1

Breastfeeding from birth up to 6 months

Protect breastfeeding:

 Legislation & enforcement of breastmilk substitutes

Promote & support key practices:

- Immediate initiation of breastfeeding
- Exclusive breastfeeding until six months
 - Correct positioning & attachment
 - Breastfeed day and night at least 10 times
 - Empty one breast before switching to the other (Fore milk vs hind milk)
- Timely cord clamping

Infant feeding in context of HIV and emergencies



Infant Young Child Feeding 2

Complementary feeding from 6 up to 24 months

Protect complementary feeding

Codex Alimentarius & marketing of « baby » foods

Promote & support of key practices

- Continue breastfeeding for two years & beyond
- Frequency
- Amount
- Diversity fruits, vegetables, animal source, fortified foods (iodized salt)
- Density from mashed to family food
- Utilization of handwashing, clean water, clean food & utensils
- Active feeding
- Increase breasfeeding and feeding during and after illnesses

Management of moderate & severe acute malnutrition Nutritional care of HIV-infected children



Infant Young Child Feeding 3

Control and prevention of micronutrient deficiencies

Consumption of Micronutrient Powder (MNP)

Daily for at least <u>two months</u> for <u>children 6-23 months</u>

Supplementation

- Bi-annual Vitamin A (6-59 months)
- Iron/Folic Acid for three months (6-23 months)

Treatments

- Bi-annual De-worming
- Vitamin A for measles, acute malnutrition, pneumonia
- Zinc for diarrhea with oral rehydration therapy
- Iron/Folic acid for anemia

Malaria prevention and treatment



Plus Global Interventions

(e.g., wheat and corn flour fortification)

Nutrient	Flour Extraction Rate	Compound	Level of nutrient to be added in parts per million (ppm) by estimated average per capita wheat flour availability (g/day).			
			<75 ^b g/day	75-149 g/day	150-300 g/day	>300 g/day
Iron	Low	NaFeEDTA	40	40	20	15
		Ferrous Sulfate	60	60	30	20
		Ferrous Fumarate	60	60	30	20
		Electrolytic Iron	NR°	NR□	60	40
	High	NaFeEDTA	40	40	20	15
Folic Acid	Low or High	Folic Acid	5.0	2.6	1.3	1.0
Vitamin B ₁₂	Low or High	Cyanocobalamin	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.008
Vitamin A	Low or High	Vitamin A Palmitate	5.9	3	1.5	1
Zincd	Low	Zinc Oxide	95	55	40	30
	High	Zinc Oxide	100	100	80	70

Nutrition Specific Within the Health Sector

Use existing health contacts and community platforms Increase their performance



PREGNANCY

Diet, iron/folic acid, deworming, anti-malarial, iodized salt, calcium, vit A, preparation for breastfeeding



DELIVERY

Delay cord clamping, early & exclusive breastfeeding, iron/folic acid, diet

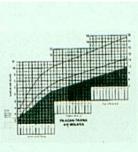


POSTNATAL AND FAMILY PLANNING

Support to breastfeeding, diet, iron/folic acid, FP-LAM



IMMUNIZATION Support to infant and young child feeding, vit A, de-worming, assess and treat infant's anemia



WELL CHILD AND GMP

Monitor growth, assess and counsel on child feeding, iodized salt



SICK CHILD

counsel on infant feeding, assess and treat for anemia, check and complete vit A, de-worming





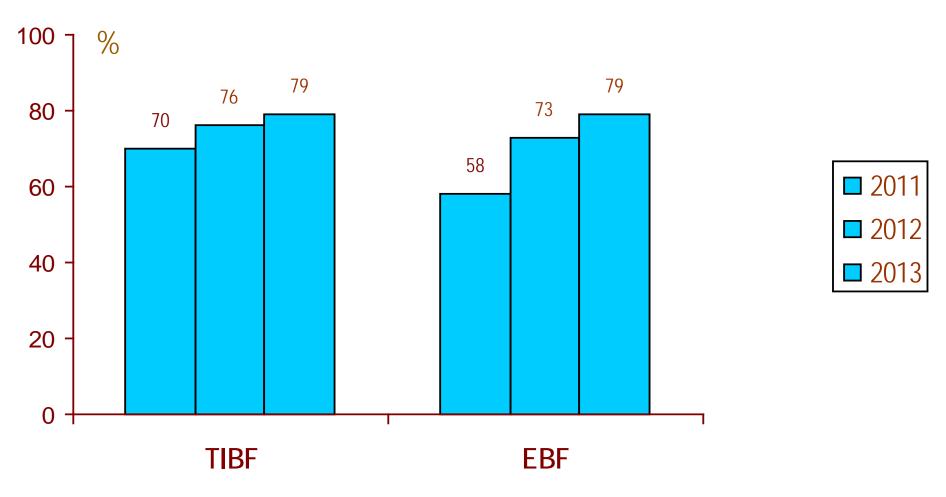


- Four regions in Ethiopia more than 35 million
- Nutrition is one component among a comprehensive mix of maternal and child health interventions
- Embedded into the Government system
- Behavior Change Communication as a back bone



Breastfeeding practices

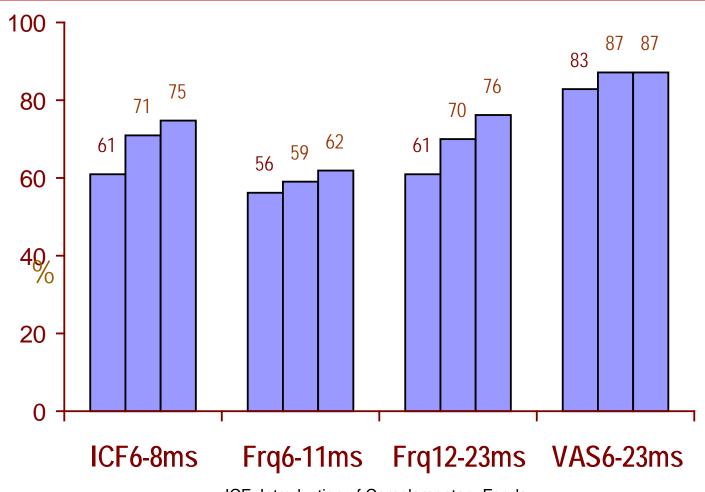
Monthly randomized "Follow-up Surveys" among 2,560 Households



TIBF: Timely Initiation of breastfeeding EBF: Exclusive breastfeeding 0-5 months

Complementary feeding practices & Vitamin A supplementation

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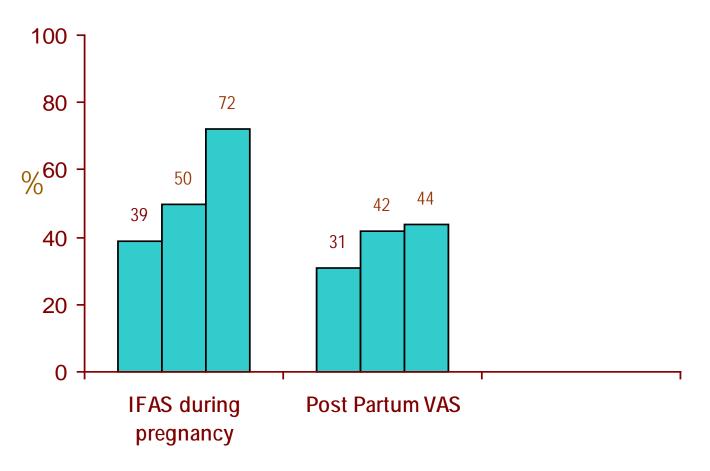
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ICF: Introduction of Complementary Foods

Frq: Frequency of feeding VAS: Vitamin A supplementation

Women's micronutrient supplementation

Monthly randomized "Follow-up Surveys" among 2,560 Households



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IFAS: Iron Foclic Acid Supplementation

VAS: Vitamin A Supplementation



The ENA framework...



- pulls together existing vertical programs in a sensible 'action-oriented' way;
- greatly expands coverage of nutrition specific interventions to multiple health contacts and community platforms;
- and provides a practical tool to train service providers and community health workers.

Emphasize small doable actions to demystify nutrition

Short and practical training on ENA to build providers' technical and counseling skills to improve delivery of nutrition and encourage the adoption of key practices.

Messages are:

- Simple, specific, action-oriented, adapted to local context and tailored to the life cycle;
- From formative research and field tested to provide insight into the needs and motivations;
- Associated with images



2. Build on what already exists at all levels

- Existing systems & interventions partners, donors, NGOs, associations, institutions, etc...
- Multiple health contacts and community platforms Traditional community groups & systems, home visits, community meetings and events,
- Inter-personal communication, group events, and mass media



3. Strengthen the systems of delivery

- Make available standard job aids, guidelines and references
- Follow training with supportive supervision using a standard checklist
- Initiate performance review meetings
- Ensure logistics (Vit A, IFA, Iodized salt, RUTF, Food –Availability & Access)
- Monitoring and Evaluation





Conclusion



Delivery of specific nutrition interventions can be improved through the health sector.

... we know what to do

... we have the contacts and systems

Nutrition Sensitive Across Sectors

Use existing contacts to extend nutrition coverage

Health

Immunization (Measles)
Delay first pregnancy and
Birth Spacing

Agriculture

Food diversification
Food security
Homestead Food Production
Nutrition sensitive crops

Micro-credit

Women's farmers clubs Income Generating Projects

Schools

Keep girls at school
Children & Adolescent
De-worming
Iron supplementation

Pre-service Education

Doctors, Nurses, Midwives, Teachers, agriculture

Enviroment

Clean environment, indoor air pollution Non-smoking

Mass media

TV Radio Local broadcasting

Essential Hygiene Actions

Hand-washing Clean water & sanitation Public health education

Community Nutrition

Community Workers across sector

