

PROGRESS OF THE SCALING UP NUTRITION MOVEMENT IN TANZANIA

National nutrition strategy

- National Nutrition Strategy 2011– 2016
 - Process started in 2006
 - Various stakeholders involved in its development
 - Endorsed as a Cabinet paper and launched 20 Sept 2011
 - Various sectors will implement it
 - Has a set of eight priority areas

Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Initiative

- Gov't has established High-level National Nutrition Steering Committee
 - Permanent Secretaries (Prime Minister's Office, local government, health, agric & food security, livestock & fisheries, community development, education, industry & trade, East Africa Community), UN agencies, bilateral agencies, CSOs, university, private sector, & Tanzania Food Nutrition Centre (TFNC)
 - Prepared terms of reference and work plan

Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Initiative...

- Steering Committee supported by Multi-sector Nutrition Technical Working Group (MNTWG) comprising
 - Public, private, development partners, NGOs
 - Chaired by TFNC, co-chair Agric & Food Security
 - Meets once @ month, also ad hoc when necessary
 - Reports to the Health SWAp
- Development partners group-nutrition (DPG-Nutrition)

Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Initiative...

- Partnership for Nutrition in Tanzania (PANITA)
 - launched on August 4, 2011
 - Comprised of local and international NGOs working in Tanzania
 - will broaden the nutrition stakeholder base

Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Initiative

- SUN Tanzania launch
 - Hosted by Prime Minister on June 12, 2011
 - Attended by Secretary Hillary Clinton (Secretary of State USA), Eamon Gilmore (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Ireland), Government Ministers, Permanent Secretaries, Representatives of UN organizations, USAID, TFNC, local and foreign media and others dignitaries

Work in progress

- Finalize implementation Plan for the National Nutrition Strategy
- Effective in FY 2012/2013 establish a designated line in the national budget for nutrition
- Stronger integration of nutrition into agriculture activities as outlined in the Tanzania Agriculture and Food Security Investment Plan

Work in progress...

- Rapid recruitment to fill nutrition positions at regional, district and sub-district level
- Enforcement of the national standards for oil, wheat and maize flour fortification

Work in progress...

- Landscape analysis of existing capacities and resources available and identifying promising actions for scaling up with support from REACH (- **R**enewed **E**fforts **A**gainst **C**hild **H**unger - an interagency consortium comprised of FAO, WHO, UNICEF and WFP)
- Mapping exercise to assess current human resource capacity for nutrition at local government level
- Feed the Future (USAID project) that will be implemented in 3 regions for 5 yrs

Challenges

- How to involve other sectors
- Coordination among the various players
- Capacity to deliver at district and sub-district level

Way forward

- The Government will designate a budget line for nutrition in the national budget
- Sustain high level political engagement
- Prepare tool to monitor progress

Thank you for your attention!