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Building and Sustaining Political Commitment for Nutrition Action

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Key Success Factors

• National Nutrition Policy : Endorsed by the Cabinet in 2015
• 7th Five year Plan: Incorporated Nutrition & Food safety, elaborated each Ministry’s work
• National Nutrition Services (NNS): Facilitates the delivery of a comprehensive multi-sectoral nutrition package to the communities
• Community Clinic: Mainstreaming Nutrition Intervention through Community Based Approach
• National Steering Committee for Nutrition (chaired by Secretary for Health, with 13 Ministries)
Key Success Factors (contd..)

• Breast Milk Substitutes Code & Paid Maternity Leave for six months: Legislations are in place

• Country Investment Plan CIP 2010-15: Food ministry, food security, nutrition security. National Committee for CIP, Food Policy Working Group, 4 Thematic Teams (including 1 on nutrition) involving 13 Ministries

• Food Policy Monitoring Committee (Cabinet level committee, chaired by Minister of Food, with Finance, Agriculture, etc)

• Effective Tracking system: District Health Information System (DHIS 2), Bangladesh Demography and Health Survey (BDHS), Country Investment Plan (CIP) monitoring, Nutrition for growth tracking report, financial audit
Political circumstances and key steps taken

• Bangladesh National Nutrition Council (BNNC): Revitalization has been initiated and is envisaged to be the highest level coordinating mechanism for multi-sectoral nutrition chaired by the Prime Minister.

• National Plan of Action on Nutrition: Revision is going on. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is leading this process with active participation from all relevant Ministries and development partners

• National Food Policy Plan of Action (NFP-PoA; 2008-2015) and Country Implementation Plan (CIP; 2010-2015): Revision of the are ongoing

• Comprehensive Social and Behavior Change Communication Strategy: awaiting for endorsement

• A draft multi-sectoral nutrition Common Results Framework (CRF) development is ongoing & to be incorporated in NPAN
Interlinks of Development Plans

- National Five Year Plan
- Annual Development Program (ADP)
- Sectoral Plan (Health, WASH, etc.)

- Five year plan form by GoB every five years
- Annual budget allocation to ADP based on this
- Budget allocations to nutrition specific and sensitive interventions fall under ADP
- Develop sectoral plans based on the ADP budget
- Develop new five year plans using data on expenditure for sectoral plans
- The cycle continues

Country Investment Plan (CIP)- monitoring done annually to track the investment and achievements of agriculture, food security & nutrition related sectors
Steps Followed in Plan formulation

1. National Nutrition Policy 2015
   - Act as Guiding Principle and set Strategic Objectives

2. Relevant International Policies (SDG, ICN 2, WHA)

3. Seventh Five Year Plan
   - 8th Five Year Plan

4. Outline Perspective Plan

5. Health Policy, HPNSDP
   - Food Policy
   - Agriculture Policy
   - Social Protection Strategy

6. Nutrition Specific
   - Nutrition Sensitive

7. Align with National Plans

8. Align with Sectoral plans/ Strategies

9. Analyze Existing Sectoral Interventions

10. Gap Analysis
    - Formulate newer intervention (If required)
    - Prioritize the interventions
Prime Minister’s Commitment

“Malnutrition is the largest single contributor to physical and mental under-development and disease. Personally I am committed to taking up these challenges at all levels.”

Her Excellency Sheikh Hasina,
Prime Minister of Bangladesh
Relevant Ministries

- MOHFW
- MOLGRDC
- M of Planning
- M of Education
- M of Food
- M of Agriculture
- M of Fisheries and Livestock
- M of Industries

- M of Information
- M of Commerce
- Ministry of Disaster
- M of Women and Child Affairs
- Ministry of Social Welfare Affairs
Multi sectoral and stakeholder Platform

- Development Partners
- Civil Societies
- Private Sector
- Non Government Organizations
- Academics and research organizations
- Religious leaders
- Professional Bodies
- Community Leaders
- Youth
- Media - Both Print and Electronic Media,
Challenges

• Lack of human resources in nutrition (within MoHFW and across relevant sectors) and Utilization of other relevant workers (eg. Agriculture extension workers)

• Catering nutrition Specific and sensitive services in Urban areas (specifically urban slums)
Create enabling policy environment for supporting multi-sectoral leadership and stakeholder collaboration; which will assist to identify and support national opinion leaders from all walks of life to address and champion solutions to existing and emerging nutrition challenges.
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Thank you