

Issues to Consider in Selecting Your **Food** Aid Basket

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Principles in Food Aid...

- ***US Food Aid Commodities:***
 - Ensure that food meets the highest quality standards from the time it is grown and harvested until it is consumed
- ***Diversity and Availability:***
 - US offers a wide variety of commodities for food aid
- ***Complement Local Food Basket:***
 - Food aid is a step and a means to transition to local foods and food self-reliance



Types of Commodities

- Bulk Commodities
 - Wheat
 - Corn
 - Sorghum
 - Vegetable Oil
- Blended and Fortified Commodities
 - Corn Soy Blend
 - Wheat Soy Blend
 - Soy Fortified Sorghum



Commodities for Specific Programs

- Maternal and Child Health/School Feeding Programs
 - Nutrition quality of the ration
- Food for Work
 - \$ value of the ration
- Monetization Programs
 - \$ value of the commodity



Example of a Complete Ration

- Energy
 - Rice, Dehy Potatoes, Wheat, Bulgur, Sorghum
- Protein
 - Canned Salmon, Beans, Peas, Lentils
- Fat/Lipids
 - Vegetable Oil, Peanuts, Seeds
- Micronutrients
 - Local Fruits and Vegetables



Selecting Food Aid Commodities

- ***Consumer-centered approach:***
Food aid beneficiaries are food consumers, just like us

Address food preferences and dietary habits of consumers

Work with consumers and PVO staff and commodity groups to maximize nutrition and acceptability of all foods in the consumer food basket



Consumer-centered approach: Focus group of food aid beneficiaries



Commodity Selection: The Whole Food Basket



- Start with what is local and Incorporate food aid commodities and local foods.
- expand the variety of commodities in the food aid basket

Commodity Selection: Kitchens, Equipment & Storage



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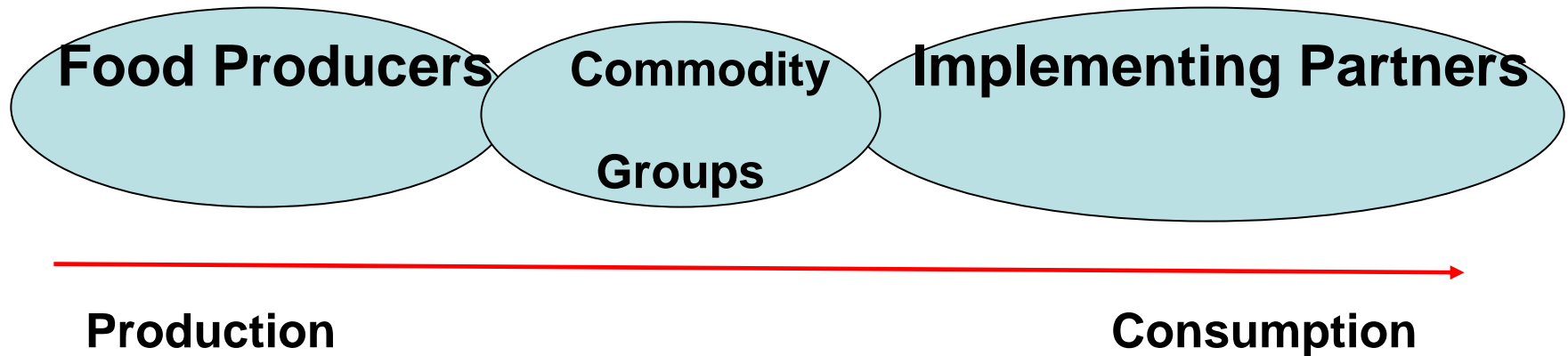
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Partnership Strategy



- Commodity groups provide up to date information, specifications, training and technical assistance
 - ✓ Pricing
 - ✓ Storage and Handling
 - ✓ Availability



Secrets to Success:

- Commodities to meet the needs of the beneficiaries
- Provide opportunities to transition to local foods
- Transfer to local program ownership



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