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INVESTING IN PEOPLE:

Empowering New Generations to Improve Nutrition and Economic opportunities ENGINE



Challenges

Malnutrition remains one of the main public health problems in Ethiopia contributing to 53% of infant and child mortality. Although significant improvements have been made over the past ten years, according to the 2010 Ethiopian Demographic Health Survey, 44% of children are stunted, 10% of children are wasted and 29% of children are underweight. The 2010 National Nutrition Survey (NNS) found that 29% of women of reproductive age were malnourished. The survey showed that overall

maternal, infant and young child feeding practices, and maternal and child health remain weak.

Strategy

In 2008 the Government of Ethiopia (GoE) developed the National Nutrition Strategy, and since 2008, has been implementing the National Nutrition Program (NNP) to respond to the high rates of malnutrition. Partners, including USAID, have supported the implementation of the NNP through various programs with success. Recently, the GoE has announced several initiatives to combat malnutrition and work toward reaching the millennium development goals, including the Accelerated Stunting Reduction Strategy, the Food Fortification Initiative, and new linkages between the NNP and the Productive Safety Net Program (PSNP).

Program

ENGINE is a five year integrated nutrition program, which builds upon the GoE's initiatives and renewed commitment to nutrition as well as the U.S. Government's Global Health and Feed the Future Initiatives. ENGINE supports the implementation of the National Nutrition Program and will work to strengthen multi-sectoral coordination; build capacity at the policy and implementation levels and for pre-service education and training; support large-scale behavior change

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

TIME FRAME: 2011-2016

LOCATION: 100 *woredas* (zones) in the Amhara, Oromia, SNNP, and Tigray regions

TARGETED BENEFICIARIES:

- 3.1 million under five children
- half a million pregnant and lactating women
- 3.2 million women of reproductive age
- 2.7 million households

FUNDING: \$50.8 million USD

communication for nutrition; link nutrition, livelihoods and food security interventions; and integrate health and nutrition with private-public partnerships. ENGINE's innovative interventions, including a robust learning agenda, will support and guide effective nutrition policy and practices to reduce undernutrition. Furthermore, the program will contribute to the Agriculture Growth Program as articulated in Ethiopia's Comprehensive African Agriculture Development Plan (CAADP) by strengthening nutrition components.

"This is no ordinary nutrition program. We believe that nutrition is as much about food security as it is good health. Food security is not only about the quantity of food but also the quality of the diet and utilization of the food. We are joining efforts of our Feed the Future and Global Health Initiatives to achieve real food security that impacts the health and prosperity of Ethiopians."

U.S. Ambassador to Ethiopia Donald E. Booth

In addition to the Feed the Future Initiative, funding from the Global Health Initiative includes support from the President's Emergency Program for HIV/AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). ENGINE will operate in 100 *woredas* (zones) also targeted by the Agricultural Growth Program and supported by Feed the Future in the Amhara, Oromia, SNNP and Tigray regions, as well as at the national level.

ENGINE's Goal and Expected Results

Engine's goal is to improve the nutritional status of women, infants and young children through sustainable, comprehensive, coordinated, and evidence-based interventions, enabling them to lead healthier and more productive lives.

The expected results for the program include:

- Capacity for and institutionalization of nutrition programs and policies strengthened
- Quality and delivery of nutrition and health care services improved
- Prevention of undernutrition through community-based nutrition care practices improved
- Rigorous and innovative learning agenda adopted

Government of Ethiopia Partners

- Ministry of Health and Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development at the federal, regional, and woreda levels
- Ethiopian Health and Nutrition Institute (EHNRI)
- Health Extension Workers and Agricultural Extension Workers
- Hawassa University and Jimma University

USAID IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS FOR ENGINE

- Save the Children will lead implementation with cooperation from Tufts University, Jhpiego, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Center for Communication Programs, Land O'Lakes, and Valid International