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Nutrition: Fundamental to delivering on the GFF's mission

## Global burden and consequences of child malnutrition



Undernutrition is the underlying cause of 45% of deaths among children under 5

Threat to human capital development

Stunting: largely irreversible physical and cognitive deficits

### How the GFF improves nutrition outcomes

IMPROVED NUTRITION OUTCOMES

Nutrition specific interventions (both supplyand demand-side)

Indirect

Integrated delivery (e.g., essential packages, using existing contact points, results-based financing, aligning incentives across sectors) Through multi-sectoral (nutrition sensitive) approaches (e.g., school nutrition and health curricula, cash transfers for nutrition counseling sessions) + private sector

Health systems strengthening (e.g., human resources for health, supply chain)

Health financing reforms (e.g., domestic resource mobilization, risk pooling)

# How is the GFF different from other nutrition financing platforms?

- 1. Integration of nutrition into strengthened health systems
- 2. Maximizing impact by reaching the most vulnerable
- 3. Focus on scale and sustainability through country-driven approaches
- 4. Increased resources for nutrition:
  - a) Domestic resource mobilization
  - b) Leveraging of IDA and IBRD financing
  - c) Aligned financing and fit within the global nutrition architecture
  - d) Engagement with the private sector
- 5. Strengthened data systems for strategic data collection and use



### **GFF** Partnerships to drive the RMNCAH-N agenda





- All current GFF countries are also SUN countries
- Engagement with SUN country platforms as convening and advocacy partners
- Important linkages through the SUN CSO and Business Networks in-country
- Innovative mechanism to increase the financing envelope for nutrition
- Partnership can be used to catalyze new funding sources from private sector and non-traditional donors
- ... and many others
- Early Childhood Development Action Network (ECDAN)
- Initiative for Food and Nutrition Security in Africa (IFNA)
- CSO Networks

#### **Nutrition priorities for second-wave GFF countries**

- Scaling up cost effective nutrition-specific interventions
- Maternal and adolescent nutrition
- Integrated and multi-sectoral approach
- "Double duty" actions for nutrition



#### Conclusions



- Improving nutrition outcomes for women, children and adolescents is a key necessity to achieve the health and economic objectives of the GFF and beyond
- Country demand to receive technical assistance and financing in this area is strong
- GFF offers an operational platform for nutrition financing with a view to long term sustainability
- Close partnerships with technical, advocacy and other financial partners is critical

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