

NUTRITION FINANCING WEEK

Nutrition for Growth (N4G) Side Event Series

Making the N4G Financing Goals a Reality: Translating Commitment to Action

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Recapping Nutrition Financing Week



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Webinar 1: Leading by Example: A Conversation on How to Achieve N4G Financing Goals

Headline: the importance of continuing the momentum with N4G and commit to concrete actions to strengthen financing and accountability to drive results

Key Takeaways:

- Three important themes expanded on across the week: (1) Prioritization of Nutrition Investments; (2) Optimizing Financing and Fiscal Levers for Nutrition; and (3) Accountability and Data Driven Financing
- The importance of having commitment from the highest level to secure adequate domestic financing
- Integrating nutrition priorities in country planning and budgeting process and implement the necessary enabling policies and reforms to accelerate progress in nutrition improvement.

Webinar 2: Optimizing Health Financing Levers for Nutrition: Commitment to Action

Headline: UHC-oriented health financing reforms can be used to optimize health financing levers of revenue raising, pooling and purchasing to strategically achieve effective coverage and quality of nutrition services as well as other preventive and promotive services.

Key Takeaways:

- Key strategic drivers for optimizing health financing levers for high nutrition service coverage and quality are: evidence-based prioritization, a costed, well-defined nutrition benefits package, better integration of nutrition within health sector, particularly PHC, strategic investment in health system enablers for nutrition outcomes and accountability measures to allocate resources efficiently, effectively and equitably
- Setting up an integrated, interoperable information system that allows tracking and seamless exchange of financing and programmatic data along while promoting a culture of using evidence for planning and to making decisions on budgetary allocation can go a long way in optimizing resources for improved nutrition outcomes.

Webinar 3: The Fizzy Potential of Fiscal Policies for Nutrition: How Taxes and Other Tools Can Encourage Healthy Diets

Headline: Curbing consumption is not just about a single intervention: *how* fiscal policies for nutrition are introduced (i.e., tiered designs), framed and are communicated to the public, and how they interact with non-fiscal interventions to curb consumption matter!

Key Takeaways:

- Important to understand policies which increase prices of unhealthy option and those which lower out of pocket prices of healthy options work together to have synergistic impacts on consumption behaviour.
- Approaches to simplify the structure of taxes across SSBs and foods high in sugar, fat and salt are needed, and there are several options to achieve this. Important to make sure these taxes are salient so they are understood by consumers, and are combined with essential complementary measures like cost promotion bans.

Webinar 4: Allocative Efficiency Analysis for More Nutrition for the Money: Country Experiences with Optima Nutrition

Headline: A successful implementation of the tool to maximize the benefit of nutrition investments and incorporation of the recommendations into policies and programs requires the engagement of a champion at the country or subnational level throughout the process

Key Takeaways:

- It is important to ensure high quality input data for results to be believable, accountable, and relevant for decision-making.
- Mainstreaming nutrition into broader UHC will have important implication for continuity in incorporating recommendations into nutrition policy and programming.

Webinar 5a: Nutrition-Responsive Public Financial Management: Strengthening Financing and Accountability for Results

Headline: the importance of integrating nutrition priorities in country planning and budgeting process and implement enabling policies and reforms to ensure sustainable financing and strengthen accountability for results

Key Takeaways:

- Important to understand how much resources going to nutrition and ensure data quality
- Country experiences in using tools and process to improve program performance, allocation, and utilization of resources
- The importance of enabling policy reforms to support the implementation, including key engagement from Ministry of Finance
- Need to focus on the use of the results from NPER and budget tagging system to inform policies and improve resource allocation

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Call to Action: Post-N4G actionable recommendations on nutrition financing



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Establishing a Multisectoral Financial Tracking System for Nutrition (MFTS4N) in Bangladesh

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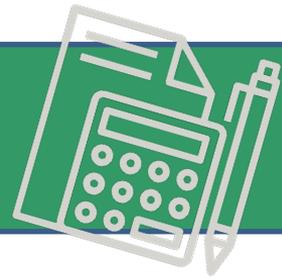
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“Today, we pledge to address the double burden of malnutrition through 12 commitments.”

– Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, N4G opening session speech 8 December 2021

1. **Strengthen multi-sectoral tracking of financial allocation for nutrition**
2. Increase the coverage of nutrition-related social security programs
3. Strengthen and mainstream the multi-sectoral nutrition surveillance system
4. Recruit 64 District Nutrition Officers
5. Reduce dependence on cereals for Dietary Energy Intake
6. Reduce prevalence of moderate or severe food insecurity (FIES)
 1. Reduce the prevalence of undernourishment
 2. Reduce the prevalence of anemia among women of reproductive age
 3. No increase of obesity among children under five
 4. Reduce the incidence of low birth weight
 5. Reduce the prevalence of wasting among children under five
 6. Reduce the prevalence of stunting among children under five

Public Expenditure Review : Transitioning to institutionalized regular financial tracking for nutrition



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To analyze the level and composition of public expenditure on nutrition

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To assess the efficiency and equity of nutrition spending

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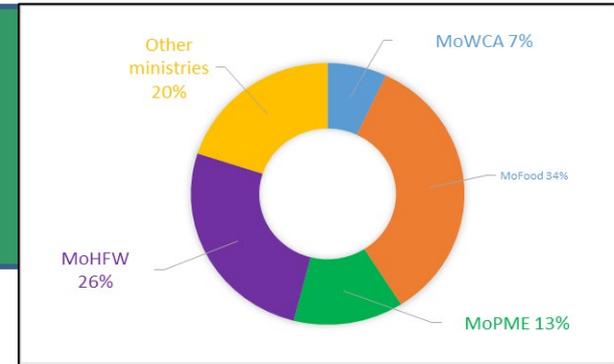
To assess the institutional mechanisms for the management of public finances for nutrition

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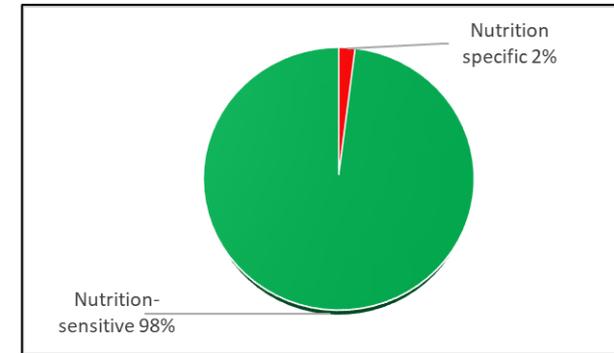
To monitor progress toward budget allocations and execution goals for nutrition

2018 PER-N to be used as a baseline to institutionalize tracking of financing investments on nutrition

- In 2016-2017 FY, US\$2.7 billion was spent on nutrition-relevant intervention (1% of GDP, 9% of Govt. expenditure)
- Four ministries were accounting for 80% of total nutrition-relevant expenditure (MoFood, MoHFW, MoPME, MoWCA)
- 2% of budget was spent on nutrition-specific interventions, while 98% of budget was spent on nutrition-sensitive interventions



Nutrition expenditure distribution across ministries, FY2014/15-2016/17



Nutrition-specific vs Nutrition-sensitive, FY2014/15-FY2016/17

Public Expenditure Review outcome



- Relevant ministries gained a stronger understanding of their contribution to nutrition interventions and outcomes
- Under NPAN2, ministries started developing costed nutrition-focused workplans from 2020 onwards
- MoHFW approved development of financial tracking mechanism for nutrition interventions

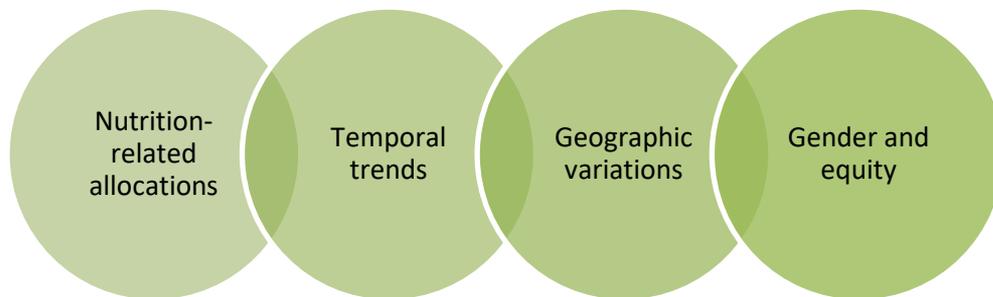
The Multisectoral Financial Tracking System for Nutrition (MFTS4N)

➤ Following a 2-step process:



➤ Using secondary data from existing sources

➤ Based on four levels of analysis:





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Closing Remarks



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What's Next?

Let's Discuss!

What topic(s) would you like to learn more about that we didn't cover this week?

Answer via the Padlet:

1. Click on the link in the chat to open the Padlet in another browser on your computer.
2. Open your phone's camera app and scan the QR code to the right. This will open the Padlet on your mobile device.



From there, follow the instructions to submit your response.

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Thank You!

