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Introduction

- The NFNC and SUN LE conducted a baseline survey aimed at generating information for decision making in SUN programmes in the country
- This presentation is therefore aimed at presenting how Ndola district incorporated the survey results in SUN programme planning and implementation.
- The Presentation also gives a general picture of the activities implemented so far as well as the achievements.

Background (I)

- Ndola is one of the 2 districts on the Copperbelt Province implementing the Scaling Up Nutrition Technical Assistance (SUN TA) Project/1st 1000 Most Critical Days Programme (MCDP) with support from USAID
- SUN TA employs a multi-sectoral approach that includes agriculture & livelihoods, health & nutrition and water, sanitation and hygiene
- The Government is responsible for the implementation of project interventions by use of structures at different levels and involving line ministries
- The project is currently being implemented in 12 wards and 13 health facilities in Ndola.



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Background 2

- Ndola district has a population of 451,246 (2018).
- 15.8% of children aged 2 and younger are stunted
- The major causes of stunting in the district include:
 - Poverty
 - Inadequate nutrient intake
 - Poor feeding and care practices
 - Lack of access to social and health services, especially among poor and rural households.
- Main economic activity: farming (crops, livestock and fish production)



Approach

- NFNC, SUN LE and SUN TA organized a meeting in Kitwe from 22nd to 24th July, 2020 to disseminate baseline findings to stakeholders implementing the 1st 1000 MCDP II in the province.
- The following Offices were represented at the meeting:
 - District Administration Office
 - District Community Development Officer,
 - Ndola City Council Planner,
 - Director of Public Health from Ndola City Council,
 - Provincial Nutritionist,
 - District Agriculture Coordinator,
 - District Health Office
 - NFNC Provincial Nutrition Support Coordinator,
 - UNTA District Manager,
 - SUN TA Provincial M&E Officer
- The district dissemination was followed by another meeting where the mentioned stakeholders met to develop detailed 2021 work plans



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Results/Outcomes-Agriculture

- The baseline results revealed that Ndola recorded one of the lowest percentages of HHs producing safe and nutritious foods (Crops and Livestock) for consumption at 38%
- As a result, the district prioritized trainings such in small animal husbandry management including improved chicken varieties, fodder, and vaccination services
- In the 2021 workplan, 90 Follower Farmers will receive capacity building in village chicken value chains.
- The district is also providing training to farmers in high nutritious vegetable production while providing them with start-up materials such as vegetable seeds, organic fertilizers, seedling trays and vegetable reference materials.

A Lead Farmer handing over
Vitamin A Orange Maize seen
to one of the SUN Most
Vulnerable Household at
Katondo Health Post in
Munkulungwe ward in Ndola



Gladys Cham, a Lead Farmer, showing how increased agricultural production techniques have improved her cabbage field.



Results/Outcomes-Livelihoods

- They survey findings also revealed that 56% of households experienced hunger
- As a district, this made us prioritize the activities on the formation of Community Savings Loan Groups (CSLGs) and farming of nutritious food in order to improve household income and household food security
- A total of 72 groups with membership of over 1000 have been trained and are already saving with current cumulative value of Saving at K321,83.

A Community Facilitator training a CSLG in CSLG methodology in Pamodzi Ward



A CSLG member counting her dues while others observing at Share-out meeting



Results/Outcomes-Health & Nutrition

- The District also facilitated the formation of over 800 SUN Mother Support Groups
- The SMSGs are reaching approximately 12,000 pregnant and mothers of children aged 0 – 24 months from SUN HHs with
 - health and nutrition talks
 - cooking demonstrations
 - learning about essential hygiene behaviors and
 - participation in savings groups



Results/Outcomes-WASH

- Though the baseline results on WASH were relatively better than other districts, the need for sustained WASH interventions is still there
- The District Nutrition Coordinating Committee (DNCC) through the D-WASHE is increasing access to basic WASH services



Way Forward

- Dissemination of Survey results to sub-district structures
- Implementation of 2021 activities aimed at addressing the problems revealed in the survey.
- In the 2021 workplan, 90 Follower Farmers will receive capacity building in village chicken value chains
- There has been so much demand for CSLGs in communities. The 2021 work plan focuses on training more community facilitators to meet the demand
- The district will continue to implement WASH activities to ensure sustenance of the recorded gains

Lessons Learned

- While most population-based survey results are disseminated at national level only, the initiative by NFNC/SUN LE to conduct district level disseminations:
 - Ensured the appreciation of the source, scope and scale of issues surrounding stunting and nutrition in general
 - Ensured that the district identified with the results and this facilitated results-uptake and the need to address the issues
- The baseline survey results provided a basis for the 2021 district planning and target-setting for nutrition interventions.
- The baseline data will further help in assessing the district performance and will ultimately help in tracking progress throughout implementation and to measure overall impact at project end.



Additional Resources

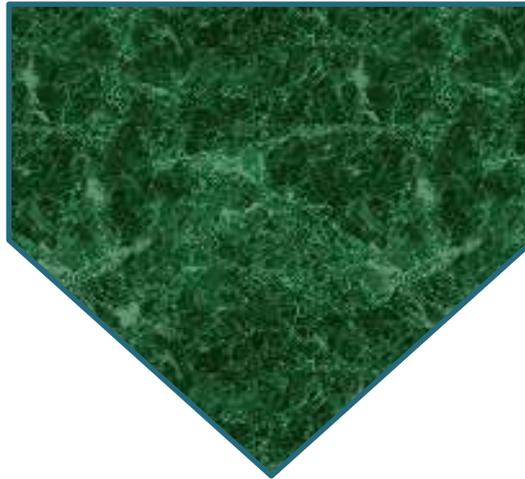
One of the many success stories out of the district interventions can be accessed at

<https://www.usaid.gov/zambia/news/lead-farmer-gladys-chama-chooses-challenge-malnutrition-her-community>

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