Update on progress on the National Food and Nutrition Strategic Plan 2011 - 2015

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Presentation Outline

• Introduction

• NFNSP Strategic Direction

• Progress on each Strategic Direction in the NFNSP
Introduction

• NFNSP was developed through a consultative & participatory process

• Covers 11 key strategic directions to operationalize the NFN Policy adopted in 2006

• Has 8 operational and 3 supportive SD.

• NFNSP is aligned with national goals and the Zambia’s Vision 2030 aspirations.
NFNSP 2011 - 15: Operational Strategic Directions

1. Prevention of stunting in children less than two years of age: First 1000 Most Critical Days
2. Increasing micronutrient & macronutrient availability, accessibility and utilization.
3. Early identification, treatment and follow-up of acute malnutrition.
4. Improving nutrition education & nutritious feeding through schools.
5. Increasing linkages among hygiene, sanitation, infection control and nutrition
6. Food and Nutrition and Mitigation of HIV and AIDS.
7. Food and nutrition actions to prevent & control non-communicable diseases
8. Improving preparedness & response to needs for food & nutrition during environment.
NFNSP 2011-15: Supportive Strategic Directions

9. Strengthening governance, capacity building and partnerships in support of F&N interventions

10. M&E food and nutrition situation, interventions and research to support their improvement and expansion

11. Expanding and developing C&A support for food and nutrition interventions at various levels
1. Prevention of stunting in children less than two years of age: $1^{st}$ 1000 MCD

1. The SD developed into a $1^{st}$ 1000MCDP focusing on the (window of opportunity from pregnancy to 24 months of age).

2. Scaled up an integrated package of high-impact cost-effective interventions and proven nutrition actions focusing on the $1^{st}$ 1,000 MCD

3. The interventions have been identified in the Lancet series on Maternal and Child Under-nutrition, 2008.

4. Currently 14 districts are implementing the programme in the country
SUN fund
DFID, Irish aid & SIDA

SUN 1000 days
Phase 1: 14 districts
2.0 Increasing micronutrient & macronutrient availability, accessibility & utilization.

- Health sector supplements continue to be provided
  - VAS in children(<5 years) and
  - iron and folate in women
  - Deworming of children and pregnant women
- Promotion of small livestock & aquaculture production
- Promotion of bio fortified crops such as iron rich foods, yellow flesched sweet potato and orange maize
- Iodated salt monitoring.
3.0 Early identification, treatment and follow-up of acute malnutrition.

- Draft guidelines being finalized.

- In and Out Patient training Packages being revised

- Sites have been expanded within the SUN 14 districts and EU supported MDGi project.
4.0 Improving nutrition education and nutritious feeding through schools.

- Draft Policy under development
- Home Grown School Feeding being expanded
5. Increasing linkages between nutrition & infection control through hygiene, sanitation & safe water

1. Integrating Nutrition messages into hygiene, sanitation and safe water
1. Developed protocols for Nutrition Assessment Counselling and Support (NACS) for PLHIV
2. Reviewed manuals on nutrition care & support for PLHIV
3. Reviewed nutrition guidelines for care & Support for PLHIV
4. Trained districts in NACS
7. Food and nutrition actions to prevent and control non-communicable diseases.

8. **Food and nutrition preparedness and response to emergencies.**

1. Established a Nutrition in Emergency Task Force
2. Developed a Nutrition in Emergency Contingency Plan
3. Trained stakeholders in anthropometric measurements
4. Conducted Nutrition Assessments in drought affected districts
9. Strengthening governance, capacity building and partnerships in support of F&N interventions at all levels

1. NFNC Act 1967 was reviewed and Draft Bill has been done
2. Established a steering committee of the PSs on nutrition
3. GRZ and stakeholders recruited nutritionist and other staff in the nutrition sector
4. Established multi-sector coordination framework i.e., NFN Multi-stakeholder Platform, Multi stakeholder forums have been formed
5. Stakeholders procured vehicles and equipment for the sector
10. M&E food and nutrition situation, interventions and research to support their improvement and expansion

1. Draft NFNSP integrated multi sector M&E Plan
2. M&E Plan for the 1st 1000 MCDP
3. Trained Districts implementing the 1st 1000MCDP in 14 districts in the M&E Plan
4. Conducted a number of studies/research such as;
   1. food consumption surveys
   2. IDD survey in pregnant women
   3. Seven studies funded by the SUN FUND
11. Expanding and developing C&A support for food and nutrition interventions at various level

1. Developed a communication and Advocacy Strategy with a focus on;
   1. General public
   2. Programme Officers
   3. Policy makers

2. Developed a number of IEC/BCC materials for the districts (counseling materials, recipe books)

3. Conducted Advocacy activities at various levels

4. Developed nutrition sensitive materials especially in the area of social protection
Limitations

• Generally funding to the nutrition sector has been a challenge.
  – To implement all the strategic directions in full
  – The overall review of the plan could not be done
  – The plan was not costed
Thank you