USAID Advancing Nutrition

Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning Expertise and Services

USAID Advancing Nutrition offers a range of monitoring, evaluation, and learning expertise and tools in support of USAID efforts to collect, use, and adapt data for multi-sectoral nutrition programs. The project also supports the planning, design, and implementation of research and evaluations, promotes collaborative learning, and incorporates the use of evidence into the design and implementation of nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive programs and interventions.

Program Design and Implementation

Designing multi-sectoral nutrition programs requires strategic planning, continual coordination, and responsive processes. USAID Advancing Nutrition can help ensure multi-sectoral nutrition programming is context-specific and aligns with best practices and USAID policy.

The project can—

- conduct evidence reviews to identify proven nutrition interventions and inform program design
- conduct cost effectiveness analyses
- facilitate workshops to improve data use and visualization techniques
- design and conduct needs assessments
- use evaluation and research findings to design practical interventions and program strategies
- design and conduct impact evaluations
- design monitoring and evaluation systems for multi-sectoral nutrition programs, including—
  — indicator selection and/or use
  — data quality assurance processes and tools
  — survey/data collection tool design
  — frameworks and performance monitoring plans (PMP)
  — undertaking and implementing monitoring

Collecting information about maternal, infant, and young child nutrition counseling in Rwanda. (Andrew Cunningham, JSI)
Research and Evaluation

USAID Advancing Nutrition supports the use of rigorous methods to identify drivers of malnutrition in varying contexts, identify effective programmatic solutions to address the causes of malnutrition, and expand the global knowledge base related to nutrition.

The project can—
- design and conduct formative research
- design and conduct systematic literature reviews
- conduct secondary data analyses
- design and implement qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methods evaluations
- convene stakeholders to align, define, prioritize, and/or discuss nutrition research and recommendations
- interpret data and translate research findings into practical implications for implementers
- conduct implementation research, including protocol development, formative research, pilot testing, and reporting

Knowledge Sharing

USAID staff, partners, researchers, evaluators, and other practitioners working in multi-sectoral nutrition need meaningful ways to connect, access, and share knowledge as well as exchange ideas and experiences. USAID Advancing Nutrition applies a wide range of learning tools and techniques.

The project can—
- facilitate knowledge sharing
- develop data visualizations and communicate data
- facilitate decision-making
- design and implement Collaborating, Learning, and Adapting plans or learning agendas
- evaluate learning and capacity strengthening efforts
- implement quality improvement approaches

For More Information

Please contact info@advancingnutrition.org to request technical assistance, resources, and opportunities to collaborate with USAID Advancing Nutrition.

Project Partners

- JSI Research & Training Institute, Inc.
- Helen Keller International
- National Cooperative Business Association CLUSA International
- Save the Children U.S.
- Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition
- Results for Development
- The Manoff Group
- The African Nutrition Leadership Programme at North-West University South Africa
- Cornell University
- University of California, Davis

A health worker meets with a mother in Bangladesh. (John Nicholson, JSI)