



# New Partnerships Initiative and USAID Advancing Nutrition

## Supporting Local Organizations to Improve Nutrition Outcomes

USAID Advancing Nutrition, the Agency's flagship multi-sectoral nutrition project, has funding available through the New Partnerships Initiative (NPI) to support organizations to implement multi-sectoral nutrition projects in USAID global health priority countries.

### What is the New Partnerships Initiative?

The goal of the New Partnerships Initiative (NPI) is to increase USAID's impact by elevating local leadership, fostering creativity and innovation, and mobilizing resources across the Agency's programs. These efforts help governments, civil society, and the private sector make progress on countries' Journey to Self-Reliance, achieve durable results, and create more effective partnerships.

Through NPI funding, USAID Advancing Nutrition will support and mentor new and underutilized partners to improve their systems for effective management of USAID funding and address critical nutrition gaps in their countries and communities.

### What is USAID Advancing Nutrition?

USAID Advancing Nutrition comprises a group of diverse experienced partners, led by JSI Research & Training Institute, Inc. (JSI). The project provides assistance to USAID Missions and partners working at local, regional, and national levels to improve nutritional status and health outcomes where the burden of malnutrition is highest.

Our work targets the individuals most at risk of malnutrition, especially young children, their caregivers, and women of reproductive age. We do so by supporting country-led nutrition programs that deliver sustainable nutrition activities in both food and health systems. The USAID Advancing Nutrition team has technical expertise across a range of sectors, including food systems, health systems, early childhood development (ECD), and nutrition in humanitarian contexts. The team is also experienced in monitoring, evaluation, and learning; social and behavior change; knowledge management; and capacity strengthening.

### NPI Funding through USAID Advancing Nutrition

USAID Advancing Nutrition will provide grants under contract, accompanied by technical assistance, to local new and underutilized partners and locally established partners in USAID global health priority countries. The recipient organizations will use the grants to address critical nutrition gaps at sub-national and community levels by promoting optimal nutrition among vulnerable populations. Given their understanding of the local context and government structures, these organizations can build on existing

relationships to engage effectively with government, policymakers, community leaders, and other key stakeholders.

USAID Advancing Nutrition seeks to partner with organizations that implement programming to improve nutrition in the first 1,000 days. This work includes strengthening maternal, infant, and young child nutrition; bolstering health systems to support nutrition services and supplies; and identifying new entry points for nutrition programming.

This funding will be provided during a time when many countries are responding to COVID-19. In the context of COVID-19, funding should not be used for direct COVID-19 response activities, but should be used to plan and implement adaptations to program delivery strategies to ensure quality nutrition services are available for women and children. Nutrition activities should continue to target pregnant and lactating women and children under five years of age with emphasis on the 1,000-day window from pregnancy to the child's second birthday.

### **Who is eligible to receive funding from USAID Advancing Nutrition through NPI?**

Organizations, who have a focus on or a desire to strengthen programming to positively impact nutrition, are encouraged to apply. Organizations must be located in a global health priority country (see: <https://www.usaid.gov/global-health/health-areas/nutrition/countries>).

Additionally, organizations must meet one of the following criteria:

1. Has never received USAID funding or received less than \$25 million USD in USAID funding over the past five years, and is a **local entity** registered in the country where the work is taking place.
2. Has never received USAID funding or received less than \$25 million USD in USAID funding over the past five years, and is a **locally established partner** in the country where the work is taking place.

See [www.usaid.gov/npi/npi-key-definitions](http://www.usaid.gov/npi/npi-key-definitions) for more information.

### **What type of grants will be awarded?**

Awards will be provided up to \$300,000 USD. Award size depends on the quality of the proposal, an assessment of organizational capacity, and global health country priorities and context.

Grants will be for one to two years and all proposals should be able to be executed within that time.

### **How is the grant and technical assistance provision structured?**

In addition to the grant, new partners will receive technical assistance from USAID Advancing Nutrition. Technical assistance will be guided by the needs of the organization and designed to support program design and implementation, as well as monitoring, evaluation, and learning. USAID Advancing Nutrition will also provide operational assistance to strengthen the organization as a whole, including operations, financial management, and grants administration.

### **Where can I find more information about the New Partnerships Initiative?**

Additional information about NPI and past recipients of NPI funding can be found by visiting [www.usaid.gov/npi](http://www.usaid.gov/npi).

## **For More Information**

Please contact us at [grants@advancingnutrition.org](mailto:grants@advancingnutrition.org) for additional information about opportunities through NPI and USAID Advancing Nutrition.