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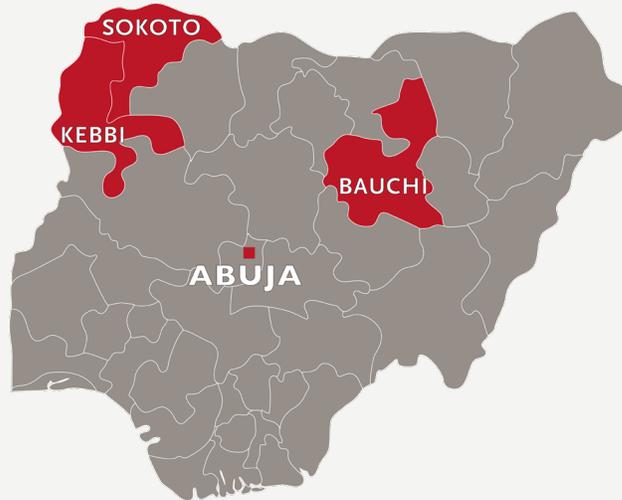
A Global Project

USAID Advancing Nutrition is the U.S. Agency for International Development’s (USAID) flagship multi-sectoral nutrition project seeking to improve the nutritional status and health of populations vulnerable to nutritional deficiencies around the globe. This five-year project began in October 2018 and draws on expertise that spans sectors and contexts. Collaborating with stakeholders, JSI Research and Training Institute, Inc. and a diverse group of partners strengthen nutrition outcomes in a variety of development and humanitarian response settings. We do so by supporting country-led scale-up of effective, integrated, and sustainable nutrition programs and food and health systems. The project strengthens USAID’s global nutrition investments by providing assistance to USAID Missions and local partners working at local, regional, and national levels to improve nutritional status and health outcomes where the burden of malnutrition is highest. We focus on the individuals most at risk of malnutrition, especially young children, their caregivers, and women of reproductive age.

Our Work in Nigeria

Purpose

USAID Advancing Nutrition’s work in Nigeria is designed to improve the health and nutritional status of Nigerians through technical support, innovative activities, and evidence generation that enhances nutrition programming. The project is the first to launch under the Mission’s Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Strategy and will enhance the efforts of USAID, the Nigerian government, and other stakeholders to improve the quality of nutrition services and approaches in Nigeria. The effort is timely as Nigeria faces the significant challenge of providing adequate food and nutrition for its growing population—meeting this challenge is critical for Nigeria’s long-term economic development. In the wake of stressors like the COVID-19 pandemic, economic stabilization and resilience efforts in combination with food security programs are key to sustaining development gains.



Project Period in Nigeria

September 2021–August 2023

Where We Work

Bauchi, Kebbi, Sokoto States, and national level

Objectives

The work focuses on three states—Kebbi, Sokoto, and Bauchi—and national-level support with Helen Keller International as the implementation lead.

Our objectives are to—

- Strengthen multi-sectoral linkages and coordination through technical assistance to the Government of Nigeria, the Mission, and implementing partners
- Support the Government of Nigeria to strengthen wasting prevention and treatment services
- Generate evidence and test innovative approaches to improve nutrition programming and inform future program design.

We support multi-sectoral programming to improve nutrition for a healthy, productive, and resilient Nigeria.



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Expected Results

- Strengthened technical assistance and strategic nutrition integration across sectors
- Strengthened innovative social and behavior change communication, and advocacy in the communities where we work, including focused nutrition activities in schools
- Nutrition programs supported to become adolescent-responsive, including activities tailored to address malnutrition in adolescents in selected sites
- Private sector and market expertise and resources leveraged to strengthen state-level food systems
- Wasting prevention and treatment approaches strengthened and scaled
- Nutrition research and evidence increased to enhance nutrition programming in Nigeria.

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The Agency's flagship multi-sectoral nutrition project

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