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# USAID Advancing Nutrition Uganda

## 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 in-country 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 Uganda

In June 2021, USAID Advancing Nutrition began implementing a two-year multi-sectoral nutrition activity with the Government of Uganda (GOU) and key stakeholders. Through this, USAID Advancing Nutrition supports the GOU to identify, design, and implement interventions to overcome challenges related to compliance with food fortification standards, enforcement, and monitoring across four food products (salt, maize and wheat flours, and edible oil). The project also supports public and private sector efforts to raise awareness of the benefits of fortified food.



A worker in a mill that practices food fortification. (Strengthening Partnerships, Results, and Innovations in Nutrition Globally)

While the project focuses on the national level, we will support the sub-national level as needed. In Uganda, the project aims to achieve the following objectives:

- **Objective 1:** Increase the capacity of the public sector to enforce food fortification standards and regulations.
- **Objective 2:** Increase the capacity of the private sector to comply with food fortification standards and regulations.
- **Objective 3:** Strengthen partnerships and stakeholder coordination in food fortification.
- **Objective 4:** Raise awareness of the benefits of fortified foods.

### PROJECT PERIOD

June 2021–June 2023

### WHERE WE WORK

National level

### KEY PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS

Ministry of Health; Office of the Prime Minister; Ministry of Trade Industry and Cooperatives; Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries; Ministry of Education and Sports; Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development; Uganda National Bureau of Standards; National Drug Authority; Uganda Bureau of Statistics; Uganda Revenue Authority; civil society; academia; private sector; implementing partners; and agencies.

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