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Stakeholder Community Meeting: COVID-19's Impacts on Nutrition

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— AGENDA

- **Introduction**
- **Problem Statement and Nutrition Shock Pathways**
- **Priorities in Humanitarian Programming**
- **Priorities in Health Response**
- **Priorities from a Food Systems Perspective**
- **Q&A / Discussion**
- **Closing**



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— PRESENTERS

- **Shawn Baker**, Chief Nutritionist, USAID
- **Matt Nims**, Deputy Director, USAID Office of Food For Peace
- **Elizabeth Bontrager**, Nutrition Team Lead, USAID Office of Food For Peace
- **Monique Wubbenhorst**, Deputy Assistant Administrator, USAID Bureau for Global Health
- **Rob Bertram**, Chief Scientist, USAID Bureau for Resilience and Food Security

— INTRODUCTION



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Prioritizing Our Response to COVID-19

- **U.S. Government Goal:**
 - Save lives
 - Reduce secondary impacts
 - Leadership and expertise for global benefit
- **Responding to secondary impacts of COVID-19 by:**
 - **Adapting** current food security and assistance programming to ongoing global challenges
 - **Protecting** development gains and **planning** for the long-term implications of COVID-19

Problem Statement



Nutrition Shock Pathways

The **COVID-19** crisis is creating multiple types of shocks that can undermine nutrition

- Livelihoods and Food Systems
- Health Systems
- Social Protection Programs
- Humanitarian Response
- Misinformation
- Political Momentum



Priority Actions



— Priorities in Humanitarian Response



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Humanitarian Response

Priority: Reducing risk of transmission while continuing to provide life-saving health & nutrition services

- Adapting service delivery
 - Infant and Young Child Feeding
 - Management of Wasting
 - Other SNF Interventions
- Coordination is critical

— Priorities in Health Response for Nutrition



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Health Systems Programming

Six Action Areas:

- Breastfeeding and Human Milk Feeding
- Complementary Feeding
- Social Behavior Change
- Management of Child Wasting
- Vitamin A and Micronutrient
Supplementation
- Maternal Nutrition



Health Systems Priority Actions During Recovery



— Priorities from a Food Systems Perspective



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Food systems will need to adapt to ensure sustainable, healthy diets for all populations

- **Sustain production and marketing of safe and nutritious foods**
- **Market measures for safe operation, especially for fresh foods**
- **Foster local/household production of quality foods in remote areas**



Food Systems Priority Actions During Recovery

- Accelerate industrial-scale fortification
- Rebuild and strengthen nutritious food value chains
- Market surveillance for access to and affordability of quality diets
- Trade-fostering policies



— Q&A AND DISCUSSION



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— CLOSING THOUGHTS



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USAID Top-Line Messages

- **The COVID-19 crisis is creating multiple shocks which will undermine nutrition**
- **To reduce loss of life, it is imperative to protect gains in nutrition**
- **Prioritization:**
 - Immediate priorities
 - Monitoring and analyses
 - Recovery priorities
- **The COVID-19 crisis underscores why nutrition is a development imperative**

— THANK YOU!



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