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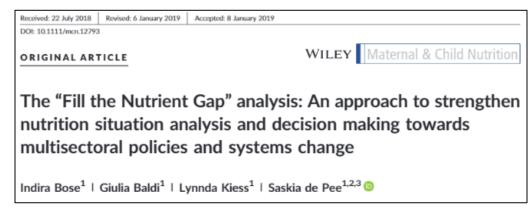
Systems-focused situation analysis for nutrition Using cost and affordability of nutritious diets data



### **Ending all forms of malnutrition... What does it take?**

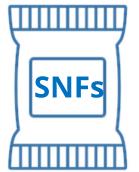
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Nutrition

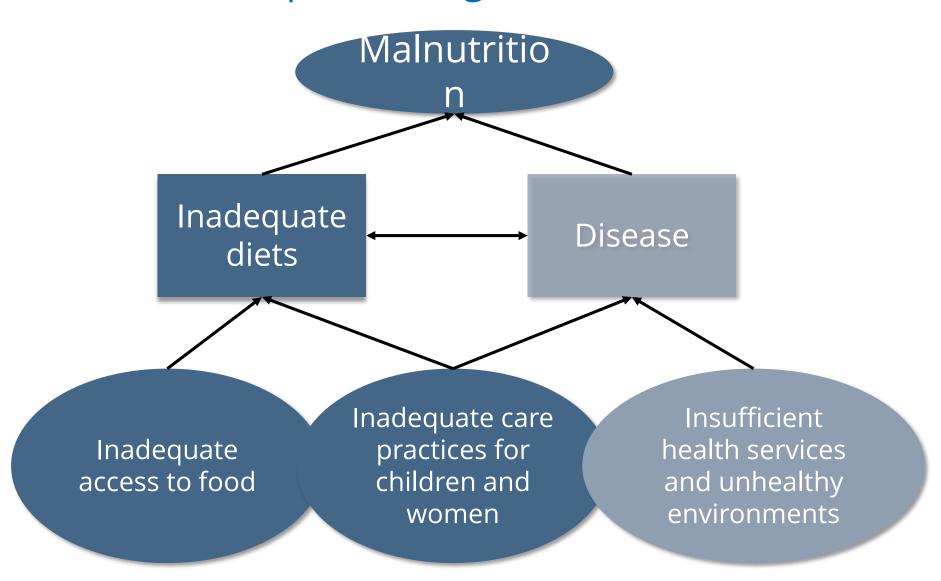
Nutrition specific

Life cycle

Multiple sectors

What is the **right 'mix'** for a **specific context**?

### Meeting nutrient requirements is a prerequisite for preventing malnutrition



### **FNG = Systems-focused situation analysis** to assist countries identify how best to support consumers improve their diets



clarify magnitude and nature of the nutrient gap (low intake of nutritious foods), by target groups and identify main drivers:

- Availability
- Physical access
- Affordability
- Choice



### Further understanding of issues affecting access to nutritious foods:

- Food system
- Health system
- Social protection system
- Others



# Identify multisectoral intervention and policy options to improve supply & demand for nutritious foods.

#### Two components of the analysis

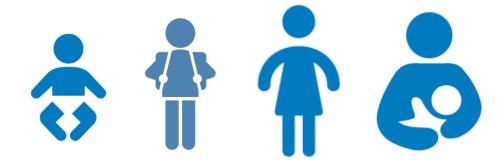
### Reviewing secondary data and sources of information

Situation and factors that impact whether nutritious foods are available, accessible and chosen for consumption

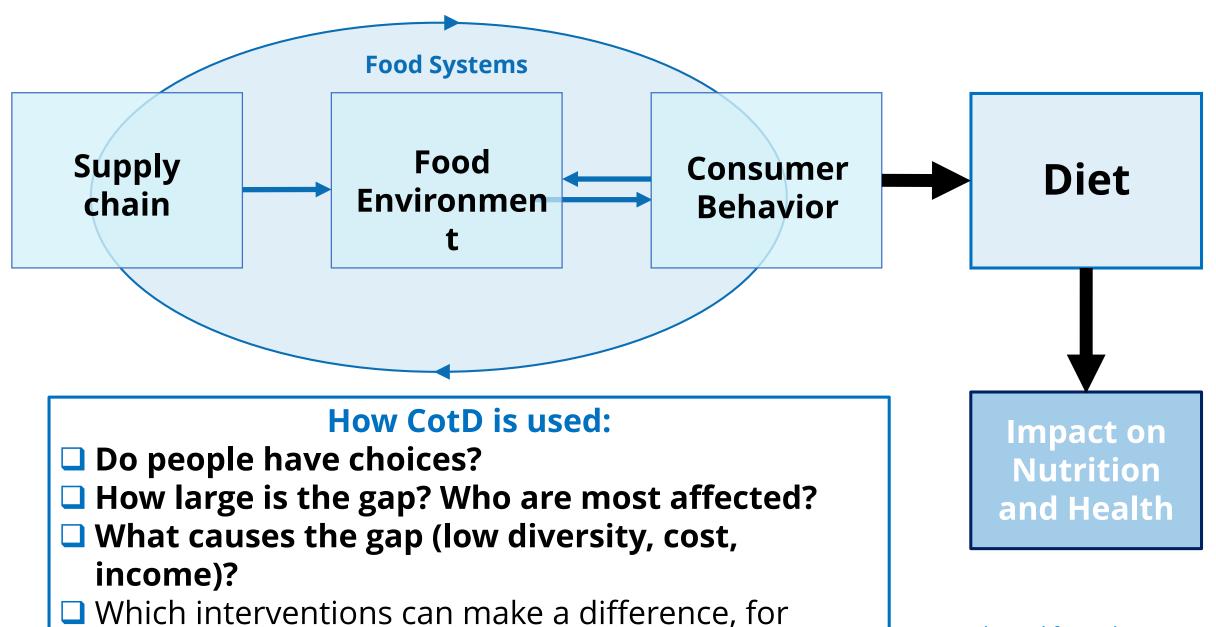
### Linear programming on the Cost of the Diet (CotD)

Are nutritious foods available, what does a nutritious diet cost, is that affordable, how can affordability be improved?

### Life-cycle approach with a focus on:



#### Food systems for diets and nutrition



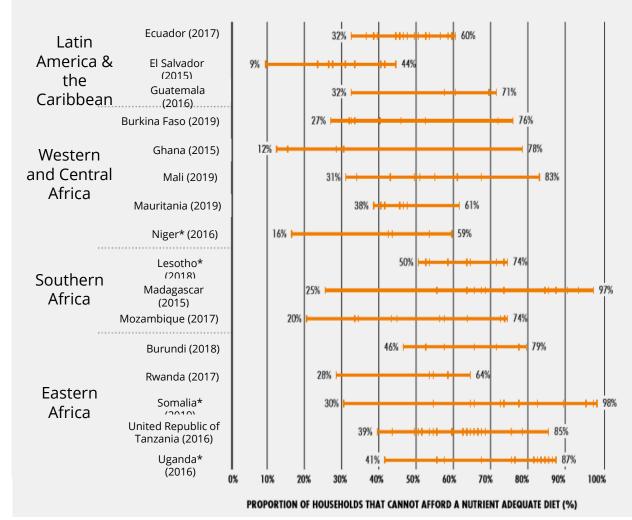
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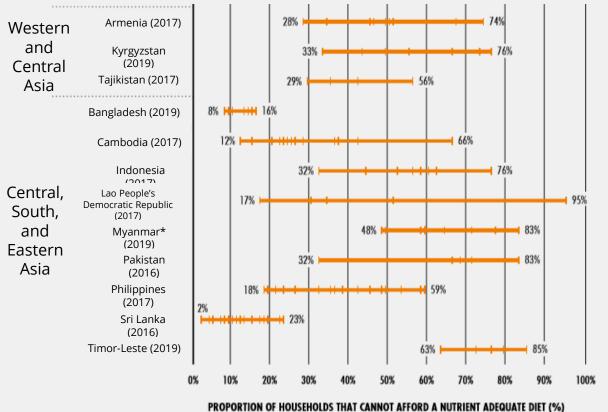
Adapted from the HLPE, 2017

### Large variation within countries of non-affordability of nutrient-adequate diet

AFFORDABILITY OF A NUTRIENT ADEQUATE DIET VARIES WIDELY WITHIN MANY COUNTRIES

DUE TO TEMPORAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL VARIATIONS IN PRICES AND DIFFERENCES IN INCOMES

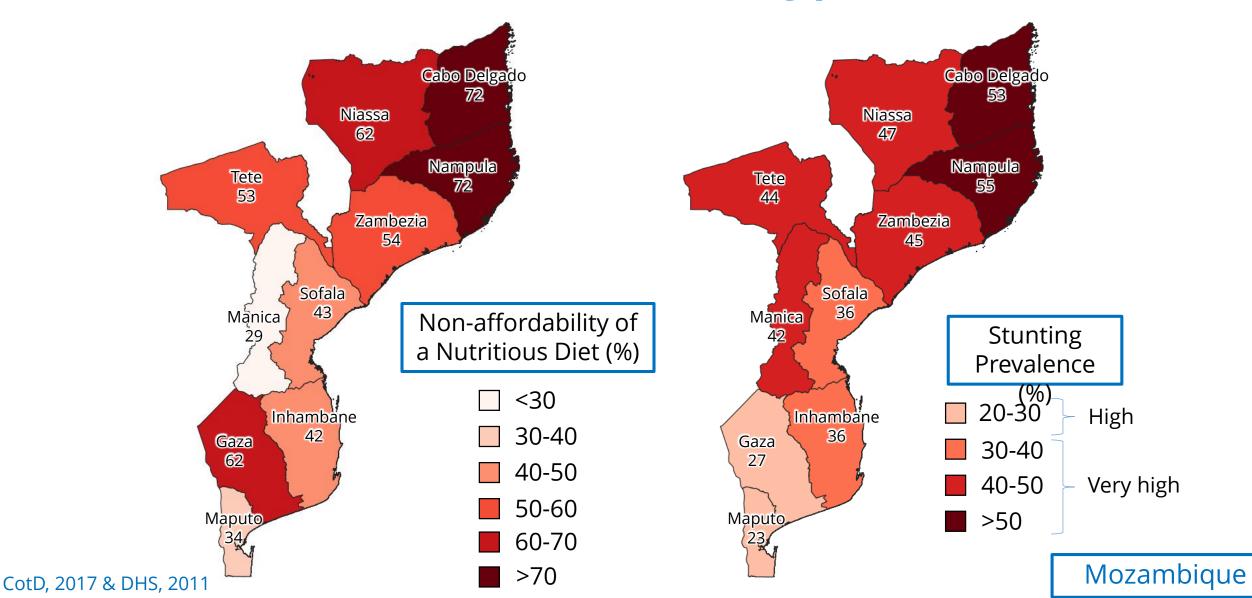




<sup>\*</sup> Denotes that there was a consumer price index (CPI) adjustment made to expenditure data to match the year for which the food price data were collected.

SOURCE: WFP (see WFP. 2019. Fill the Nutrient Gap [online]. Rome. [Cited 27 April 2020]. www.wfp.org/publications/2017-fill-nutrient-gap for published country data).

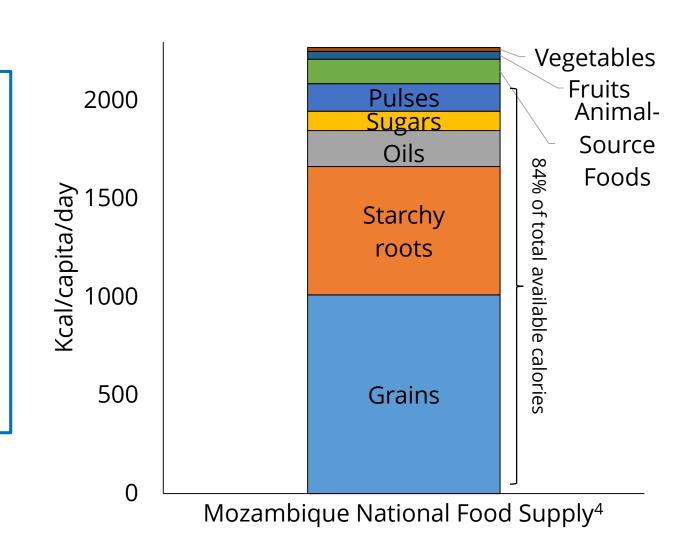
### Strong correlation (0.67) between non-affordability of a nutritious diet and stunting prevalence



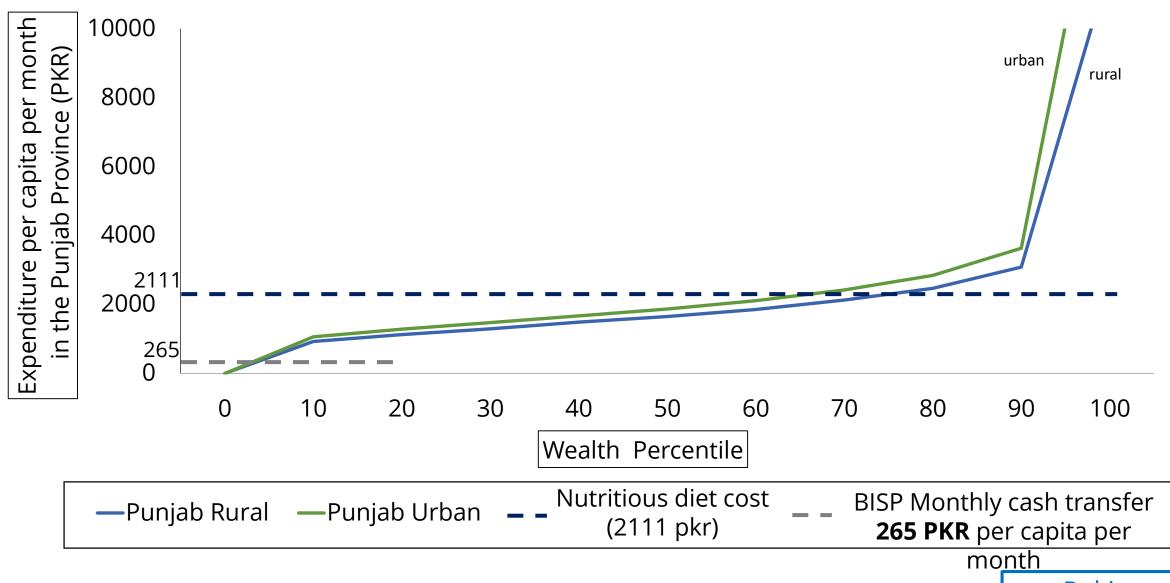
### Agriculture is based on subsistence not cash crops. Grains, roots and oils are the bulk of the food supply.

- In rural areas 90 percent of food consumed is from own production<sup>1</sup>
- The average rural household produces 4 food items<sup>2</sup>
- 85% of national crop area goes to:

Maize, Pulses, Cassava, Groundnuts, Rice and Sorghum<sup>3</sup>

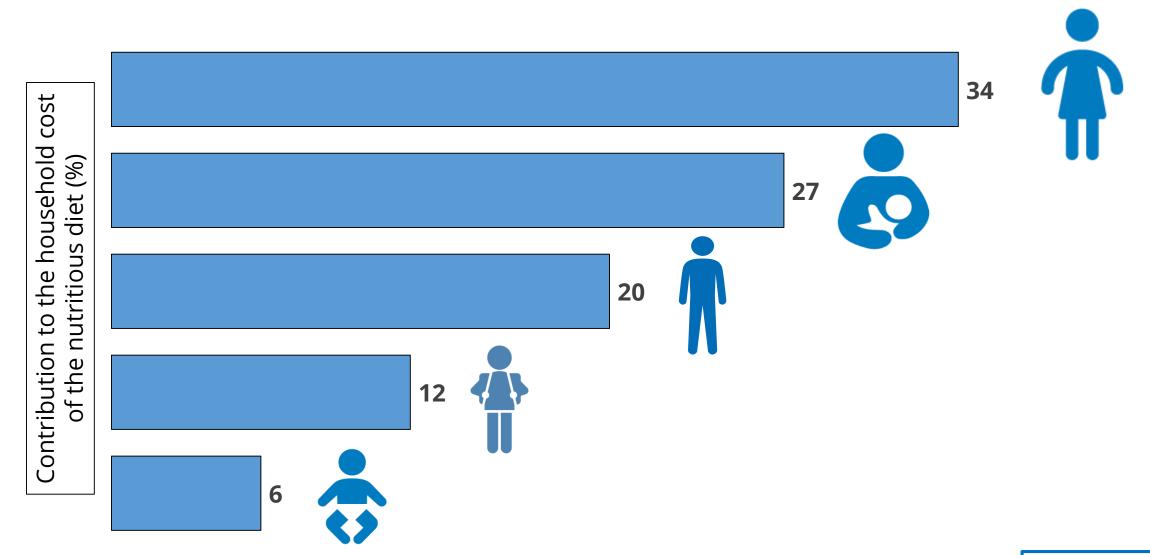


#### BISP contribution to cost of a nutritious diet is limited



Pakistan

### Adolescent girls and lactating mothers require the largest portion of household budget -> higher risk of deficiencies

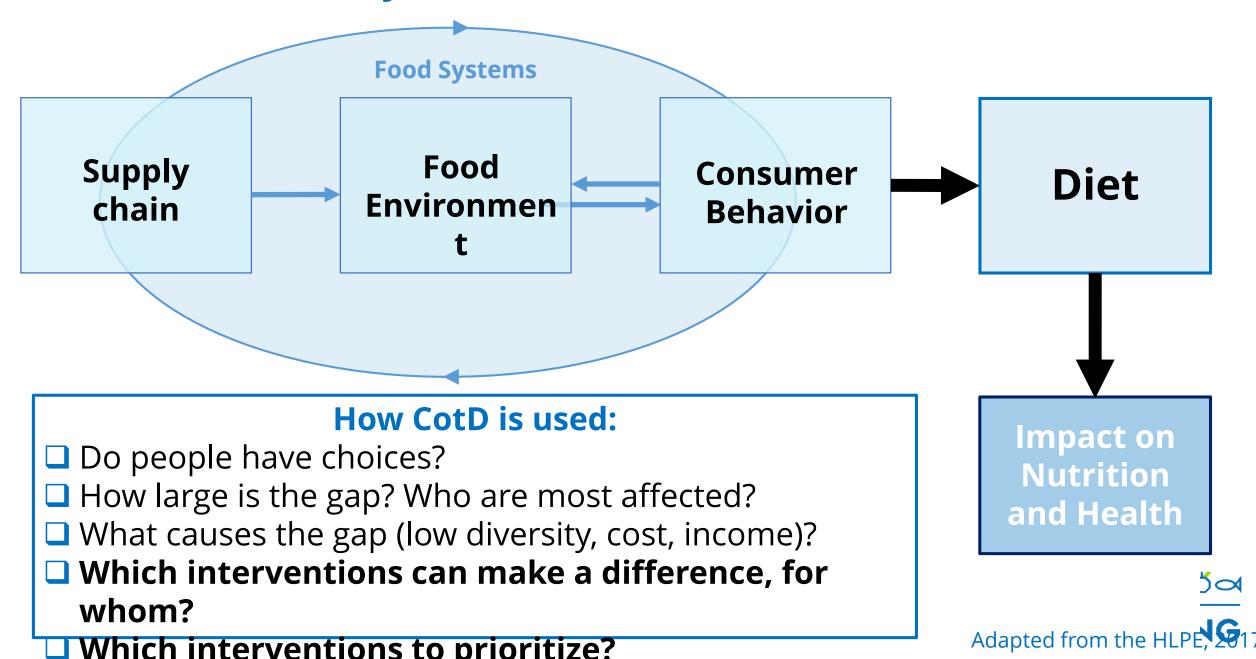


#### Characteristics of food systems in fragile settings

Kasai/Tanganyika in DRC, Maradi/Zinder in Niger, South Madagascar, Somalia, Cox's Bazaar, North Burundi, Mali

- 1. Very high non-affordability of a nutritious diet (above 90%).
- 2. The cost of a nutritious diet is found to be **4-7 times the cost of an energy-only diet.**
- Rural markets offered significantly less variety of foods, especially animalsource, with better supply of nutritious foods in urban settings.
- 4. The nutritionally vulnerable (children, women) face even greater challenges.
- 5. In some areas, it was **not possible to meet nutrient requirements** from the locally available foods (Somalia, some rural territories of Tanganyika).
- **6. Fluctuations** in staple food price.
- Countries heavily dependent on imports. Also found lack of local economic operators and private businesses due to instability, poor profits/returns on investments.
- 8....Weak/absent monitoring systems limits visibility of food prices and changes.

#### Food systems for diets and nutrition



#### Sample actions across the Food System for Nutrition

- Livelihood support
- Provide Cash
   Transfers and food subsidies
- Minimum wage guidelines
  - Reduce market inefficiencies

Increase household purchasing power Support:

- Micronutrient supplementation
- School meals
- Fortified foods for target groups
- Increase demand for nutritious foods

Improved Affordability and Access to Nutritious Foods

- Fortify staple foods
- Support nutritious food value chains
- Facilitate home fortification
- Improve transport and storage

Increase nutrient content of foods Increase availability of nutritious foods

Targeted

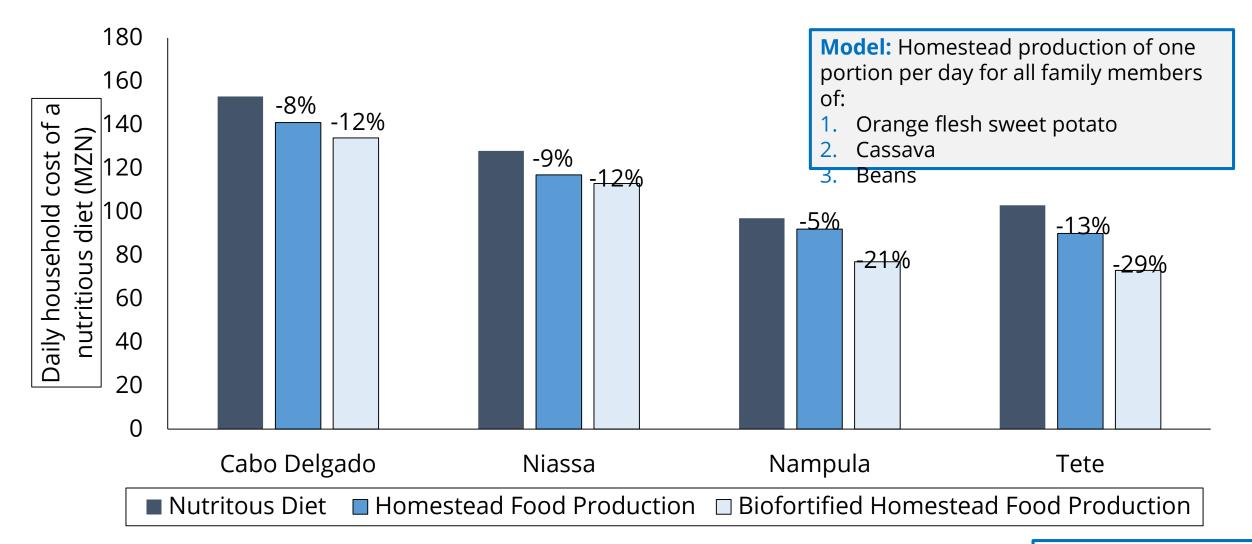
interventions

for vulnerable

individuals

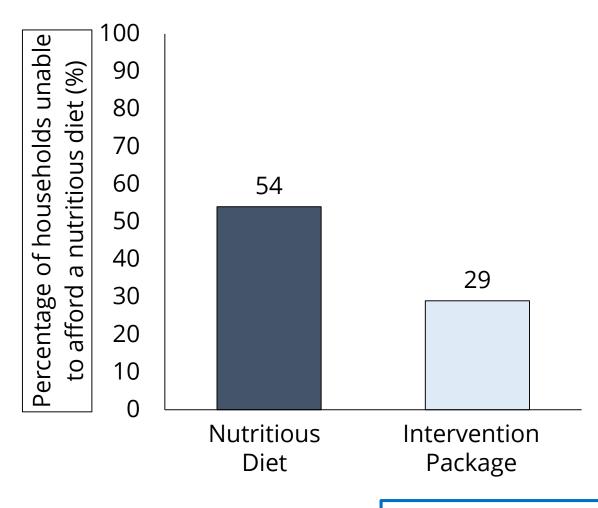
- Increase production and supply of nutritious foods
- Diversify smallholder production
- Reduce post-harvest losses

## In North Mozambique supporting homestead food production and biofortification can improve access to nutritious diets

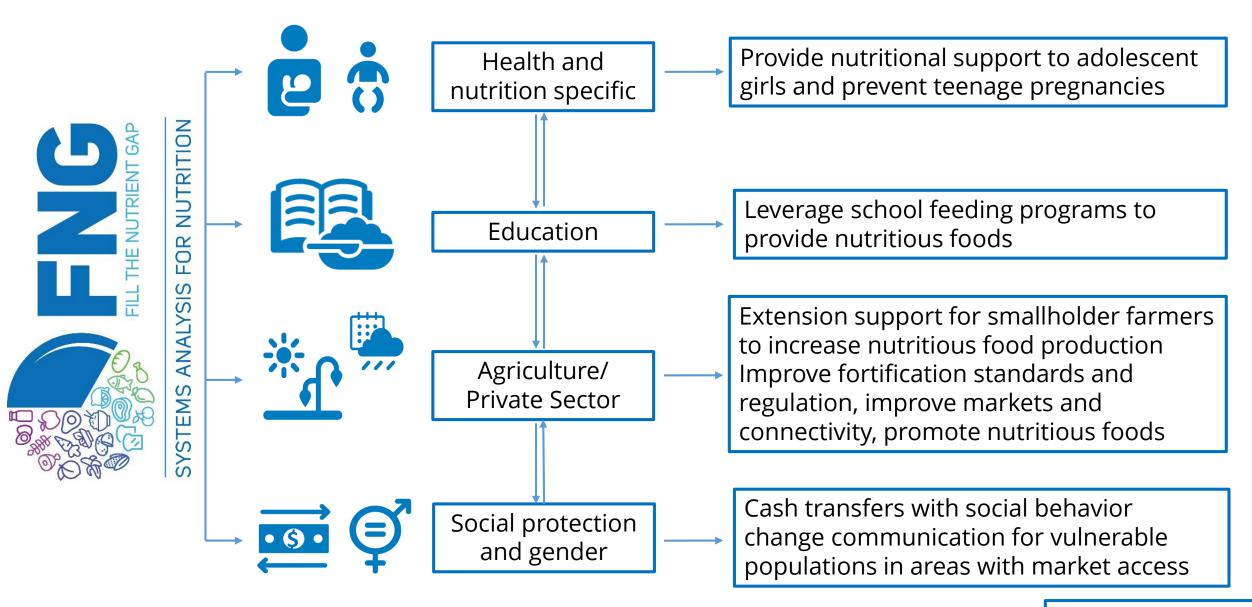


### Combination of interventions can reduce non-affordability of a nutritious diet

Intervention	Target Group	Modality
Green-leafy vegetables and dried fish or egg	Children-under- two Adolescent Girls Lactating Women	Own production or vouchers
School Meal with Local Vegetables	School-Aged Child	Education, Agriculture
Biofortification of Staple Foods (Rural Areas) OR Fortification of Staple Foods (Urban Areas)	Household	Agriculture, Markets



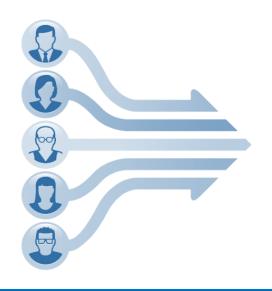
#### **Multi-Sectoral Stakeholder Recommendations**



#### How have FNG results informed national policies & programs?







To align nutrition strategies of

different actors at a national

level; refugee camps; specific

part of the country; specific

To redesign government social protection policies to

> Madagascar, Mozambique, Pakistan, Tajikistan

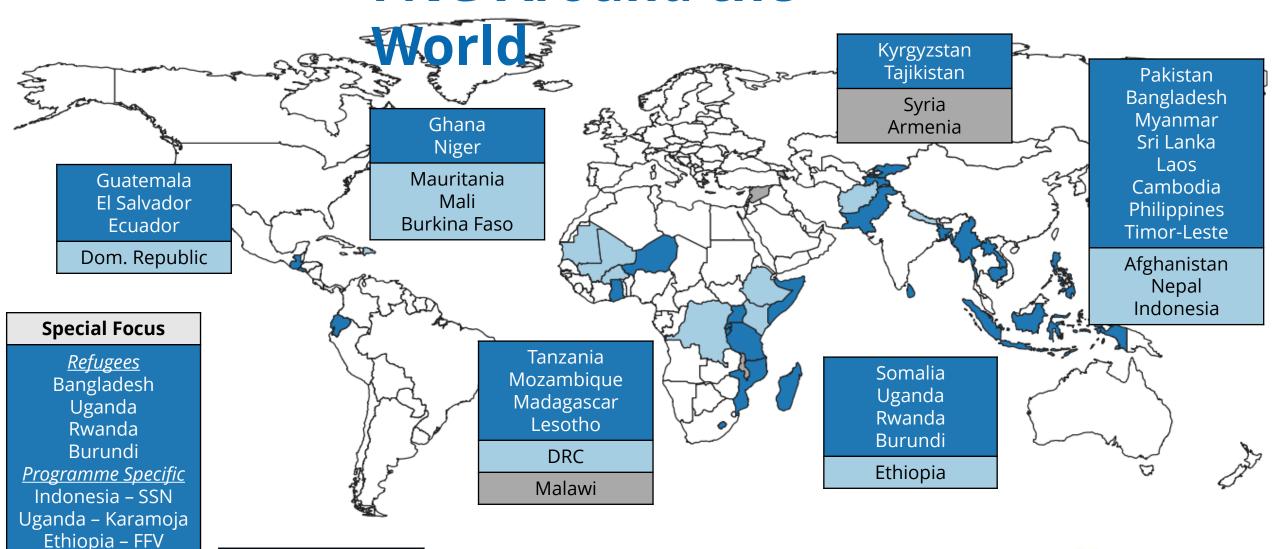
be more nutrition sensitive

To design new national nutrition policy, action plan or investment framework

programming Cambodia, Ghana, Niger, Rwanda, Sri Lanka, Uganda

Ecuador, El Salvador, Indonesia, Pakistan

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#### **Cost of the 'staple-adjusted' Nutritious Diet (CotD)**

#### WHAT IT IS...

- ✓ Based on what is available in markets
- ✓ Selection meets nutrient needs and has lowest possible cost

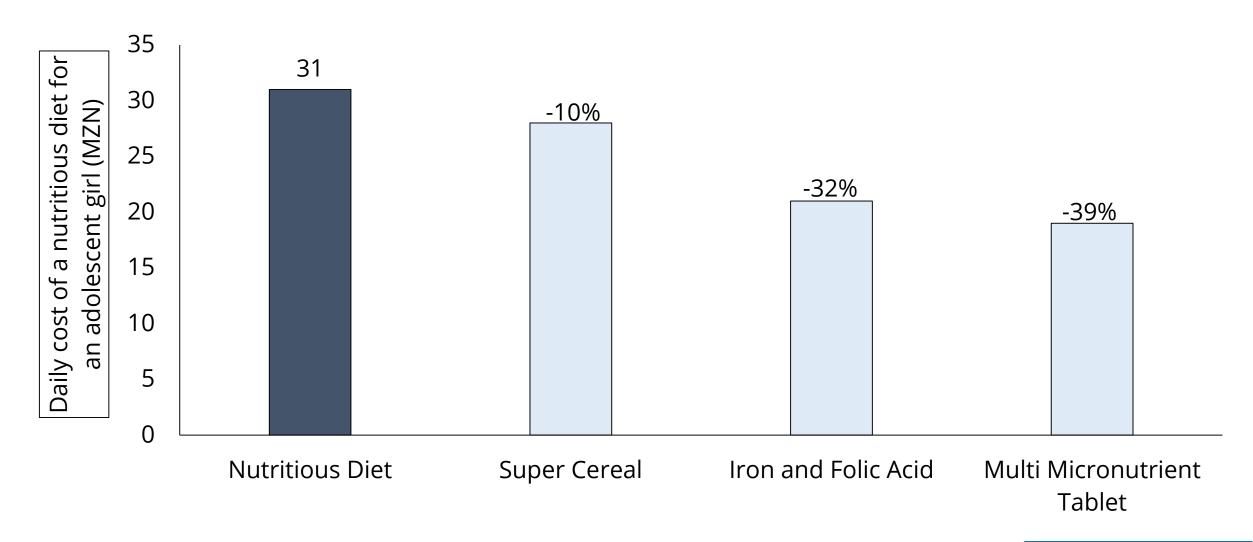
#### **Compared to SOFI Nutrient Adequate Diet - metric**

- ✓ Based on family of five
- ✓ Focus on population & specific target groups
- √Target: RNI for protein & MNs (EAR for energy & fat)
- ✓ Adjusted to reflect basic local staple food preferences
- ✓ Portion sizes per food group, scaled by energy intake
- √ Food prices at subnational level
- ✓ Actual food expenditure



### Specialized Nutritious Foods and Supplementation can reduce the cost of a nutritious diet for adolescent girls





Mozambique