“Landscape Analysis”
Burkina Faso

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INTRODUCTION (1)

• Context: High prevalence of acute and chronic malnutrition

• Study objectives:
  • Show the degree of political commitment
  • Show the existing capacities to face the problem
  • Results will feed into and strengthen the development of the strategic plan on nutrition
INTRODUCTION (2)

• **Type:** Qualitative evaluation of perception among stakeholders in nutrition
Methodology (1)
Structured interviews (total of 51 questionnaires)

Ministries (7 interviews)
• Agriculture, Hydraulics and Halieutic Resources (1)
• Social Services and National Solidarity (1)
• Secondary and Higher Education and Scientific Research (1)
• Promotion of Women (1)
• Health (3)
Methodology (2)

Partners (8 interviews)
- WHO, UNICEF, WFP, World Bank, IRD, HKI, NutriFaso, GRET
SUMMARY RESULTS
WILLINGNESS TO ACT - STRENGTHS (1)

• Existence of the National Council for Nutrition Coordination (CNCN*). Its multisectoral and multidisciplinary high level membership provides a means for reflection and reaching policy agreement
• Existence of the Direction de la Nutrition, with its strong staff
• Existence of Nutrition Policy** and National Protocol for Management of Acute Malnutrition***
• Nutrition is part of the PRSP

*Conseil National de la Concertation de la Nutrition
**Politique de la Nutrition
***Protocole National de PEC de la Malnutrition Aigue
WILLINGNESS TO ACT - STRENGTHS (2)

• Recognition of the malnutrition problem (acute, chronic and micronutrient deficiencies)

• Recognition of nutrition as an intervention area with potentially rapid gains

• Mobilization of resources to nutrition (incl WB)

• Increase in partners' budget to nutrition
WILLINGNESS TO ACT - STRENGTHS (3)

• Existence of a working group on humanitarian issues which also deals with nutrition

• Partner support available for scaling-up
  – Technical support, operational support (e.g. agents, structures and associations), financial support, support to M&E, support in terms of food distribution, fortification
  – The partners maintain that they are ready and awaiting an expressed need by the government
WILLINGNESS TO ACT - STRENGTHS (4)

Human resources

• In total:
  – 21 nutritionists in the 15 institutions visited
  – 7 institutions had 0 nutritionists, however in 4 of these staff had participated in nutrition training
  – La Direction de la Nutrition has 6 nutritionists
CAPACITY TO ACT – WEAKNESSES (1)

For scaling-up

• Insufficient infrastructure and agents at the community level for rapidly scaling-up

• Weak coordination of associations (CBOs) at the community level
CAPACITY TO ACT – WEAKNESSES (2)

• Infrastructure
• Human resources
• Partners (at the community level)
• Nutrition activities in the action plans of other institutions
• Well-documented strategies
• Coordination of intervening partners (until the creation of CNCN)
RECOMMENDATIONS
Recommendations (1):

• Establish thematic working groups (CNCN), with the first working group to work on nutrition data
• Establish CNCN at the decentralized level
• Mobilize partners to support national scaling-up of the package of essential nutrition actions
• Develop community-based approaches across the country
Recommendations (2):

- Advocate to increase national budget allocated to nutrition using the PROFILES tool
- Strengthen nutrition in regional and district action plans
- Advocate among partners for strengthened technical and financial support to nutrition across the country
Recommendations (3) :

• Develop a training plan which should cover:
  - Training of nutritionists
  - Strengthen nutrition competencies among health agents and other sectors, and community leaders

• Take into account these recommendations in the strategic plan which is currently being developed
Conclusion

A good situation analysis allows all actors to
• Look in the same direction
• Harmonize interventions where possible
• Pool resources
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION