

Food and Nutrition Technical Assistance II Project (FANTA-2)

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Geographic Scope: Worldwide

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PURPOSE

FANTA-2 works to improve nutrition and food security policies, strategies and programs through technical support to the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and its partners, including host country governments, international organizations and NGO implementing partners. Focus areas for technical assistance include maternal and child health and nutrition, HIV and other infectious diseases, food security and livelihood strengthening, and emergency and reconstruction. FANTA-2 develops and adapts approaches to support the design and quality implementation of field programs, while building on field experience to improve and expand the evidence base, methods and global standards for nutrition and food security programming. The project is funded by USAID and managed by the Bureau for Global Health (GH).

PRIORITY AREAS

FANTA-2 Field Support Activities

- Provide targeted, specialized technical assistance and training activities to support nutrition and food security programming strategies, early warning and response systems, and monitoring and evaluation (M&E) for Title II and other USG programs.
- Integrate Community-Based Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) into national health systems and strengthen community-based growth promotion (CBGP) and behavior change programs.
- Improve CMAM programming in emergency, reconstruction and stabilization contexts.
- Support national nutrition and HIV policies and guidelines, integrate food and nutrition into HIV services, and strengthen nutrition assessment, nutrition counseling and food-by-prescription (FBP) programming.
- Support quality assurance/quality improvement of CMAM, CBGP and nutrition/HIV programs.
- Support improved nutrition and food security programs in other priority areas as needed.

FANTA-2 Global Leadership Activities

- Support advances in methods and tools that promote program quality.
- Increase capacity to deliver effective services at scale.
- Strengthen international, USG, country government and implementing partner capacity to design, deliver, monitor, improve and demonstrate effectiveness and impact of USAID-assisted nutrition and food security programs.

- Develop and refine indicators measuring household and individual food security and diet quality.
- Build the evidence-base on the impact of lipid-based nutrient supplements (LNS) on prevention of 1) chronic malnutrition, 2) seasonal increases in acute malnutrition and 3) acute malnutrition in vulnerable, disaster-affected populations, through effectiveness trials in multiple countries.
- Adapt Lot Quality Assurance Sampling (LQAS) approaches for cost-effective M&E.
- Develop methods and tools for quality assurance/quality improvement, beneficiary screening and targeting, and cost analysis for program planning and implementation.

FANTA-2 is implemented by the Academy for Educational Development. Partners include International Food Policy and Research Institute (IFPRI), PENSER, Nutriset, Regional Center for Quality of Health Care (RCQHC), Technical Assistance to NGOs (TANGO), Tufts University, University of California-Davis, University of KwaZulu Natal, Washington University in St. Louis, and Valid International.

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