LEADERSHIP FOR NUTRITION: FOCUS ON CIVIL SOCIETY

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Introduction (1)

- Measures aimed to fight under nutrition or malnutrition will be effective only if they are taken in all relevant sectors, with the involvement of all stakeholders, in order to allow the elimination of the causes on which they can have an influence.
- CSO has an important and valuable role to play in improving nutrition service delivery and commitment at national and local levels.

Introduction(2)

- Key roles: coordination and advocacy to increase accountability and investment in nutrition. Education of beneficiaries to better understand the programs and be more receptive to them.

- To achieve this task, civil society must demonstrate proven capabilities to be able to play its full role and above all to maintain results and continuing to mobilize commitment and funding for nutrition programs locally.

Launch of SUN Mali Advocacy Project lead by Civil society with the participation of WHO, MOH, WFP and HKI Representatives

Process of engaging ASC for nutrition (1)

1. Assess level of interest and capacity within existing CSO
2. Identify key expertise for capacity building and partnership development locally
3. Collect all information and data from nutrition programs for gaps analysis and challenges identification
4. Collect and prepare appropriate documentation for orientation and training sessions (national references)
5. Identify key target group among decisions makers within government counterpart (nutrition department staff)

Process of engaging ASC for nutrition (2)

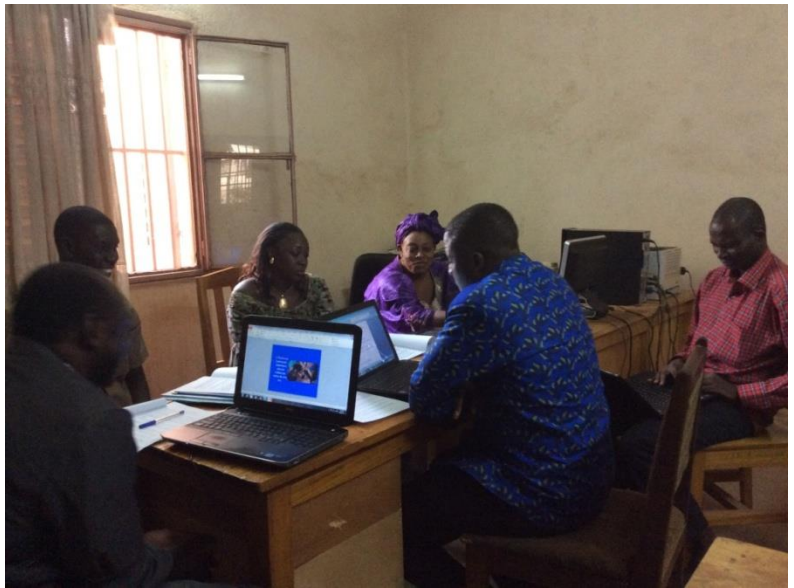
6. Identify resources for implementation of orientations and trainings through existing programs
7. Develop and validate terms of references, principles and guidelines for the ASC with all interested partners
8. Train ASC members and develop monitoring and evaluation plans of activities implemented
9. Document results and disseminate them within national and local committees
10. Organize coordination meeting among ASC to share lessons learned and define priorities at national level

Major Accomplishments in Mali

- Creation of a coordination unit within the Ministry of Health to support multi sectoral activities among partners from different departments
- Review/update and validation of advocacy tool for nutrition programs: Profiles Mali
- Development of a repertory of Government international and national engagement for nutrition (list and status)

Major Accomplishments in Mali

- Training of 24 alliances from 4/8regions on nutrition policies; national norms and standards; nutrition data monitoring and reporting; use of Profiles Mali tool



Keys lessons learned

- ASC from different sectors constitute a real potential of awareness raising among stakeholders and decision makers to keep nutrition as a priority program at national level
- Building the capacity of ASC allowed better understanding of the multi sectoral approach to the issue of nutrition and opportunities to focused on nutrition
- Empowerment of ASC is supportive to political commitment, resources mobilization and effective coordination of activities

Conclusion(1)

- Use of alliances platform and resources is essential to achieve the capacity building of CSO to feet into their role for nutrition promotion
- Continue lobbying and sensitization is necessary to engage CSO and maintain self confidence to play their role of influencer of programs performance at national and local level
- Provision of clear guidance on nutrition policies and strategies implementation allowed ASC to monitor progress and results

Conclusion(2)

- Capacity building on organizational development and fundraising for ASC is a successful way to sustain gains and improve coordination, program quality and political commitment for nutrition at national and local level.
- Well organize, coordinated and engaged civil society organization alliances are strong and valuable partners to cultivate for accountability on nutrition multi sectoral issue.

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