

Developing Sustainable Nutrition Financing Systems

THE ROLE OF BUDGET ANALYSIS

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STEPS TO TRACK FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR NUTRITION IN LMIC COUNTRIES

1 COSTING

- Estimates funding needed to implement nutrition activities.
- Serves as a first step in understanding overall resources required to support nutrition in a country.

Without estimated costs of an intervention, governments can't properly advocate for funds.

2 BUDGET ANALYSIS*

- Estimates funding allocated to implement nutrition activities.
- Provides insight into where to budget for nutrition within ministerial budget line-items.

Without money committed on paper for nutrition, activities will not be included in work plans.

“Political will for nutrition must be reflected through financial support.”

— USAID Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Strategy

Tracking financial support for nutrition is needed to assess value for money.

3 EXPENDITURE ANALYSIS

- Estimates what percentage of allocated funds was actually spent.
- Suggests where capacity to implement nutrition interventions and track expenditures may need to be strengthened.

Without funding line-items and actually spending money, governments can't implement interventions.


4 EXPENDITURE TRACKING

- Helps determine why funds did not reach their intended destination.
- Tools like the World Bank's Public Expenditure Tracking Surveys (PETS) can do this type of analysis.

Without knowing where bottlenecks occur, stakeholders can't improve funding systems.

* SPRING'S UNIQUE APPROACH TO BUDGET ANALYSIS

- SPRING and our country partners are using a multi-sectoral, systems strengthening approach to analyze budget allocations for nutrition.
- Where data are available, SPRING is also analyzing disparities between what is allocated and what is spent, and why this occurs.
- When utilized by policymakers, this work can improve advocacy for nutrition, increase funding transparency, and facilitate negotiations for aligning donor and government funding.

For more info:  www.spring-nutrition.org/technical-areas/systems/budgeting



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