

# Child Health Task Force Steering Committee Meeting: USAID Update

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# USAID's Response to COVID-19



**Provide Emergency Relief**



**Strengthen Health Systems**



**Support Vaccine Readiness and Distribution**



**Improve Public Health Education**



**Protect Healthcare Workers and Facilities**

# Priorities for USAID/Maternal and Child Health and Nutrition (MCHN)

- Supporting countries to sustain and build back better essential MCHN service availability, utilization, and quality of services
- Safeguarding and mutually strengthening routine immunization as COVID-19 vaccine is rolled out
- Maximizing prevention, including antenatal care, respectful maternity care, support for breastfeeding and complementary feeding, and community WASH
- Elucidating gaps and advancing use of subnational and national data to promote coverage, equity, and quality of essential MCHN services
- Enhancing quality and experience of care, including strengthening capacity and optimizing provider behaviors
- Improving WASH in health facilities and infection prevention and control in health facilities, including strengthening behavioral adherence and accountability

# Cross-Bureau Consultation on Wasting

- USAID is assessing its current investments in wasting across three bureaus: Global Health (BGH), Humanitarian Affairs (BHA), and Resilience and Food Security (RFS).
- The aim is to identify the agency's comparative advantage and BGH, BHA, and RFS' priorities in contributing to global actions to prevent and treat child wasting along the continuum of care in development and humanitarian contexts.
- The consultations will result in recommendations on potential programming areas to prioritize for a more strategic USAID approach to wasting.
- Some themes that have emerged during the initial consultations:
  - The need to strengthen integration of health and nutrition, instead of vertical programming (“We do health; they do nutrition”)
  - Need to better address maternal and adolescent nutrition as well as child nutrition
  - Identify a few priority countries in which all bureaus can work together on a package of interventions to significantly reduce wasting
  - Reframing of undernutrition as the umbrella – move away from the stunting vs. wasting dichotomy

# Project award highlights

- Award of full MOMENTUM Suite
- Frontier Health Markets: New Private Sector Flagship in Procurement
- New agreements with multilateral partners getting established



Questions?

