



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR SCALE UP:
DONOR PERSPECTIVE

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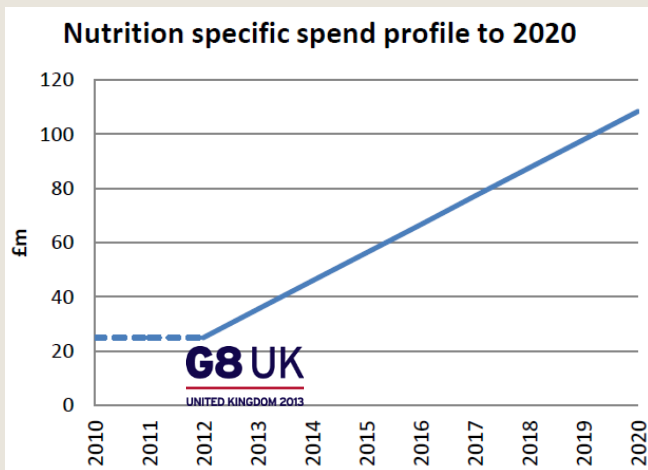
- **Background:** UK ambition on nutrition
- **Drivers** of scaled up UK nutrition Technical Assistance ‘offer’
- **Models of Technical Assistance:**
 - Supporting (our) programmes or supporting countries?
- **Challenges and lessons**
- **Issues to consider**
 - (timing of) Benefits / Impact?
 - Future models



BACKGROUND

(UK) AMBITION ON NUTRITION

- (overdue) emerging priority
- Buy-in with ministers in UK; 'life chances'; long run economic returns; demographics (NB: parallels with high burden country level dialogue...)
- Step changes:



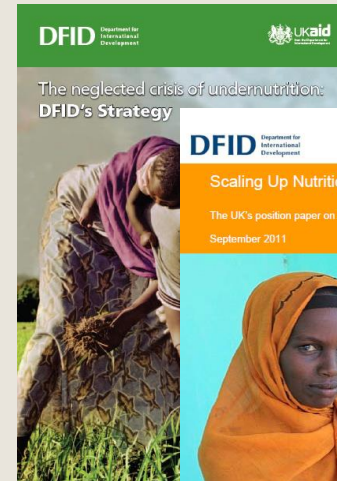
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2013 N4G → 2020+

NUTRITION FOR GROWTH | Beating hunger through business and science



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**DRIVERS OF SCALED UP
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
'OFFER'**

DRIVERS OF SCALED UP TA 'OFFER'

- Recognition of capacity gaps at all levels (including internally)

“the shortage of appropriately skilled personnel continues to be noted as one of the major constraints to better nutrition programming.”

[Lancet 2008]

- Milestone events - N4G in particular; funding for what?
- Need to meet spending commitments



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MODELS OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (1)

'standard' model:



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MODELS OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (2)

MQSUN model:



TYPES OF PROJECTS

Area 1
Policy,
legislation, and
plan reviews and
summaries

Areas 2 and 3
Support
Implementation,
financial
tracking, and
resource
mobilization

Area 4
Aggregation and
Documentation

Area 5
Dissemination
and Global
Network
Communications



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CHALLENGES AND LESSONS

CHALLENGES – FROM DFID PERSPECTIVE

- Tracking multiple processes:

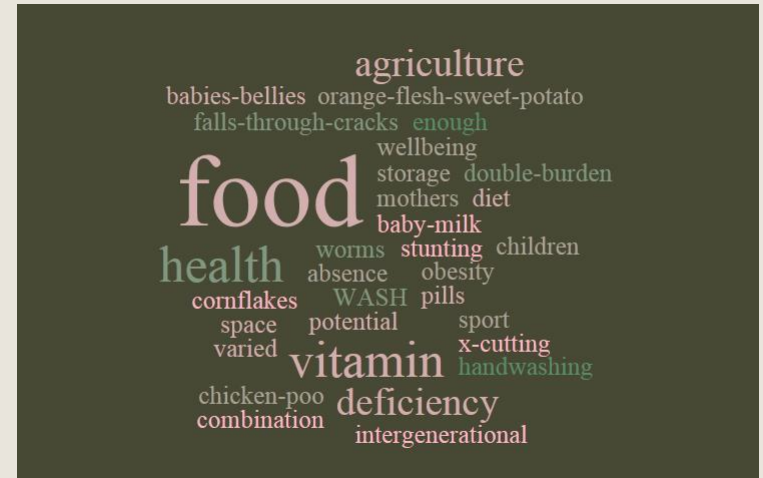
| | TA funder | Programme funder | TA commissioner | TA provider | TA audience |
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| 'traditional' model | DFID | DFID | DFID | Consultants/ academics | DFID (and governments) |
| MQSUN 'wholesale' model | DFID | Governments (and donors, including DFID) | DFID and/or Governments via SUN | Consultants/ academics | Governments (and donors) |

- Timing assistance and prioritisation of requests
- Coordinating with others' actions
- Tracking impact



CHALLENGES – PLANNING SCALE UP

- Language/terminology problems



- (lack of) Incentives for cross sector coordination

- Single Ministries ‘owning’ nutrition

(NB: all of these apply equally to donors like DFID!)



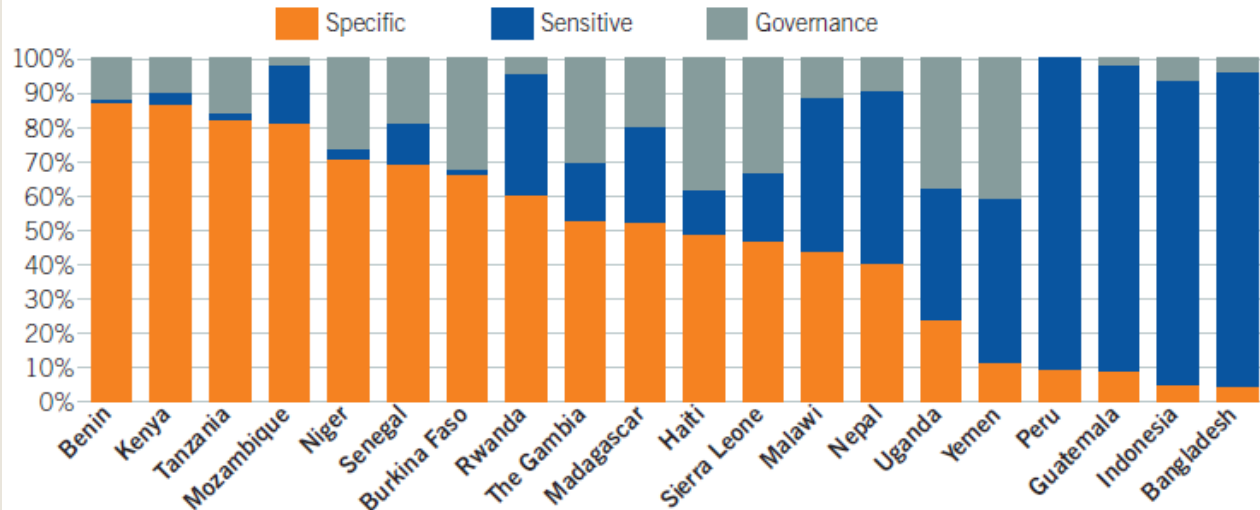
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EMERGING LESSONS

■ Plans:

- Diversity is OK

Overview of the composition of country plans



Source: Planning and costing for the acceleration of actions for nutrition: experiences of countries in the Movement for Scaling Up Nutrition, Scaling Up Nutrition movement, May 2014)

- Is prioritisation necessary or does it limit opportunities for broad multi-sector response?

■ TA approach:

- 'portfolio' approach needed
- Mixed-methods approaches to tracking impact



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ISSUES TO CONSIDER

- Future models for technical assistance to scale up?
- Links to SUN communities of practice; opportunities for enhanced coordination?
- Linking to domestic resource mobilisation
- Ways to better track impact and quality of technical assistance?



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THANKS