

SPRING through the seasons



The Strengthening Partnerships, Results, and Innovations in Nutrition Globally (SPRING) project has now closed. SPRING was funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), under a seven-year cooperative agreement, and implemented by a team of experts from JSI Research and Training Institute Inc, Helen Keller International (HKI), the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Save the Children, and the Manoff Group. SPRING's goal was to strengthen global and country efforts

to scale up high-impact nutrition practices and policies to prevent stunting and maternal and child anaemia in the first 1,000 days. In its lifetime, SPRING supported hundreds of institutions, shared thousands of resources, hosted 100 events and trained more than 168,000 people in nutrition¹, fostering many diverse, multi-sector partnerships for governments and local partners to build on. Although the project has closed, SPRING's website remains available. Much of the learning related to critical nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive topics has been documented

and is available in a specially curated section of SPRING's website.²

A JSI-led consortium is now being established to implement USAID's flagship global multi-sector nutrition programme. The launch of the programme will be announced in due course.

Visit: www.spring-nutrition.org

¹ www.spring-nutrition.org/results-glance

² www.spring-nutrition.org/six-years-multi-sectoral-learning-spring

Health systems strengthening course

A health systems strengthening (HSS) course, originally developed to equip United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) staff by UNICEF with the University of Melbourne and the Nossal Institute for Global Health, is now open access. The course is aimed at middle and high-level health

professionals, including health administrators and policy makers, doctors, nurses and others who work to shape health systems. Students explore the complexity of health systems and apply systems thinking to HSS in low- and middle-income country contexts. Students are taught to critique major health system frame-

works, analyse health system inequities, and interrogate the evidence for HSS approaches. The course aims to equip learners with knowledge and skills to develop HSS interventions across areas such as health policy, health financing, human resources, supply chain management, quality of care and private sector engagement. The course is freely available and requires three hours of study per week for eight weeks.

Find out more and sign up at:

www.futurelearn.com/courses/health-systems-strengthening

Continuity of care in acute malnutrition treatment in East Africa and West and Central Africa: a mapping exercise

An article featured in *Field Exchange* issue 60¹ shared findings of two mapping exercises undertaken by ENN in East Africa and West and Central Africa to gain insight into the continuum of UN-supported service provision for acute malnutrition treatment. While good examples of continuity of care were found in both regions, in general there were considerable shortcomings reflected in what data was available and experiences shared. Contributing factors included different targeting strategies and coverage ambitions for services, variable integration within national systems, lack of normative guidance for moderate case management, and resource shortfalls. Recommendations are consistent across both regions and include more in-depth reviews of service availability and alignment in multiple contexts, product supply chain, referral systems and practices, and protocol adaptations.

The full reports of both mapping exercises are available on ENN's website.

East Africa: www.ennonline.net/resources/mappingexerciseeafrica

West and Central Africa
www.ennonline.net/resources/mappingexercisewestcentralafrica

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¹ <https://www.ennonline.net/fex/60/sammamapping>

