

# TRACKING FUNDING FOR NUTRITION IN ETHIOPIA ACROSS SECTORS

Ethiopian Fiscal Years (EFY) 2006 to 2008 (2013/14 to 2015/16)

## OBJECTIVES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Government of Ethiopia has declared its commitment to end child undernutrition by 2030 through the Seqota Declaration. The National Nutrition Program 2016-2020 (NNP-II) outlines a strategy to improve nutrition that is based on proven nutrition interventions, and is implemented across sectors with coordination among government and development partners.<sup>1</sup> However, there is not yet a routine monitoring system to track funding going towards NNP-II objectives across sectors. Routine, multi-sectoral resource tracking for nutrition is important for joint planning, priority setting, and monitoring NNP-II implementation efforts across stakeholders.

In a step towards routine monitoring, the Federal Ministry of Health of Ethiopia led a nutrition resource tracking exercise to consolidate data on nutrition funding from multiple sectors (e.g. health, agriculture, WASH etc.) and stakeholders (e.g. government and development partners). This brief summarizes the analysis of historic funding for nutrition-specific and -sensitive interventions, NNP-II objectives, and regions (where possible).

Nutrition budget and expenditure data were collected from 55 development partners, and the 13 government ministries and agencies that were signatories to the NNP-II. Funding data for EFY 2006 to 2007 (Gregorian calendar years 2013/14 to 2014/15) represent reported expenditures, and funding data for EFY 2008 (2015/16) represent budget allocations. Please refer to the full technical report for more information on the methods and findings.

## POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

### Programmatic:

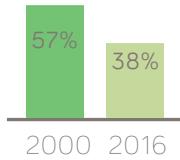
- » **Increase investments in nutrition-specific activities** in line with the NNP-II for greater impact on nutrition outcomes. Compared with costs outlined in the NNP-II, the findings point to a potential \$70 million resource gap for nutrition-specific programming in year one of the plan.
- » **Enhance the nutrition sensitivity of programs** in agriculture, education, water and sanitation, and social security sectors by leveraging existing resources. For example, adapt program design to include nutrition goals, activities, and indicators.

### Resource tracking and systems strengthening:

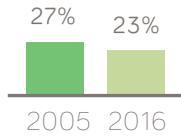
- » **Routinely track resources for nutrition across sectors.** This requires a commitment from all stakeholders to report funding flows on a routine basis for planning purposes.
- » Convene nutrition stakeholders, including government and development partners, to **build consensus on ways to identify and track nutrition financing data**; and explore ways to systematically track nutrition investments within their own monitoring systems.
- » **Use multi-sectoral nutrition financing data to support allocative decisions** about human resources, capacity building, and programmatic scale-up, and to shape the nutrition governance agenda.
- » **Invest in systems strengthening and capacity building** so that routine resource tracking across sectors is conducted sustainably through public systems.
- » **Promote sustainable, on-budget financing options for nutrition** with monitoring mechanisms that ensure that funds make it to priority interventions.

# REPORT SUMMARY

**STUNTING**  
in children under 5



**ANEMIA**  
among women



PROGRESS IN  
IMPROVING  
NUTRITION

## SEQOTA DECLARATION

In 2015, the Government of Ethiopia launched the Seqota Declaration as a commitment to **end child undernutrition in Ethiopia by 2030.**



## NUTRITION EXPENDITURES NEARLY DOUBLED BETWEEN EFY 2006 TO 2007...



**EFY 2006: \$181M** SPENT

**EFY 2007: \$330M** SPENT

**EFY 2008: \$455M** BUDGETED

largely driven by investments in nutrition-sensitive programs, including the ONE WASH National Program and the Productive Safety Net Program-IV (PSNP-IV)

...BUT SIMILAR  
GROWTH IS NOT SEEN  
FOR NUTRITION-  
SPECIFIC PROGRAMS



**EFY 2006: \$54M** SPENT  
**EFY 2007: \$69M** SPENT  
**EFY 2008: \$54M** BUDGETED

**OBJECTIVES 1 & 2** (\$92M): Promote nutrition for women & adolescent girls; Improve nutrition of children up to 10 years

**OBJECTIVE 3** (\$7M): Improve nutrition services for communicable & non-communicable/lifestyle related diseases

FUNDING  
BY NNP-II  
OBJECTIVES  
FOR EFY 2008



**OBJECTIVE 5** (\$36M): Improve multi-sectoral nutrition coordination & capacity to implement NNP

**OBJECTIVE 4** (\$320M): Strengthen implementation of nutrition-sensitive interventions across sectors

OVERALL  
NUTRITION  
BUDGET IN  
EFY 2008

**\$31**  
PER CHILD UNDER 5



INCLUDING (PER CHILD)  
\$3.7 FOR  
NUTRITION-SPECIFIC  
\$22.7 FOR  
NUTRITION-SENSITIVE  
\$4.7 FOR  
EMERGENCY RESPONSE

## POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

**FILL THE  
\$70 MILLION  
RESOURCE GAP  
FOR NUTRITION-  
SPECIFIC  
PROGRAMING**

**ENHANCE THE NUTRITION SENSITIVITY  
OF PROGRAMS IN OTHER SECTORS**



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**TRACK  
RESOURCES  
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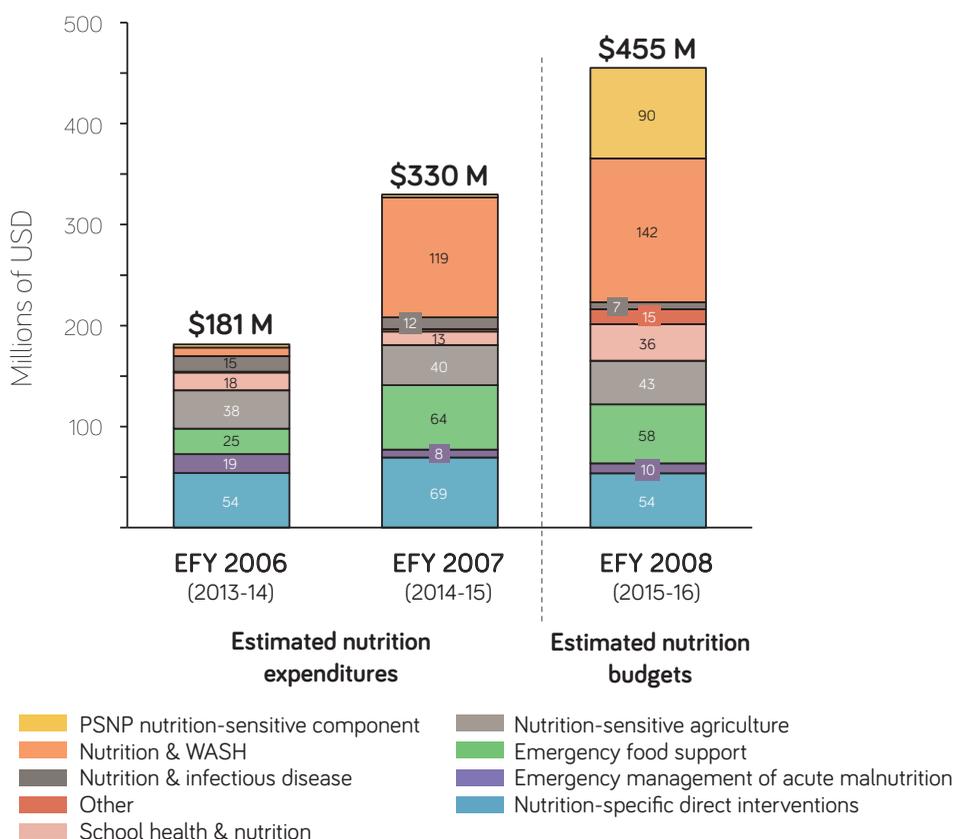
## NUTRITION FUNDING OVER TIME

Nutrition expenditures to support NNP-II strategic objectives nearly doubled between EFY 2006 and 2007. By EFY 2008, nutrition budget allocations were even higher.

As shown in the Figure to the right, the increase in nutrition funding over time was largely driven by nutrition-sensitive investments, including the **ONE WASH National Program**, which began in EFY 2007, and the **Productive Safety Net Program-IV (PSNP-IV)**. In EFY 2008, the PSNP-IV's nutrition-sensitivity was enhanced by a change in program design that tailored the program more towards nutrition outcomes.

Funding for high-impact **nutrition-specific interventions** represents a small fraction of total annual investments relative to other investment areas, and growth has been slow over time.

Nutrition funding in Ethiopia by program type/ intervention from public and development partner sources across sectors (USD millions)



## REGIONAL ANALYSIS

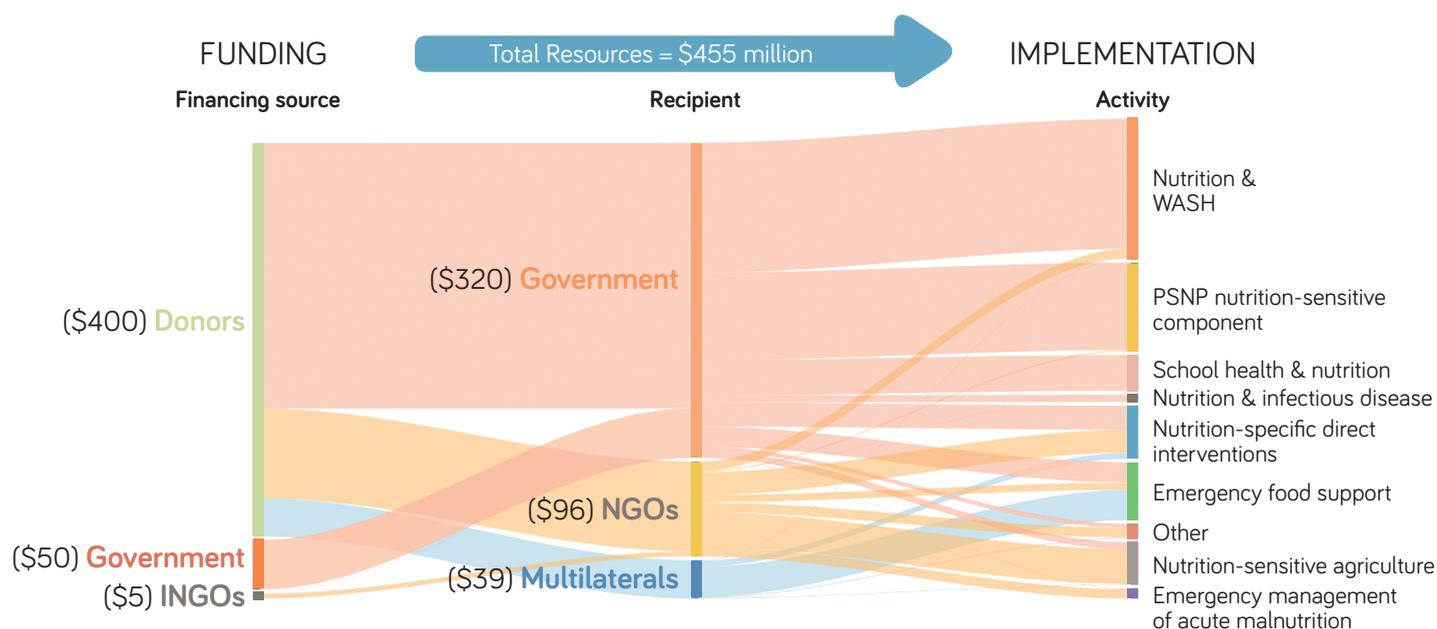
Data on regional distributions were collected to inform stakeholder discussions on allocative efficiency of funding, though only 47% of budget allocations in EFY 2008 could be fully disaggregated by region, excluding PSNP and ONE WASH. In EFY 2008, total nominal budget allocations for nutrition were highest in Amhara and Oromia, the two most populous regions. Based on a preliminary assessment, there does not seem to be high level of targeting based on regional nutrition context (i.e., stunting and wasting prevalence). However, data limitations of the current regional analysis exist and point to the need for further research. Regional analysis is particularly important for the regions with high undernutrition burdens that have recently experienced an increase in either stunting or wasting prevalence: Dire Dawa, Harari, Amhara, Benishangul-Gumuz, and Gambella.<sup>2</sup>

# SOURCES AND CHANNELS OF NUTRITION FUNDING

Most funding for nutrition in Ethiopia was contributed by development partners, and the majority was managed by the government—especially for nutrition-sensitive investments.

In EFY 2008, 70 percent of all funding for nutrition was government-managed, but this varies by nutrition program type. Of nutrition-sensitive funding, 83 percent was government-managed, primarily driven by large, multi-donor supported programs managed by the Ministry of Finance and Economic Cooperation such as ONE WASH and PSNP-IV. Of nutrition-specific funding, 45 percent was government-managed, along with 30 percent of emergency response funding. All other funding was off-budget, meaning it was not channeled through public systems. There is not yet a routine mechanism to track and compile off-budget funding for nutrition across sectors to inform planning and priority setting discussions.

Funding channel map illustrating nutrition budget flows for EFY 2008 (USD millions)



**By participating in routine, multi-sectoral resource tracking for nutrition, the Government of Ethiopia and development partners can jointly generate the data needed to build the investment case for nutrition and ensure efficient resource allocation for priority NNP-II interventions.**

## Notes

This resource tracking effort was done in parallel to Ethiopia's Health Accounts Six (HA VI) exercise by the Federal Ministry of Health for EFY 2006 using the SHA 2011 framework.

Please see the full Technical Report for more details.

Due to rounding, numbers presented within this report may not sum to exact total amounts shown.

INGOs: international non-governmental organizations

## References

[1] Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia. (2016). National Nutrition Program II, 2016–2020.

[2] Ethiopia Demographic and Health Surveys (EDHS) 2014–2016. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and Calverton, Maryland, USA: Central Statistical Agency and ICF International, 2016.