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See you next year!
Dear colleagues, the project team wishes you all the best for 2015. Looking at the past year, we can collectively be proud of the work that has been done. 13 training workshops were held, over 500 people have been trained, and much has been implemented - either individually within your organization or collectively in your countries – to move forward with more integrated programming to effectively fight malnutrition and food security. The end of the year also marks the end of the first phase of this project. With the steering committee partnering organisations, we hope to continue working with you next year. This is why we don’t say goodbye yet but, hopefully, talk to you soon!

TO COME
KENYA: National workshop, first half of 2015
CHAD: Forum Nutrition: postponed to 2015
BURKINA FASO: Sub-regional workshop January 2015; National workshop: January 2015 (to be confirmed)
NIGER: 3 sub-regional workshops (dates tbc)

NEWS

How has the project helped improve country and organisational practices related to integrated programming for nutrition?
In the September E-Newsletter, we announced we had launched an online survey to assess the impact of regional training workshops in the Horn of Africa and in the Sahel. More than 60 of you sent us feedback. Thank you again for your participation! The results show that the workshops have been instrumental in promoting integrated interventions in both regions and within your organizations. 84% of the respondents said they have used the knowledge from the regional workshop in their daily work. Read more

Looking back on two successful workshops in South-Sudan
Western Bahr el Ghazal State and Warrap State took nutrition and food security agendas further a few days ago! Two sub-national workshops were held in Wau (26 to 28 November) and Kujoc (2 to 4 December) and both allowed more than 20 people to gather in order to discuss and share around nutrition and food security joint programming. There was a combination of government and humanitarian nutrition and food security professionals working in emergency and resilience-building programming in Western Bahr el Ghazal as well as members of the food security and nutrition clusters. Read more

A step forward to integrated programming for nutrition in Chad
Further to the two sub-regional workshops held in October, another similar workshop, called “Agreeing on causes of malnutrition for joint action” was organised and attended by national actors as well as actors from the 5 regions most affected by malnutrition. This workshop gathered 50 professionals working in different sectors, with a strong participation from the ministries and state technical services, international and local NGOs. During their opening speech, ECHO and OCHA representatives insisted on the importance of capitalizing and putting into practice the results of the workshops. Read more
The Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2): Looking ahead

The ICN2, held 19-21 November 2014, came with much fanfare and success. Bringing together some 2200 participants from over 169 countries, it focused on how nutrition challenges should be collectively addressed by state and non-state to raise levels of nutrition and standards of living of the people. High level dignitaries including the Pope attended ICN2 to give messages of hope and encouragement. Read more

NEW RESOURCES ON THE PROJECT WEBSITE

NEW! Agreeing on causes of malnutrition for joint action, now available in Spanish

These guidelines – now available in English, French and Spanish - present a workshop methodology that uses the problem / solution tree approach applied to malnutrition. This methodology has been used in all workshops held this year in order to promote the design of integrated and multisectoral programs for sustainable improvement on nutrition.

Two new country experiences shared on the project website

Two new good practices sheets from Chad presenting experiences in cash transfers and community resilience for acute malnutrition have been added to the 36 sheets already available on the website. On the basis of these country experiences, we are also preparing a document that compiles good practices and lessons learnt in integrating nutrition and food security programming, with a special focus on accountability and gender. This factsheet will soon be made available. We’ll keep you posted!

Coming soon: free online course on integrated food security and nutrition programming

Over the year, more than 10 workshops using the problem / solution tree approach applied to malnutrition were organised in 7 different countries. Based on this rich experience and in addition to the already existing guidelines, we are now finalising an interactive online module for you to become even more comfortable with the approach and be able to organize your own training-cum-planning workshop in the future. Read more

Report of the « Livestock, livelihoods and human nutrition» workshop now available

The report of the workshop on “Livestock, livelihoods and human nutrition” held in Senegal in November is now available on the project website. It resumes the key messages and results of the different sessions and also includes the results of the workshop evaluation conducted by the participants. Read more

For more information, consult our project website: http://www.fao.org/in-action/food-security-capacity-building/project-components/nutrition/en/

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