

NUTRITION REGIONAL PROGRAMME IN WEST AFRICA

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FINANCING NUTRITION THE ROLE OF THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

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INTRODUCTION (1/2)

- NUTRITION AS AN MDG
- NUTRITION IS INCLUDED IN MOST MAJOR POLICY DOCUMENTS INCLUDING CAADP, ECOWAP, PPRS AND SECTOR POLICY DOCUMENTS

INTRODUCTION (2/2)

- EXAMPLE

- Food security is defined as good quality nutritious food, hygienically packaged, attractively presented, available in sufficient quantities all year round and located at the right place at affordable prices in the Food and Agriculture Sector Policy Development Policy of Ghana.

NUTRITION ISSUES (1/2)

- Nutrition issues have included:
 - Food security (availability all year round; affordability etc)
 - Nutrient-rich varieties of crops (e.g. Quality Protein Maize etc)
 - Nutrient rich recipes and food supplements; and
 - Access to clean water supply and sanitation

NUTRITION ISSUES (2/2)

- Nutrition issues in our sub-region are periled by
 - Conflict;
 - Famine, floods and drought;
 - Food insecurity;
 - HIV/AIDS Pandemic, etc;
 - Deterioration of Health system; and
 - Lack of financing nutrition programmes.

BANK INTERVENTIONS (1/5)

- Bank operations in nutrition has included regional and national studies, projects, emergency assistance programmes, and line of credit in:
 - Health Sector projects
 - Agriculture Sector Projects
 - Others (indirect)

BANK INTERVENTION (2/5)

- WHY
 - In pursuit of achievement of MDGs, The Bank has incorporated improving nutrition in operations.
 - Nutrition also has to played a role in human capital development operations;
 - Improvement of food security in countries as one of the objectives of the MTS of the Bank has led to many nutrition related operations;
 - Nutrition is however not taken as a sector specific issue or priority of the Bank.

BANK INTERVENTION (3/5)

- HOW?
 - Policies and investment in the other priorities sectors (infrastructure, water and sanitation, agriculture) has a positive impact on the upon nutrition outcomes; and
 - Synergy of multisectoral approaches

BANK INTERVENTION (4/5)

- EXAMPLES
- Nutrition components integrated in
 1. Health Project
 - Food Fortification Study in ECOWAS countries
 - Publi Health projects
 2. Food Security (Agriculture Sector)Project
 - Inland Valley Rice Development Project (Ghana),
 - NERICA Rice Dissemination Project (Multinational),
 - Livestock and Horticulture Development (Gambia),
 - National Programme for Food Security (Nigeria).

BANK INTERVENTION (5/5)

- FUTURE PROSPECTS
 - Bank has not prioritize nutrition intervention as a key strategy;
 - More advocacy for resource mobilization is needed; and
 - More advocacy for allocation of budget for nutrition interventions in ECOWAS countries is also required

CONCLUSION

- Nutrition has been included in most global, continental, regional and national policies;
- Nutrition has in particular been seen as a health and agricultural sector issue;
- The Bank has derived nutrition related outcomes in a number of its operations; and
- To do more, there is need for more advocacy for resource mobilization and budget allocation for nutrition operations.

**THANKS YOU FOR YOUR
ATTENTION**