

SOCIAL PROTECTION FOR FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

**GLOBALLY ONE in THREE
PEOPLE IS MALNOURISHED**

**815M PEOPLE ARE UNDERNOURISHED AS OF 2017,
11% OF THE GLOBAL POPULATION**

**155M CHILDREN UNDER 5
REMAIN STUNTED**

SOCIAL PROTECTION CAN ADDRESS THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CAUSES OF MALNUTRITION BY:

- > **Ensuring access to food**
In Zambia expenditure on food increased by 35%
- > **Allowing for more diverse and better food**
In Zambia and Kenya families have almost doubled the food items they consume
- > **Minimizing negative coping strategies and vulnerabilities**
In Lesotho it decreased by 17%
- > **Enhancing access to health and nutrition services**
In Kenya, households reported spending more on health care and in Malawi they were more likely to receive care when sick

FAO SUPPORTS THE ERADICATION OF HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION BY WORKING ON:

- > **Expanding social protection coverage** to people living in rural areas to ensure access to food
- > **Bringing together** national social protection with nutrition sensitive agriculture
- > **Education** on nutrition, cooking and diversified diets
- > **Integrating** food security and nutrition (FSN) dimensions into social protection policies, and vice versa

Strengthening dialogue across sectors

In 7 countries, FAO assessed the impact of national cash transfer programmes to improve nutrition sensitive design.

In **Rwanda**, FAO facilitated a Parliamentarian session to raise the importance of nutrition sensitive social protection.

In **Kyrgyzstan**, FAO provided inputs into the Assessment-Based National Dialogue (ABND) on social protection to ensure that food security and nutrition considerations were addressed.

Supporting social protection impacts on nutrition

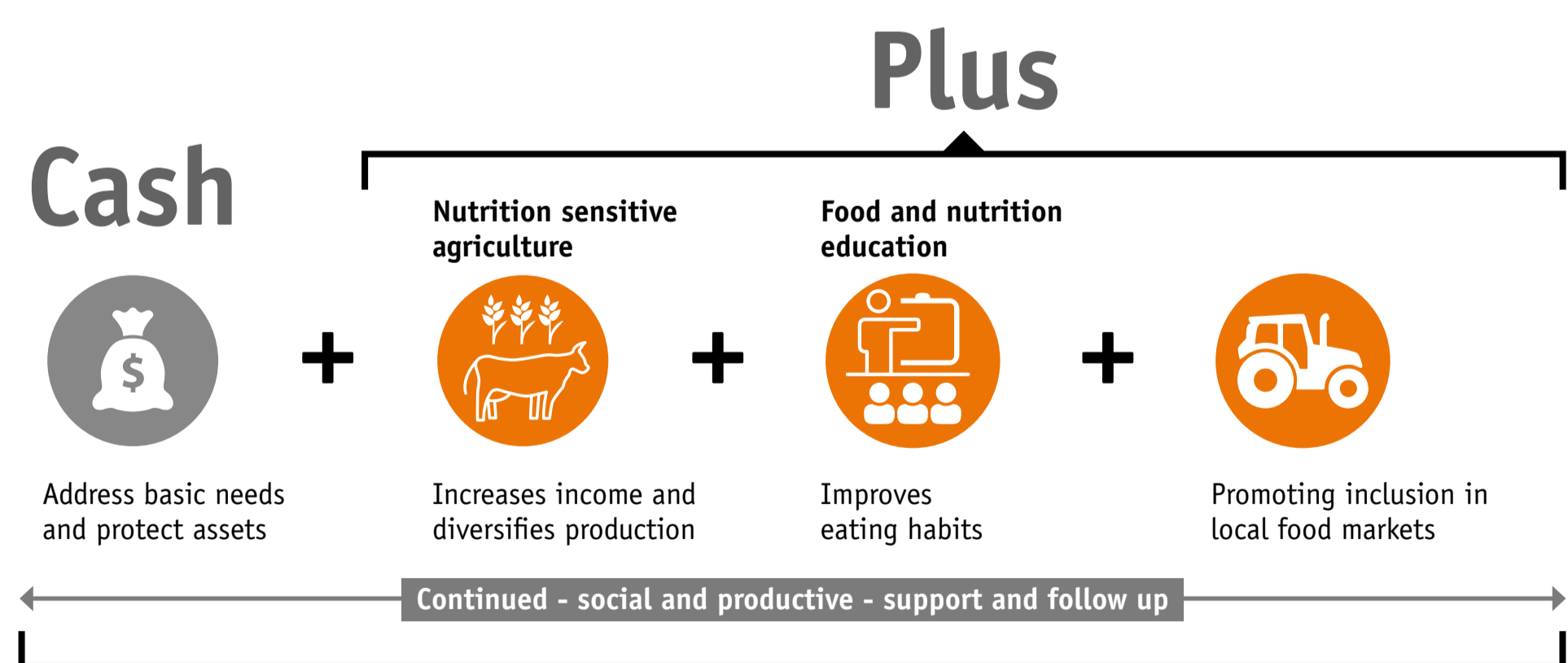
In **Cambodia**, FAO supports the Government in applying the Inter-Agency Social Protection Assessment tool for Food Security and Nutrition to strengthen the Home Grown School Feeding Programme.

In **Paraguay**, the Secretary for Social Assistance-SAS, together with FAO, is assessing the key national cash transfer programme Tekoporã to further incorporate nutrition considerations.

In **Zambia**, FAO is assessing the impact of the national home-grown school feeding programme to inform its scale-up and expansion.

Bringing together social protection, agriculture and FSN interventions

FAO is supporting national governments, such as **Armenia, Kyrgyzstan, Mali** and **Senegal** in bringing together national social protection programmes with nutrition sensitive interventions to support income generating activities and nutrition outcomes.



STRENGTHEN LIVELIHOODS AND NUTRITION OUTCOMES OF POOR RURAL HOUSEHOLDS

BRINGING TOGETHER SOCIAL PROTECTION, AGRICULTURE, FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION



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