Malnutrition in Bangladesh is among the highest in the world. More than 54% of preschool-age children, equivalent to more than 9.5 million children, are stunted, 56% are underweight and more than 17% are wasted. Malnutrition among women is also extremely prevalent in Bangladesh. More than 50 percent of women suffer from chronic energy deficiency and studies suggest that there has been little improvement in women's nutritional status over the past 20 years. (FAO)
Funded by European Union, JANO will replicate proven best practices, and take to scale innovative local governance models for better nutrition. The project will work with the Government of Bangladesh (GoB) at the national, regional and local levels, to support the effective implementation of the National Plan of Action for Nutrition (NPAN). The NPAN provides the strategic vision for Bangladesh to achieve nutritional security, where all relevant ministries are compelled to support the initiative, which reports directly to the Prime Minister’s office. JANO will work at multiple levels of government, specifically with the Nutrition Committees at the district, upazila and union levels – building their capacity for them to better develop nutritional programmes, implement and budget for these programmes, and to provide effective oversight in its implementation. The NPAN calls for a multi-sectoral approach. JANO embraces this concept and will work with the NPAN Steering Committee to develop operational guidelines of how best this can be achieved.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

**Overall Objective:**
Contribute in ending malnutrition of children under five years of age, together with addressing the nutritional needs of Pregnant and Lactating Women (PLW) and adolescent girls

**Strategic Objective:**
Improve maternal and child nutrition through implementation of multi-sectoral approaches and strengthened nutritional governance in Nilphamari and Rangpur districts of Northwest Bangladesh

KEY NUMBERS

**Budget:** 11,627,608 Euro
**Project Duration:** 2018-2023
**Working areas:** Rangpur and Nilphamari
**Funded by:** European Union
**Technical Partner:** Plan International
**Implementation partner:** Eco Social Development Organization (ESDO)
EXPECTED RESULTS

ER1
Women and adolescent girls in communities through CSGs are empowered to demand and utilise both nutrition-sensitive and nutrition-specific services

ER 2
Coordinated and resourced sub-national and local government structures recognise, respond to, and are accountable to demand of poor and marginalised communities

ER 3
Increased productivity and income growth through nutrition-sensitive value chains and affordable access of households to nutritious products and services

ER 4
Government departments, both vertically and horizontally, are connected through effective ICT platforms leading to better planning, coordination, monitoring and accountability
JANO will create secured access to information, and strengthened services for 4.3 million people, including 250,000 Pregnant and Lactating Women and married adolescent girls, and 215,000 under five-year old children in the districts of Nilphamari and Rangpur.

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