JOINT ACTION FOR NUTRITION OUTCOME

There has been notable progress for Bangladesh in achieving nutrition results. However, there is still far to go to reduce malnutrition and achieve SDG. According to BDHS 2017-18, In Bangladesh, 31.0% of children under five years of age are stunted, 22% are underweight, and 8.0% are wasted. To achieve nutritional outcomes, combating maternal nutritional deficiencies at conception and during pregnancy is a high priority. Anemia during pregnancy is common in Bangladesh (41.8 percent according to BDHS, 2011), with severe consequences for mothers and newborns. During adolescence (15-19 years), childbearing stood at 27.7 percent, as per BDHS 2017-18. This contributes to poor maternal nutritional status and birth outcomes, including high levels of LBW. Funded by the European Union with co-funding from the Austrian Development Cooperation, 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) and private sector 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 and upazila levels and Union Development Coordination Committees at 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 steering Committee to develop operational quidelines 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 in Nilphamari and Rangpur districts

KEY NUMBERS

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

PROJECT WORKING AREAS



EXPECTED RESULTS

ER 1

Women and adolescent girls in communities are empowered to demand and utilise both nutritionsensitive and nutrition-specific services



ER 3

Production and access to high value nutritious commodities and services are increased



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



ER 4

Information and communication technology (ICT) platform is established at local level to connect relevant govt. departments and increase awareness of community people on nutrition interventions

PROJECT TARGETS



JANO will create secured access to information, and strengthened services for 4.7 million people, including **275,415** Pregnant and Lactating Women and married adolescent girls, and 190,322 under five-year old children in the districts of Nilphamari and Rangpur

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