ACCELERATING HEALTH, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OUTCOMES THROUGH IMPROVED NUTRITION

Since 2000, Gabon has made some progress reducing stunting rates, but nutrition practices show significant opportunities to accelerate impact. To realize the full health, social and economic benefits of improved nutrition, Gabon should:

- Develop a multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder policy coordination mechanism, including a common results framework for nutrition
- Develop a costed nutrition plan and designate a specific budget line to support work on high-impact nutrition interventions
- Strengthen the priority of nutrition in long-term national development policies, such as the Plan Stratégique du Gabon Emergent

POLITICAL COMMITMENT FOR NUTRITION

Families and nations

- NEARLY HALF of all child deaths are related to poor nutrition
- 10% or more of a person’s lifetime earnings can be lost due to lower productivity, reduced cognitive ability and increased health care costs
- 3% to 16% of the GDP in African economies is lost due to undernutrition

CHILD MORTALITY

51 deaths per 1,000 live births while the global sustainable development target is to reduce under-five mortality to 25 per 1,000 live births (Sustainable Development Goal 3).

MATERNAL NUTRITION AND HEALTH

Women of reproductive age with anaemia 51%
Women of reproductive age, thinness 5%
Women of reproductive age, short stature 10%

PROGRESS AGAINST THE WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY’S GLOBAL NUTRITION TARGETS 2025

WHAM Global Nutrition Target

Gambia’s Progress

- 40% reduction in the number of children under-five who are stunted
- Reduce and maintain childhood wasting to less than 5%
- No increase in childhood overweight
- 50% reduction in women of reproductive age
- Increase the rate of exclusive breastfeeding in the first 6 months up to at least 50%
- 50% reduction in low birthweight

IMPROVING NUTRITION STRENGTHENS NATIONS AS A LEADING CONTRIBUTOR TO:

- Reducing mortality rates
- Promoting optimal growth and development
- Decreasing the risk of infectious diseases
- Protecting against chronic conditions later in life
- Improving future earning potential

CATEGORIZATION OF CODE LEGISLATION

Full provisions in law:
country has enacted legislation or adopted regulations, decrees or other legally binding measures encompassing all or nearly all provisions of the Code and subsequent WHA resolutions.

EIGHTY-SECOND WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION (2017)