ACCELERATING HEALTH, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OUTCOMES THROUGH IMPROVED NUTRITION

Since 2007, Guinea has made some progress reducing stunting rates, but nutrition practices show untapped opportunities to accelerate impact. To realize the full health, social and economic benefits of improved nutrition, Guinea should:

- Implement a common results framework that integrates key nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive interventions
- Establish a designated budget line for nutrition
- Adopt strong regulations on the marketing of breast-milk substitutes to bring them in line with global recommendations, including effective monitoring and enforcement mechanisms

CHILD NUTRITION INDICATORS

- 18% of children under-five are underweight
- 32% of children under-five are stunted
- 8% of children under-five are wasted
- 13% of children are born with low birthweight

MALNUTRITION HAS LASTING EFFECTS ON INDIVIDUALS, 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

88 deaths per 1,000 live births, which puts Guinea seriously off-track to contribute to reducing under-five mortality to 25 per 1,000 live births (Sustainable Development Goal 3).

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

- Decreasing the risk of infectious diseases
- Promoting optimal growth and development
- Reducing mortality rates
- Improving future earning potential

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MATERNAL NUTRITION AND HEALTH

Women of reproductive age with anaemia: 48%9
Women of reproductive age, thinness: 35%10
Women of reproductive age, short stature: 17%11

PROGRESS AGAINST STUNTING

47%
45%
43%
36%
29%
26%
28%
32%

INFOGRAPHIC

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

NUTRITION PROFILE

Guinea

40%
35%
93%
2%
8%