

Total Budget:	USD 5,000,000		
Budget by Agency:	FAO: 3,665,178	WHO: 195,275	
	WFP: 149,456	UNIDO: 478,825	
	UNICEF: 511,266		
Participating Gov. Entities:	Ministry of Public Health, Ministry of Agriculture		
Start Date:	23 December 2009		
End Date:	23 December 2012		
Extension:			
Disbursements:	First Disbursement:	23 December 2009	USD 1,613,226
	Second Disbursement:		
	Third Disbursement:		
In Brief:	Feeding the Children of Afghanistan Together is a Joint Programme designed to promote an integrated package of nutrition and food security interventions at community level. It brings together health, agricultural and education activities so as to tackle immediate and underlying causes of malnutrition by empowering communities to use their own resources to durably address child malnutrition. This programme aims to establish the necessary policy frameworks, legislation, national capacity, coordination mechanisms, and information management to support integrated nutrition and food security interventions at central, provincial, district and community-levels for the medium and long-term, using a right to food approach. It builds upon the broad range of nutrition and food security initiatives carried out since the fall of the Taliban, bringing together relevant technical expertise from FAO, UNICEF, UNIDO, WFP, and WHO.		

Outcomes:

- Child under nutrition and household food insecurity are reduced by 2013 through the implementation of an integrated community nutrition and food security package in 10 districts (in 3 to 5 provinces).
- Policies, strategic frameworks and institutional mechanisms supporting integrated nutrition and household food security interventions are established.



Regions of Intervention:	• Badakhshan; Nangahar; Daykundi; Bamiyan	
MDGs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MDG Goal 1: Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger Target 1c: Reduce by half the proportion of people who suffer from hunger • MDG Goal 4: Reduce child mortality Target 4a: Reduce by two-thirds the mortality rate among children under five. 	
Beneficiaries	Direct	Indirect
• No. Institutions	0	0
• No. Women	0	0
• No. Men	0	0
• No. ethnic groups	0	0
Project coordinator:	Dr. Nina Dodd	
RCO Focal Point:	Marziya Baydulloeva	

Status	The programme seems to be advancing well towards its expected objectives, overcoming initial delays. However, some agencies seem to be advancing at a faster pace than others.																									
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Main Achievements: (by outcomes)	<p>Outcome 1: The programme's efforts to implement an integrated community nutrition and food security package in 10 districts are ongoing.</p> <p>To promote nutrition education, household food security, increase production, consumption and income in households the programme has set up: Model gardens (66 covering 1,350 beneficiaries); 22 clinic gardens in health facilities; school gardens (34 involving 2,472 children); kitchen gardens (1,351 in different areas covering 15,765 direct beneficiaries); and in urban areas backyard poultry (Kabul, 500 mothers of children < 2 years) and beekeeping (200 women in Daikundi).</p> <p>Community based monitoring (MUAC screening) of maternal and child malnutrition is ongoing in targeted areas and will be monitored every 90 days</p> <p>Capacity building of government staff (1,246 health/extension rural development) and community based organizations is ongoing.</p> <p>Outcome 2: At the national level the JP continues its advocacy efforts with relevant ministries to ensure government recognizes that nutrition and food security should be approached in an integrated manner. At the policy level, the programme is providing support to the government in the development of multi sectoral plan of action on nutrition; development of a Food Security Policy with the Ministry of Agriculture; the programme is also working with Ministry of Education to include nutrition in school curricula for grades 1-6 (reach 6.5 million children); supporting Ministry of Higher education for developing curricula for offering nutrition courses at university level; and working with the Ministry of Public health on measuring the effectiveness of current Basic Package of Health Services in delivery of nutrition services.</p>																									
Does the JP incorporate gender considerations in the activities/outputs/outcomes ? (example)	One of the main target groups of the programme are mothers of children < 2 years																									
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Paris Declaration	<p>Leadership of national and local governmental institutions:</p> <p>The government is fully involved in the implementation and monitoring of the JP; the JP Coordinator is sitting at the Ministry of Agriculture.</p> <p>The programme has a robust governance mechanism, including TWG, PMC, district and provincial coordination mechanisms and an NSC which involves the two participating ministries, RC and Spanish Rep (but this NSC only functions for this JP not for the other two)</p> <p>Involvement of CSOs and citizens:</p> <p>Community in target sites participates in the local needs assessment as well as in the monitoring and implementation of activities.</p> <p>Alignment and Harmonization: the programme is well aligned with national priorities, and makes use of the governments existing systems and delivery mechanism both at national and sub-national levels, adopting a supporting role and building capacity of government to implement.</p> <p>Differences in the service delivery mechanisms of the MoPH and MAIL have been challenging to integrate nutrition and food security components of the JP.</p> <p>Innovative elements in mutual accountability:</p>																									

<p>Delivering as One</p>	<p>Innovative elements in harmonization of procedures and managerial practices:</p> <p>JPCs are actively participating at the UNDAF working groups relevant to the JPs and contributing to the substance of the group with technical knowledge and expertise. JPs were invited to make a presentation to the UNDAF Gender Working Groups on the advantages and disadvantages of Joint Programming GWG intends to follow the JP model in order to bring together various UN agencies to work and deliver as one UN in selected UNDAF priority province.</p> <p>Role of the RCO and synergies with other MDG-F JPs:</p> <p>RCO provides commendable support and overall monitoring to the JP, and keeps an excellent communication flow with and within the JPs, as well as with the MDG-F Secretariat.</p> <p>Besides the regular coordination meetings on monthly and quarterly basis RCO convenes quarterly JPCs meetings to brief the RC /RCO on the challenges faced, progress made and lessons learnt. JPCs use this platform to interact more frequently with each other and share how similar issues were tackled in their respective projects and coordinate among themselves relevant issues.</p> <p>Inter-agency coordination:</p> <p>Although the approach / components of the programme are designed to be implemented in a coordinated manner, some UN agencies designated focal points for the MDG-F JP seem to have competing priorities which impact negatively the coordination and implementation of the JP and may cause delays of the other partner agencies.</p>	
<p>Sustainability (concrete actions and strategic partnerships)</p>	<p>Sustainability Plan in place? Not yet</p> <p>The Joint Programme is designed to support Government priorities (Ministry of Public Health & Agriculture) and Government partners so that they are in a position to take over the activities of the Joint Programme after its completion.</p>	
<p>Innovation and Scale-up</p>		
<p>External Factors and mitigation</p>	<p>Security and travelling issues which is being mitigated by working with local partners with access to the area, and or timing activities in months where access is not an issue.</p>	
<p>Communication and Advocacy</p>	<p>C&A plan in place? yes</p> <p>The strategy aims to improve household food security and feeding practices and nutrition for infants and young children. It includes policy dialogue, partnership with key institutions; national multimedia campaign to increase awareness and demand for IYCF services, among others.</p>	
<p>M&E</p>	<p>The programme has identified good indicators. Baseline collection is only starting now and programme monitoring activities should be strengthened going forward.</p>	
<p>Missions from MDG-F Secretariat:</p>	<p>Date: January 2011</p>	<p>Members: Sophie de Caen, Paula Pelaez</p>
<p>Mid Term Evaluation:</p>	<p>Evaluator: Steve Munroe</p> <p>Period: August – October, 2011</p> <p><i>[Link to final report and improvement plan]</i></p>	