





### Intervenciones agricolas-ganaderas sensibles a la nutrición





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# Mapping interventions back to an updated 'UNICEF Framework'





Source: Herforth and Harris 2013





### Key micronutrients supplied by animalsource foods (ASFs)

	Nutrient	ASF	Conséquence of déficits	Comments				
	Vitamin A	Dairy, liver, eggs	Growth faltering, impaired development, blindness, impaired immune system, increased mortality.	Preformed vitamin A (retinol and retinol esters) is almost exclusive of ASFs, while plants contain pro-vitamin A corotenoids, significantly less bioavailable.				
	Iron	Meat, fish (Heme iron, more readily absorbable than non- heme iron -15-35% absorption) Dairy, eggs (Non-heme iron, as in plants -2-20% absorption)	Anaemia; Impaired growth, immune function, cognitive development and school performance in children; lowered work capacity and maternal mortality in adults.	Absorption of non-heme iron is inhibited by phytic acid and fiber of cereal diets. Heme-iron promotes absorption of non-heme iron present in non-ASFs (meat addition to a legume/cereal diet can double the iron absorbed, contributing to anaemia prevention).				
	Calcium	Dairy is the major source Fish (if consumed with bones)	Nutritional rickets.	Absorption of calcium is inhibited by oxalates, phytates and fiber of cereal diets. The high calcium (and casein) content in milk inhibits absorption non-heme iron only.				
	Vitamin B2	Dairy, meat and organs, eggs, fish	Stunted growth, skin lesions, corneal vascularisation, cheilosis, angular stomatitis, glossitis, photophobia, anemia, neuropathy.	Vitamin A and riboflavin are both needed for iron mobilization and hemoglobin synthesis; thus supplementation with iron alone can be unsuccessful to treat anemia if these other nutrients are deficient (22).				
	Zinc	Meat and organs, fish. Eggs, dairy to a lesser extent	Pregnancy complications, low birth weight, impaired immune functior, mortality, growth faltering.	ASFs have higher bioavailability than plant sources. Protein increases zinc absorption, calcium and phytates and fiber may inhibit.				
	Vitamin B12	All ASFs -only in ASF with the exception of some algae	Megaloblastic anemia, demyelinating disorder of the central nervous system.	B12 is bound to ASE proteins and is released for absorption in the stomach with the intervention of gastric acid, which production may be impaired in elderly, leading to B12 deficiency.				

### Food based recommendations for women in Nairobi slums with Optifood

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Recommendation   Nutrient	VitC%	VitB1%	VitB2%	VitB3%	VitB6%	Fol%	VitB12%	VitA%	Ca%	Fe%	Zn%	Cost	met
Best possible diet	342.6	175.9	221.8	116.3	173.8	218.9	939.7	629.4	100	65.7	301.5	194.7	11
No recomm	13.3	74	79.8	50.6	57	40.7	682.9	45.6	12.7	20.9	133	70.9	4
1. 7 p/wk Fruit	103.9	75.4	82.6	54	74.9	49.2	683	61.8	14.9	20.9	133	82.2	6
2. Rec 1 + 21 p/wk Dairy	109.8	76.2	128.9	54	75	49.2	715.3	90.5	63.8	20.9	138.3	114.9	7
3. Rec 1 + 2 + 28 p/wk													
Vegetables	204.5	91	141.5	64.2	98.5	58.7	715.6	183.8	69.1	24.3	148.2	126.5	8
4. Rec 1 + 2 + 3 + 21 p /wk Other													
ASF (7 eggs)	204.5	91	146	76.3	107.7	58.7	746.1	185	69.9	29.9	167.9	150.3	9
5. Rec 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 7 p/wk													
legumes	211	120.2	156.5	76.5	125.6	130	7461	204.8	76.9	36.2	198.9	154	10
6. Rec 1 +2 + 3 + 5 + 21 p/wk ASF													
(7 eggs, 4 poultry, 4 red meat)	211	122	162.4	84.5	127.6	130.3	754.6	212.8	76.9	40.8	223	160.2	10

- Optifood diet modelling predicts which food-based recommendations can ensure dietary adequacy for all nutrients (=75% for all the population)
- Times/week vs Portion size considerations
- The cost relative to incomes to improve dietary adequacy is high

# Factors showing to be problematic when designing livestock interventions to improve nutrition

- Local potential of livestock value chains and market access
- Local consumption patterns and dietary practices
- Taboos associated to certain ASFs, that could haven been set for production interests
- Gender issues intra-household distribution inequity
- Extension of ASF shelf-life preservation methods
- Mobility patterns of farmers and implications



Source: ING

### **East Africa**

#### Nairobi Seed project:





Evaluate Nutritional status and dietary adequacy



Assess consumer patterns & demand factors



Investigate determinants of LVC in poor nutrition and LVC potential/barriers



Assess potential of ASF in ensuring dietary adequacy



Scale –up research Intervention design

#### Nutrition lense onto a portfolio of livestock projects :

- Development of Women Empowerment in Livestock Index and validation for maternal and child nutrition in Tanzania, Uganda and Ethiopia
- Poultry ownership effect in women empowerment, WATSAN and child nutrition in Tanzania and Zambia
- » Pig livestock value chain in and nutrition Uganda







### West Africa





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### FAO project:

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- Momentum on ASFs (interest from humanitarian donors, UN agencies)
  - Organisation of a regional workshop on livestock, livelihoods and human nutrition.
- Ongoing collaboration with FAO and next steps
  - Possible replication of the workshop in East Africa
  - Possible replication of the Seed project in West Africa
- Engagement with implementing partners/donors (e.g. VSF, AECID) and national institutions





#### **Malnutrition Chronique** Afrique de l'Ouest et du Centre



2 Excluding Kailahun and Bonthe Districts



# **Context / Rationale**

#### **Malnutrition:**

- Persistence of high rates of malnutrition (in all forms)
- Fighting malnutrition as a priority for the Sahel countries (e.g. SUN movement, AGIR initiative)

#### Animal production and livestock:

- Arid and semi-arid areas
   → limited potential for
   agriculture (crop)
   production
- Importance of livestock livelihoods and animal production

→ However, **disconnect** between livestock interventions and human nutrition

## Study process

# Scoping study and literature review

 $\rightarrow$  3 background documents shared with participants previous to the workshop



#### Workshop

 $\rightarrow$  Workshop presentations and report



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#### **Follow-up**

→ Based on country action plans developed during the workshop

### Have you ever monitored the nutrition impact of livestock interventions?





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# Why is there a disconnect?

- Lack of knowledge of the nutritional value of ASFs (not only a source of protein...)
- Need to demystify the linkages between nutrition and livestock interventions on both sides (nutrition and livestock sectors)
- Animal production as a source of income rather than a source of food
- Lack of knowledge / know-how on how to mainstream nutrition, monitor and measure the nutrition outcomes of livestock interventions

### **Measuring nutrition outcomes**

Need for well-defined measurable nutrition objectives in the livestock interventions (including dietary indicators - e.g. WDDS)



(Source: AVSF project in Mopti, Mali)

## **Existing gaps**

- Lack of the knowledge on nutritional characteristics of animalsource foods (ASFs) and how to preserve them
- Lack of comprehensive research and evidence on linkages between human nutrition-livestock interventions → needs to collect and disseminate good practices and lessons learnt (e.g. examples of livestock interventions with a positive effect on human nutrition)
- Lack of data on the impact policies/programmes and projects (lack of evaluation or lack of sharing?)
- How can the impact of livestock interventions on human malnutrition be measured and enhanced? (innovative indicators)

# Way forward

#### How to convince livestock and nutrition professionals of the potential of ASF in improving nutrition?

Strengthen links between researchers / practitioners



- Promote the dialogue between sector experts (e.g. creation of a specific network/platform for the livestock/nutrition community)
- Sharing of the lessons learnt and experiences
- Capacity Development to support technical skills