The U.S. Government Global Nutrition Coordination Plan

Highlights from the Year 3 Annual Summary of Inter-Agency Progress

Information-Sharing Meeting, November 19, 2019
Purpose:
To strengthen the impact of the many diverse nutrition investments across the U.S. Government through better communication, collaboration, and linking research to program implementation.

1. Support country-led nutrition efforts

2. Promote leadership and partnership at the global level

3. Generate, share, and apply knowledge and evidence in a systematic way
In 2021, the end of the first five year cycle, the Global Nutrition Coordination Plan Technical Working Group will produce a U.S. Government report summarizing contributions toward the WHA targets.
Sub-Working Group Co-Leads

• **Implementation Science**
  – Susan Vorkoper, NIH
  – Yibo Wood, USDA

• **The First 1000 Days**
  – Lindy Fenlason, USAID
  – Dan Raiten, NIH

• **Nutrition Information Systems**
  – Maria Elena Jefferds, CDC
  – Rafael Flores-Ayala, CDC

• **Micronutrient Delivery Platforms**
  – Diane De Bernardo, USDA
  – Omar Dary, USAID

• **Food Safety**
  – Ahmed Kablan, USAID
  – Lee Gross, USDA

• **Nutrition and Infectious Disease**
  – Dan Raiten, NIH
  – Tim Quick, USAID

• **Nutrition-Related Non-Communicable Diseases**
  – Gabrielle Lamoureille, HHS
  – Anna McCrerey, MCC

• **Global Food Security Strategy**
  – Ingrid Weiss, USAID
Supported Country-Led Nutrition Efforts

• The Nutrition Information Systems sub-group is supporting national micronutrient surveys in Rwanda, Burkina Faso, Nigeria, Tanzania, and Vietnam.

• The results will be used to prioritize nutrition surveillance activities to yield nationally-representative nutrition data in the countries.
Promoted Leadership and Partnership at Global Level

• In preparation for the next Nutrition for Growth Summit in Japan in 2020, the USG utilized the TWG to form an interagency coordination group.

• The TWG contributed data to global nutrition accountability reports and supported revisions to the OECD donor reporting system so that multi-sector aid for improved nutrition can be more accurately reported.
Held Inter-Agency Nutrition Events

• The First 1000 Days sub-group orchestrated a large interagency World Breastfeeding Week symposium highlighting scientific and programmatic USG activities (domestic and international)
• The Food Safety sub-group organized monthly interagency technical discussions and presentations on topics such as the Food and Drug Administration’s On-Farm Readiness Review Program.
Highlights from 2018–2019 Implementation Year

Held Knowledge-Sharing Events

• Webinars and technical presentations
Secretariat Progress

- Finalized the Coordination Plan Technical Working Group (TWG) terms of reference
- Facilitated the co-chair, co-lead, and TWG meetings
Secretariat Progress

- Established a webpage on the USDA National Agricultural Library
Throughout the year, the TWG discussed the Coordination Plan’s value in members’ ongoing work and ways to strengthen the platform.

Reflection points included:

• Ensuring collaboration across sub-groups and technical areas

• Ways to streamline the topics across the sub-groups

• Ways to elevate nutrition and the Coordination Plan within USG agencies
Priorities and Plans for 2020

• Support upcoming global events, e.g., the Nutrition for Growth Summit 2020

• Continue supporting country-based initiatives such as the nutrition surveys and micronutrient programs

• Continue sharing knowledge and evidence, e.g., webinars on cutting-edge topics in the arenas of stunting and anemia