



FANTA Overview

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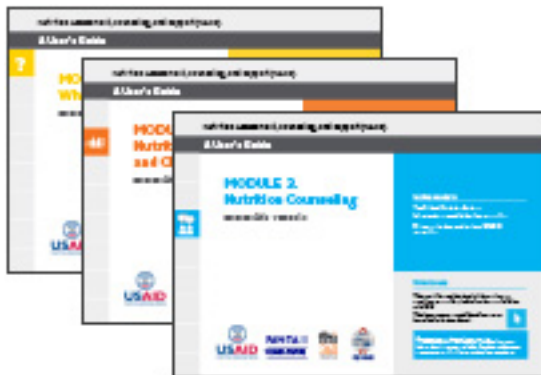
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FANTA Background

- USAID Cooperative Agreement
- February 2012 – extended to September 2018
- Bureau for Global Health managed
- Bought into by 25 other USAID bureaus, offices, and missions



Map of FANTA Countries



A world map with a light gray background. Countries highlighted in yellow include Bangladesh, Botswana, Cote d'Ivoire, DR Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guatemala, Haiti, Indonesia, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Vietnam, and Zambia. A semi-transparent tan box is overlaid on the left side of the map, containing a two-column list of these countries. An inset map in the bottom right corner shows a closer view of the yellow-highlighted regions in Asia, Africa, and the Pacific.

Bangladesh	Madagascar
Botswana	Malawi
Cote d'Ivoire	Mozambique
DR Congo	Namibia
Ethiopia	Nigeria
Ghana	Swaziland
Guatemala	Tanzania
Haiti	Uganda
Indonesia	Vietnam
Lesotho	Zambia

FANTA Background

- **IR 1 – Global Evidence and Capacity**
- **IR 2 – Country-driven Policies, Programs, and Systems**
 - Promote adoption of policies, standard and promising practices
 - Develop global and national guidance and tools
 - Expand the evidence base
 - Provide technical assistance

FANTA by the Numbers (average/year)

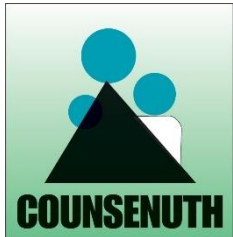
- 48 new tools developed
- 15 new global and national policies strengthened
- 48 new publications
- 3,500 health care providers and managers trained
- 170,000 web pages viewed (fantaproject.org)
- 8 new journal articles





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Guiding Principles

- USAID's Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Strategy
 - Country-led policies and processes
 - Sustainable approaches
 - Evidence-based
 - Gender-sensitive
- Collaborating, Learning, and Adapting
 - M&E associated with achieving outcomes
 - Strategic collaboration improves performance
 - Locally led development is most effective
 - Strong leaders are essential

Focus of Today's Event

Sharing and dissemination of:

- Research
- Technical assistance approaches
- New methodologies
- New indicators
- New tools
- Lessons learned/key take-aways



Quotes from Partners

FANTA permitted us to advance the National Strategy for Prevention of Chronic Malnutrition in Guatemala.
Guillermo Leiva, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food, Guatemala

FANTA in Zambia provided leadership in nutrition technical guidance, materials development, and capacity building.
Helen Khunga Chirwa, USAID/Zambia

FANTA has strengthened our capacity to organize, strategize, and strengthen health systems to prevent and treat malnutrition.

Dr. Koffi Ahoussi, Dept. of Nutrition, Cote d'Ivoire

FANTA helped shape the agenda so we now have a way to support nutrition in a multisectoral fashion.
Obey Assery, PMO, Tanzania

FANTA dedicated itself to strengthening the capacity of the Government of Guatemala to focus on integrated nutrition.
German Gonzalez, SESAN, Guatemala

With TA from FANTA and TFNC we were able to train 652 frontline workers, trainers, and District Nutrition Officers in Tanzania.
Pact, Tanzania

You cannot talk about quality without talking about FANTA. Now QI is being applied not only in nutrition, but beyond.
Jameson Chausa, District Health Officer, Malawi

During our partnership, the MGLSD found FANTA to be a partner that is reliable, dependable, competent, and results oriented.
Everest Tumwisigye, Ministry of Gender, Uganda

The project successfully strengthened the health system, built the capacity of our health workers, and nutrition champions.
M. Dominic Elue, Ministry of Health, Nigeria

Staff Highlights

Alejandro Soto

Project Manager, Mozambique

Dr. Soto has 15 years of experience in public health, primary health care, HIV care and treatment, nutrition, and metabolic disorders. He also has experience managing complex projects including emergency relief interventions. Alejandro is a medical doctor and holds a Master's Degree in both Primary Health Care Management and International Nutrition.



Alejandro, what do you do at FANTA?

I am the FANTA Project Manager for Mozambique.

What has been your proudest moment on the FANTA project?

The day we put in motion an implementation program to provide direct technical assistance to health providers in order to improve the screening, diagnosis, management, and treatment of children with acute malnutrition so more children can be identified and receive the nutrition care they need to save their lives.

Earnest Muyunda

Program Manager, Zambia

Dr. Earnest Muyunda has more than 20 years of experience in health and nutrition and holds an MPH from University College Dublin.

Earnest, what do you do at FANTA?

My role has been to lead FANTA's technical assistance to USAID/Zambia and its partners, including supporting the updating of national nutrition strategies and policies in partnership with the Ministry of Health and the National Food and Nutrition Commission. I also have been deeply involved with the integration and scale-up of nutrition assessment, counseling, and support (NACS) in health services in Kitwe and Muhihi districts.

What has been your proudest moment on the FANTA project?

My proudest moment was when the Ministry of Health acknowledged the project's role in integrating NACS into Zambia's health services. Our support has been key to the continued advancement of quality care for people living with HIV.

Ema Samussone

Senior Technical Officer, Nutrition, Mozambique

Ema Samussone is a Senior Technical Officer of Nutrition at FANTA's office in Mozambique.

Ema, what do you do at FANTA?

My main responsibility is to support the national Nutrition Rehabilitation Program (Programa de Reabilitação Nutricional (PRN)) and quality improvement (QI) trainings, and provide follow-up technical assistance to improve the management and implementation of the PRN in the drought-affected districts of Sofala, Manica, Tete, Gaza, and Inhambane provinces. I also provide technical assistance to FANTA staff in Manhiça and Zambézia.

What has been your proudest moment on the FANTA project?

My proudest moment on the FANTA project so far has been to be part of the team that is providing training to the health staff on PRN in the drought-affected districts of Sofala, Manica, Tete, Gaza, and Inhambane provinces, as well as providing support to the Provincial Health Offices (DPS) and the District Health Offices (SDSMAS). Currently, we are training SDSMAS health staff in the Mutarara and Magoe districts of Tete province.



Alice Nkoroi

Project Manager, CMAM and Emergency Nutrition, Malawi

Alice Nkoroi has more than 14 years of experience designing, implementing, managing, and providing technical assistance to maternal and child health nutrition, HIV/AIDS care and support, quality improvement, CMAM, and emergency nutrition programs. She holds a master's degree in medical science human nutrition from the University of Glasgow.

Alice, what do you do at FANTA?

I manage the Malawi Country Program. On a day-to-day basis, I provide technical leadership for the implementation of FANTA activities in Malawi, and liaise and coordinate implementation with government ministries, USAID, UN agencies, and other nutrition stakeholders.

What has been your proudest moment on the FANTA project?

My proudest moment was when FANTA received great appreciation from the Principal Secretary for Health following a Cabinet Ministers Committee Meeting where the Minister for Health presented to his fellow Ministers the updated National Multi-Sector Nutrition Policy 2017-2022. The Committee approved the policy, pointing out that it was very well done and met both national and international standards. FANTA has provided technical assistance to the Department of Nutrition HIV and AIDS to develop the National Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Policy 2017-2022, a priority of the National Growth and Development Strategy.



Diana Stukel

Scientist, Survey Methods, Washington, D.C.

Dr. Diana Stukel has more than 25 years of experience working as a survey statistician. She holds a master's degree and PhD in mathematics with a specialization in statistics from Carleton University.

Dana, what do you do at FANTA?

One of my main functions within FANTA is to provide technical assistance to USAID/Food for Peace (FFP) in relation to their evaluation function - I lead the "E" part of "M&E" within FANTA!

What has been your proudest moment on the FANTA project?

In this role, I have provided technical assistance over the last 5 years in relation to baseline studies undertaken in 11 countries in Sub-Saharan Africa, Asia and Latin America - with three more coming down the pipeline this year! The technical assistance has run from soup to nuts - everything from participating in the in-country planning workshops, designing the related population-based quantitative surveys and qualitative studies, monitoring the in-country training of interviewers prior to field work, participating in weekly calls before, during and after field work, reviewing all the third party firm deliverables on behalf of USAID/FFP, and attending baseline study report dissemination events at USAID. I have been intensely involved in this activity from the first year that FFP decided to undertake these evaluation studies. As such, this is my proudest accomplishment as the studies have continuously improved over the 5-year span and I would like to think that I have helped to shape and influence various modifications relating to how the studies have been conducted over the years. USAID/FFP now has a treasure-trove of 11 very substantial and rich datasets available in the public domain - ripe for future analytical work by researchers and policy analysts!



Baraca João Muchanga

Senior Technical Officer, Zambézia, Mozambique

Baraca Muchanga has over 5 years of experience in medicine and health. Before joining FANTA, he was the Medical District Chief in Nacala-a-Velha District in Mozambique's Nampula Province. He holds a degree in general medicine from the Faculty of Medicine at Eduardo Mondlane University.

Baraca, what do you do at FANTA?

My main activities are coordinating the activities of FANTA in Zambézia and providing technical support to DPS (Provincial Directorate of Health), SDSMAS (District Directorate of Health), and PRN (Nutritional Rehabilitation Program) implementation, which includes the implementation of PRN protocols, registration, and compilation of PRN data and stock management.

What has been your proudest moment on the FANTA project?

The moment of glory in the project was to have developed instruments and flow to improve the implementation of the PRN in the health centers we support and at the level of the DPS.



Armanda Gani

Technical Officer, Nutrition, Mozambique

Armanda Issa Abdul Gani has more than 15 years of experience in capacity building, training, and supporting nutrition and child health programs. She holds a master's degree in community nutrition from the University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia, and a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Eduardo Mondlane.

Armanda, what do you do at FANTA?

One of my responsibilities is to provide technical assistance to develop policies, strategies, guidelines, training materials, and other materials related to FANTA's public health nutrition portfolio, specifically in support of the Multisectoral Action Plan for the Reduction of Chronic Undernutrition in Mozambique 2011-2015(20) and USAID's Feed the Future implementing projects.

What has been your proudest moment on the FANTA project?

My proudest moment was leading the creation of a job aid that could help health care workers in Mozambique to make accurate recommendations and ensure the safest and best feeding approach for children born to HIV-positive mothers, based on the WHO 2010 Recommendations. The idea came during an assessment of the Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative, whereby it was found that health care workers in Mozambique needed clear guidance and simplified key messages on how to counsel HIV-positive mothers on the best infant and young child feeding practices. The job aid is now available in Portuguese and is being widely disseminated in health facilities across the country.



Denise N'Dabian

Project Manager, Côte d'Ivoire

Denise's professional experience includes implementing the integration of nutrition care and support into antenatal, postnatal therapy care and treatment sites by providing training and coaching, as well as nutrition care and follow-up support. She is a public health doctor and has an MPH from Université Libre de Bruxelles.

Denise, what do you do at FANTA?

Since October 2011, I have been the project manager of FANTA project in Côte d'Ivoire, where I am responsible for project implementation. I ensure the activities conducted by two staffs.

What has been your proudest moment on the FANTA project?

FANTA CI, by providing support to the MOH and PEPFAR Implementing Partners has contributed to the scale-up of NACS in Côte d'Ivoire. FANTA CI is recognized by all stakeholders, including USAID and the National Nutrition Program, as the standard-setting project for all questions related to nutrition and HIV.



Fátima Mucavele

Technical Officer, Mozambique

Fátima Artur Mucavele has over 10 years of experience in maternal and child health, nutrition, and HIV. She holds a degree in clinical psychology and social assistance from the Catholic University of Mozambique.

Fátima, what do you do at FANTA?

My main activity is to provide technical support to provincial health office (DPS) and district health office (SDSMAS) colleagues, implementation support to health centers in the Nutrition Rehabilitation Program (PRN), which includes PRN protocols, registration, and compilation of PRN data, stock management, patient flow analysis, and adherence activities. In addition, I lead the organization or in-service training and assisting DPS and SDSMAS in facilitation, and participate in the integrated supervision, collaboration, and coordination of visits with PEPFAR clinical partners and other USAID projects. And I provide technical support for the multisectoral action plan to reduce chronic malnutrition in Mozambique-related (PAMRCO) activities as needed.

What has been your proudest moment on the FANTA project?

The proudest moment in the FANTA project was to verify in practice that technical support brings changes in the thinking of the technicians from the level of DPS and SDSMAS to the health units. I am proud to say that with FANTA we have improved the PRN in Zambézia province. In particular, the sanitary units in a number of health centers supported by FANTA are considered models in the implementation of the PRN in the province.



Anita Komukama

Technical Officer, Knowledge Management and Advocacy, Uganda

Anita Komukama has several years of experience in public health and nutrition, as well as maternal, newborn, and child health. She holds an MSc degree in nutrition and rural development from Gent University, Belgium, and a BSc degree in food processing technology from Kyambogo University, Uganda.

Anita, what do you do at FANTA?

As Knowledge Management Officer with FANTA Uganda, I am responsible for visibility of FANTA Uganda activities and also work on advocacy activities.

What has been your proudest moment on the FANTA project?

My proudest moment is seeing our nutrition advocacy activities get implemented. In my second year with FANTA, I assumed the role of spearheading and supporting advocacy activities at both National and District (local government level). We have since had success in supporting our 10 supported District Nutrition Coordination committees, all of which have been trained in advocacy and have drawn up advocacy implementation plans for their nutrition activities. At national level, we have supported the Office of the Prime Minister's work to identify nutrition advocates in the 10th Parliament of Uganda that will champion food and nutrition security issues in their parliamentary debates.



Jaden Bendabenda

Deputy Project Manager, Malawi

Jaden has more than eight years work experience in clinical care, hospital management, and community-based research in nutrition and reproductive health. He has a bachelor's degree in medicine and surgery from the University of Malawi and is pursuing a PhD in International Health & Nutrition at the University of Tampere.

Jaden, what do you do at FANTA?

I provide technical and clinical oversight to the Community-based Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) and Nutrition Care, Support and Treatment (NCST) programs. This involves development of the national CMAM operational plan, guidelines, job aids, M&E tools, training materials, and pre-service resource toolkits, as well as designing, implementation, and documentation of quality improvement (QI) in CMAM and NCST.

What has been your proudest moment on the FANTA project?

My role involves travel with Ministry of Health officials to mentor health workers in the nutrition rehabilitation units (NRUs) in Malawi. During mentorship, we do ward rounds with the health workers to review children admitted with severe acute malnutrition (SAM) and discuss challenging cases. The common challenging case involves a child who is failing to respond to feeds. Using QI and after following the updated guidelines on management of SAM, we support the health workers to identify all possible problems and agree on the next course of management of the child. Days later, when I receive a phone call from the health workers that the child has recovered and will be discharged, I can't help but get excited by the health workers' excitement, whose confidence and hope is renewed that the life of a child with SAM can indeed be saved. It is this confidence and hope that helps motivate the health worker to apply the new knowledge when another child with SAM is admitted to the NRU. This is one of my proudest moments that bear testimony that QI and use of the updated guidelines are helping save the lives of children.



Gad Tukamushaba

Program Coordinator - District Nutrition Coordination Committees, Uganda

Gad Tukamushaba has more than 15 years of experience collaborating with local government partners to identify, design, and implement programs for vulnerable populations, including orphans and vulnerable children, women, and youth. He holds a BA in Social Sciences from Makerere University in Uganda, a post-graduate diploma in Development Studies from Makerere University of Science and Technology, and a diploma in Microfinance from the Uganda Institute of Bankers.

Gad, what do you do at FANTA?

I work as a Program Coordinator for the Multisectoral District Nutrition Coordination Committee (DNCC) initiative. The initiative focuses on 10 districts in the Future zones of influence in the Southwestern Uganda (Kamwenge, Kasere, Kisoro, Ntungamo, and Sheema) and Northern Uganda (Arua, Iganga, Lira, Masindi, and Oyam). My role is to build support for DNCCs and strengthen their capacity to plan, budget, leverage existing resources for, advocate for, and monitor nutrition activities.

What has been your proudest moment on the FANTA project?

My proudest moment was strengthening the capacity of district officers to be able to plan for nutrition using the multisectoral approach. As a result, all the 10 districts have incorporated nutrition as a cross-cutting issue in their 5-year District Development plans, and developed District Nutrition Action Plans that were approved by their respective District Councils. These plans have enabled districts to identify and mobilize resources for implementation of nutrition interventions. From these experiences, FANTA has developed an approach to guide the scale up of multisectoral nutrition programming in Uganda. FFP now has a treasure-trove of 11 very substantial and rich datasets available in the public domain - ripe for future analytical work by researchers and policy analysts!





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