



Improving Gender Equality and Nutrition Data for Women, Children and Adolescent Girls Lab

Status Update

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Lead Partners:

Nutrition International
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Campbell Collaboration

PROGRESS TO DATE:

- Developed and compared explanatory models of the relationship between the empowerment of adolescent girls and their nutritional status using multiple cross-sectional Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS) across select East and West African countries where datasets were available. A collaborative effort was undertaken to develop the model for adolescent girls.
- Conducted a literature review using the DHS Women's Status module to identify empowerment indicators and consulted nutrition and gender equality experts to inform final indicator selection.
- To expand and simplify routine monitoring tools for assessing and course-correcting nutrition interventions, quality metrics were integrated into NI's Nutrition Interventions Monitoring Survey (NIMS) toolkit.

NEXT STEPS:

- Conduct in-country consultations to develop and test explanatory model of women's empowerment and maternal, adolescent and child nutrition outcomes.
- Fill identified monitoring and evaluation gaps by summarizing best practices in rapid assessment techniques of facility-and household level nutrition programs.
- Activities underway to conduct a systematic review to explore empowerment-specific interventions that promote the nutritional status of women of reproductive age in low- and middle-income countries.
- Ensure lessons learned from partners and process are documented and widely disseminated to both internal and international audiences. This includes publications in peer-reviewed and non-peer reviewed journals, conference presentations and tool sharing/training opportunities.
- Build a robust data management and analytical system linked to the NIMS tool to increase the availability and uptake of transparent data from surveys and rapid assessments.

RESOURCES:

- [Gender and nutrition: Canadian knowledge partnership seeks to close the data gap.](#) Nutrition International, January 2019.

