

# Promoting Nutrition Through the Peace Corps: Training Materials for Staff and Volunteers

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View from the Field: Discussion with Peace Corps staff
Question & Answer

Wrap up































# Implementing the Essential Nutrition Actions

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WAFSP- West Africa Food Security & Nutrition Partnership SPRING- Strengthening Partnership Results Innovations in Nutrition Globally

### **High-Impact Nutrition Interventions**

### Scaling Up Nutrition A FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION

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Maternal and Child Nutrition

# Essential Nutrition Actions

IMPROVING MATERNAL, NEWBORN, INFANT AND YOUNG CHILD HEALTH AND NUTRITION

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### Since 1997- The Essential Nutrition Actions (ENA)

#### framework

Adolescent & Women's Nutrition



Breastfeeding 0-6 months



Complementary Feeding with BF



Nutritional Care of the sick & Malnourished child





Control of Vitamin A deficiency



Control of Anemia



Control of Iodine Deficiency Disorders



### **Essential Nutrition Actions**



- Life cycle approach
- Based on small do-able actions
- Delivers the right services
   & messages to the right
   person at the right time
- Operational framework for reducing "missed opportunities" across sectors

### Nutrition Specific Within the Health Sector

Use existing health contacts and community platforms Increase their performance



### **PREGNANCY**

Diet, iron/folic acid, deworming, anti-malarial, iodized salt, calcium, vit A, preparation for breastfeeding



#### **DELIVERY**

Delay cord clamping, early & exclusive breastfeeding, iron/folic acid, diet

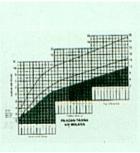


POSTNATAL AND FAMILY PLANNING

Support to breastfeeding, diet, iron/folic acid, FP-LAM



infant and young child feeding, vit A, de-worming, assess and treat infant's anemia



WELL CHILD AND GMP

Monitor growth, assess and counsel on child feeding, iodized salt



#### **SICK CHILD**

counsel on infant feeding, assess and treat for anemia, check and complete vit A, de-worming

### **Nutrition Sensitive Across Sectors**

Use existing contacts to extend nutrition coverage

### Health

Immunization (Measles)
Delay first pregnancy and
Birth Spacing

### Agriculture

Food diversification
Food security
Homestead Food Production
Nutrition sensitive crops

### Micro-credit

Women's farmers clubs Income Generating Projects

### **Schools**

Keep girls at school
Children & Adolescent
De-worming
Iron supplementation

# Pre-service Education

Doctors, Nurses, Midwives, Teachers, agriculture

### **Enviroment**

Clean environment, indoor air pollution Non-smoking

### Mass media

TV Radio Local broadcasting

# Essential Hygiene Actions

Hand-washing
Clean water & sanitation
Public health education

### Community Nutrition

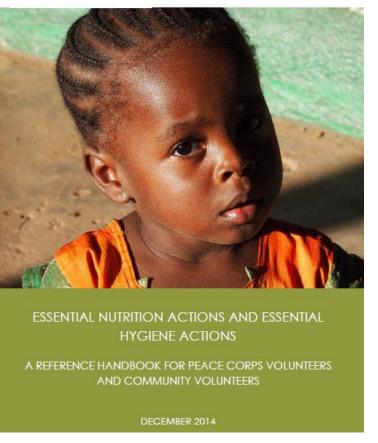
Community Workers across sector

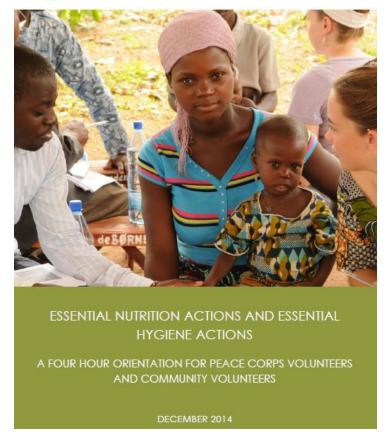












# For <u>all PC staff and Volunteers</u> regardless of their sectors

Provide a reference and an orientation on the minimum nutrition and hygiene knowledge







ESSENTIAL NUTRITION ACTIONS AND ESSENTIAL HYGIENE ACTIONS

A TRAINING GUIDE FOR PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS AND COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

DECEMBER 2014

#### TRAINING SCHEDULE

	DAY ONE	
8:30-9:30 In	ntroduction: Why Are We Here?	1
9:30-10:30	Adolescent Girls and Women's Nutrition during Pregnancy and the Importance of Micronutrients	2
10:30-12:30 O	Optimal Breastfeeding	3
Lunch 12:30–13:30		
15:30-15:45	Negotiation with Mothers, Fathers, Grandmothers, or Other Caregivers: Women's Nutrition during Pregnancy and Optimal Breastfeeding	4
15:45-16:45 S	creening for Malnutrition and Referring a Child Who Is Malnourished (Part 1)	5
	DAYTWO	·
8:30-9:30 S	creening for Malnutrition and Referring a Child Who Is Malnourished (Part 2)	5
9:30-12:45	Complementary Feeding, Feeding a Sick Child, Essential Hygiene Actions, and Homestead Food Production	6
	Lunch 12:45-13:45	
13:45-16:00	Negotiation with Mothers, Fathers, Grandmothers, or Other Caregivers: Complementary Feeding and the Sick Child	7
16:00-16:45 G	Gender Roles	8
	DAYTHREE	•
8:30-11:30 Fi	ield Practice	9
11:30-12:15 H	Homestead Food Production and Nutrition	10
	Lunch 12:15-13:15	
13:15-15:45 In	mplementation and Action Plans	11
(Optional)	now to Integrate Essential Nutrition Actions, Essential Hygiene Actions, and Homestead Food Production into Current Training Curricula	12
(Optional) S	Support to Community Groups	13

### For PC staff, PCV and Counterparts

Provide a practical training guide adapted to community groups







ESSENTIAL NUTRITION ACTIONS AND ESSENTIAL HYGIENE ACTIONS

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AND PEACE CORPS STAFF

DECEMBER 2014

# For PC Staff, health and nutrition PCV

Provide additional information on nutrition and hygiene, enhance counseling and negotiation techniques, and community groups facilitation





# Background

FTF/WAFSP gave opportunity to support nutrition activities in West Africa



### Staff and PCVs trained on ENA

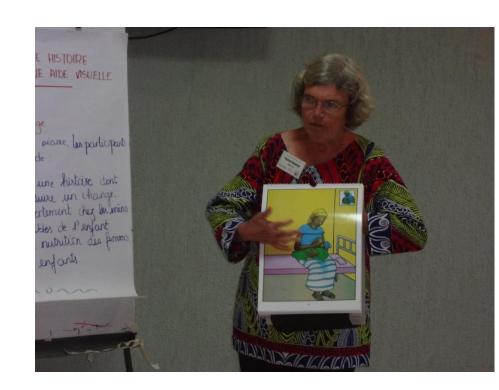
- TOT organized, with the technical support of SPRING for 5 countries: Benin, Senegal, Sierra Leone, The Gambia & Guinea
- Training material adapted
- Material translated into 3 local languages in the Gambia.





### Access to material...

- More structure to PCVs activities
- Clear messages
- Facilitate local counterpart training
- More commitment of PCV for Nutrition activities.



# Commitment to Scale Up Nutrition

- WAFSP continues supporting incountry trainings on ENA
- Peace Corps is clearly committed to support nutritional education initiatives (OPATS, PCD)
- Opportunities to scale up intervention







# **THANK YOU**





# ENA Workshop Ecuador - Feb 2015





# 1 Day Training

### **Participants:**

- 4 PCV's, 4 Counterparts
- 1 Staff Member

### 3 Sessions:

- Nutrition through life cycle
- Behavior Change
- Nutrition Counseling







# Post -Adaptation

### Translation to Spanish/ Pictures context based



#### **SAAIDRAC**

- S aludar a la madre/ cuidador y establecer confianza
- H A cer preguntas sobre sus actuales prácticas (alimentación, lactancia, etc.)
  - A tender y escuchar lo que la madre dice
  - I dentificar las dificultades y las causas de las dificultades
  - **D iscutir** con la madre opciones posibles para superar la dificultad identificada
  - ${f R}$  ecomendar y negociar acciones realizables : presente opciones y negocie con la madre para seleccionar que va a ensayar
- A cordar con la madre la opción/es que se van a ensayar y repetir con la madre lo acordado
- Cita para hacer el seguimiento o una visita



#### Acciones Escenciales en la Nutrición

- Promoción de una nutrición optima en el ciclo de la vida.
- Promoción del consumo de una dieta diversificada/ fortificada
- Promoción de adecuado consumo de hierro y ácido fólico para la prevención de la anemia.
- Promoción de adecuado consumo de yodo para todos los miembros de la casa. (Sal Yoda)
- Promoción de lactancia materna exclusiva durante los primeros seis meses (para madres que no son portadoras de VIH)
- Promoción de comida complementaria que empieze a los 6 meses y continue hasta los 2 anos adicionalmente a la lecha materna
- Prevención de Deficiencia de Vitamina A en mujeres y ninos
- Prevención de la Anemia





# Practice Nutrition Counseling (Role-Play)

Observer/ - Counterpart



Mother/ Counterpart

Counselor/ PCV



# ENA Webinar presentation

Benin

### How we use ENA materials

- \* ENA promotion one of the three key areas of our project framework
- \* During Pre Service Training (nutrition technical information + 3 negotiation practices)
- \* During Nutrition Summit that aims to gather Volunteers in order to share ENA promotion best practices, but also to reinforce their knowledge on the subject
- During optional training open to non health volunteers
- PCVs use ENA materials at site to reinforce their work partners' ability to negotiate

# How has the materials changed the way in which PCVs work with communities?

- The materials are very useful
- \* PCVs rely on the technical information in the ENA booklet to answer nutrition questions communities members and coworkers ask them. They feel more confident
- \* With the ENA materials, PCVs now have adequate tools to support their nutritional education sessions, especially in communities where there are few schooled people
- They can equip health workers with the materials to support nutritional counseling

# Importance of ENA materials

- \* The booklet of key ENA messages with illustrations is very practical and useful. PCVs love it!
- \* The fact that negotiation steps are modeled as GALIDRAA is very helpful during training. It is a good tip to make trainees remember the steps
- \* The video modeling negotiation steps is also a very strong material we use during training

# Can PCVs change nutrition behaviors by using these ENA resources?

- \* The materials are very useful and there are stories of PCVs having helped mothers improve feeding practices for their children with impact on the child's nutritional status
- \* For a sustainable impact, we encourage PCVs to involve their counterparts, especially to overcome language barriers.
- Changing nutrition behaviors is not easy and needs perseverance on the part of PCVs and their counterparts.

# Thank you

#### **SECTION HEADER**

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