# JSI NUTRITION

Undernutrition is associated with nearly half of all deaths in children under five, and one third of maternal deaths. Undernutrition—and overnutrition—are causes and consequences of poverty, and negatively affect individual and national health and economic development.

JSI implements nutrition programs that strengthen services, engage communities, and most importantly, improve the lives of families, women, infants, and children. Our approach recognizes the need for multi-sectoral solutions centered on community mobilization, advocacy for policy change, and balancing evidence-based programming with continuous innovation and learning.

JSI is a pioneer of at-scale implementation of high-impact nutrition interventions using the <u>Essential Nutrition Actions (ENA) framework</u>; providing technical support to strengthen and scale-up programs; implementing country-specific approaches—including community mobilization, and supporting policy change, advocacy, evidence-based learning, and monitoring and evaluation—to strengthen health systems.



We work with diverse partners to design innovative, action-oriented nutrition programs through:

**Capacity Building:** JSI gives practitioners, policymakers, and civil society actors skills to design and implement effective nutrition interventions that meet national and international standards.

**Community Engagement:** JSI helps district and regional governments design and implement facility- and community-level social behavior change communications interventions to encourage adoption of positive nutrition behaviors.

**Implementation:** JSI collaborates with country governments to scale the implementation of the essential nutrition actions framework for advocacy, planning, and delivery of a package of interventions that focus on adolescent and women's nutrition, infant and young child feeding, and micronutrients.

**Integration:** JSI works with our local offices and partners to integrate nutrition interventions into existing health services, and other sectors such as agriculture and WASH.

**Innovation:** JSI uses the latest information and communications tools to promote maternal, infant, and child nutrition and hygiene-related behaviors. Whether using mobile phone applications, video, geospatial maps, or crowdsourcing tools, JSI provides local institutions with appropriate techniques to establish sustainable ICT initiatives. Spanning the human lifecycle, working across the continuum of care, and multi-sector engagement are the keys to JSI's success in nutrition.



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### JSI'S SPRING PROJECT WORKS IN MORE THAN



# **NUTRITION PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS**

JSI leads several projects aimed at improving the nutrition of women, infants, and children. Learn more about our work by visiting <u>www.jsi.com/nutrition</u>.

## Strengthening Partnerships, Results, and Innovations in Nutrition Globally (SPRING)

JSI leads the SPRING project, USAID's global flagship nutrition initiative (2011-2017). Working in more than 15 countries across four continents, SPRING implements multi-sectoral approaches to scale up high-impact nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive practices and policies. The project supports nutrition programming through USAID's Bureau for Food Security and the Bureau for Global Health, bridging traditionally siloed sectors across the agency to streamline implementation of USAID's Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Strategy. SPRING's approach to designing high-impact interventions includes:

- Building local capacity to implement proven approaches to improve nutrition behaviors in the first 1,000 days.
- Integrating nutrition-sensitive practices into agriculture, health service delivery, and water, sanitation, and hygiene programming.
- Leveraging partnerships for rapid and sustainable results.
- Testing innovations and contributing to the global nutrition knowledge base.
- Sharing promising practices and resources through robust knowledge management and communications.

### **Other Projects**

- Resiliency in Northern Ghana (RING)
- <u>Liberian Agricultural Upgrading, Nutrition, and</u> <u>Child Health (LAUNCH)</u>
- Accelerating Nutrition Improvements (ANI)



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