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Policy development, implementation and legal framework

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The DNCC, SNCC and TNCC conducts monthly monitoring and supervision visits and quarterly meetings to assess progress of program implementation.

Financial and resource mobilization

A costed Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Annual Workplan (FY-2019/20) was developed and approved through the office of the Chief District Administrator (CDA) to ensure implementation of Nutrition actions in the district.

A total of 99 PDCs, FAL Instructors and supervisors are being implemented in the district.

Advocacy (for practice)

Having a Nutrition governance file filled with the Omoro DDP III (2020-2025) and departmental policies and guidelines.

Information management (monitoring, evaluation, surveillance and research)

A baseline needs assessment was conducted in Omoro, key findings of which have been used to develop the district’s nutrition action planning manual.

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- 24% of households have food stocks

INFANT AND YOUNG CHILD FEEDING PRACTICES

- Min. acceptable diet
- Min. diet diversity (6-23mo)
- Breast feeding within 1st hour

NUTRITION GOVERNANCE

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WASH STATUS

- 63% of households are safe water access
- 71% have sanitation facilities
- 67% have water treatment

HEALTH INDICATORS

- 49% Malaria
- 4% Diarrhea
- 3% Acute Respiratory Infections

Source: Uganda and West Felix and consolidated results for 8 districts of Karamoja Final Report. September 2019. Makerere University School of Public Health

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NUTRITION GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK

PILLARS OF GOVERNANCE

- Partnership
- System capacity building
- Information management
- Communication
- Resource mobilization

INTerventions

- Scale up coverage of optimal breastfeeding practices
- Promote infant and young child feeding practices
- Promote appropriate adolescent nutrition
- Scale up and sustain effective coverage of Vitamin A 
- Scale up and sustain effective coverage of ORS-Zinc for children 0-59 months
- Scale up and sustain effective coverage of IYCF practices among pregnant women
- Scale up and sustain effective coverage of prevention of NCDs
- Scale up and sustain effective coverage of maternal and child health interventions
- Scale up and sustain effective coverage of vitamin and folic acid supplementation
- Scale up and sustain effective coverage of ART for children 12-59 months
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- Scale up and sustain effective coverage of PMTCT services

IMPLEMENTATION

- Stakeholder mapping: Omoro District Local Government has 14 stakeholders either overseeing or implementing Nutrition specific and sensitive interventions as well as creating an enabling environment for Nutrition implementation within the district. In total, four stakeholders are for Nutrition specific, three for Nutrition sensitive, two for partners for governance and five supporting all the interventions.

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Source: Nutrition Stakeholder Mapping for Uganda Report. 2019