

INTRODUCTION TO IFNA

The Initiative for Food and Nutrition Security in Africa (IFNA) was launched jointly by **the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD)** and **the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)** in Nairobi, Kenya, in August 2016 at the side event of the Sixth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD VI), called “Action on Nutrition; Launching of IFNA”.

IFNA has a view to contributing to a comprehensive improvement in the nutrition status of the African Continent, in line with the Malabo Declaration of the African Union; Goal 2 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development established by the United Nations; and the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition which began in 2016.

IFNA also aligns with existing international frameworks including Scaling Up Nutrition to make collective and coordinated efforts and ultimately to enhance the impact of nutrition improvement.



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Initiative for
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WHY IFNA EXISTS

BACKGROUND

- 39% of children are stunted in Africa¹
- Nearly half of all deaths in children under five are attributable to undernutrition²
- Lower cognitive and physical ability limits employment opportunity
- The economic costs of undernutrition - loss of GDP by 11% in Africa³

To address these multiple challenges posed by malnutrition in all its forms in African countries, IFNA has the objective, vision and mission to realise an Africa that is free of hunger and malnutrition.

OBJECTIVE

Towards achievement of the Malabo Declaration, the UN Sustainable Development Goals and other internationally agreed nutrition targets, IFNA aims at establishing a framework for collaboration with African governments in order to accelerate the implementation of their food and nutrition security policies on the ground.

VISION

To contribute to the achievement of a sustained improvement in the nutritional status of all the African people across the life cycle.

MISSION

To establish a framework of collaboration to accelerate the implementation of food and nutrition security policies for accelerating and up-scaling actions on nutrition in all African countries.

¹Levels and trends in child malnutrition (UNICEF, WHO, WB, 2018)

²Progress of Children (UNICEF, 2015)

³GNR (IFPRI, 2014)

HOW IFNA WORKS

MULTI-SECTORAL APPROACH

IFNA focuses on the integration of agriculture and food with other sectors into nutrition improvement actions for sustainability.

MULTI-PARTNER APPROACH

As a multi-stakeholder partnership platform, IFNA is strengthened by all relevant key actors collectively collaborating.

NUTRIENT-FOCUSED APPROACH

IFNA promotes an approach to design the context-specific dietary diversification to tackle the nutrition issues that are identified. This also can be a tool to guide specific roles of the agriculture sector in the nutrition issues.



WHAT IFNA DOES

COORDINATION

CAPACITY BUILDING

IFNA builds capacity at sub-national level to translate national policy into actions based on the needs on the ground.

ALIGNMENT OF NEEDS AND RESOURCES

IFNA provides methodology on strategic guidance and “co-plans” the project concepts that attract resources.

FOCUS

1. Actions on the ground
2. Agriculture integration into multi-sectoral approach
3. Mutual learning
4. Generation of more evidence
5. Advocacy for nutrition mainstreaming

WHERE WE WORK

FOR ALL AFRICAN COUNTRIES

Since its launch, IFNA started its initial implementation in 11 countries. IFNA will cover all African countries towards food and nutrition improvement of 200 million children in Africa.

