





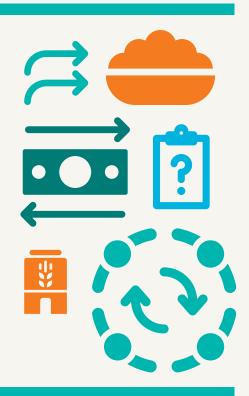
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PILOT PROGRAMMATIC PARTNERSHIP

PROGRAMME BRIEF

Programme overview

Enhanced Responses to Nutrition Emergencies (ERNE) is a 3-year programme implemented by Concern under a Pilot Programmatic Partnership (PPP) with the EU's Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations department (ECHO). The programme is being implemented in five countries in Sub-Saharan African: DRC, Ethiopia, Niger, Republic of Sudan and South Sudan. Through ERNE, Concern aims to increase the scale, efficiency and effectiveness of its nutrition emergency responses by working with local services and communities to implement proven and innovative solutions in fragile, conflict affected and disaster-prone countries. The programme combines lifesaving emergency nutrition treatment and prevention and preparedness activities to build community resilience to malnutrition in the longer term.





Background

The scale of acute undernutrition is massive: across the world, 50.5 million children under five are wasted, and only 25% of these children receive adequate care. The drivers of malnutrition in fragile states include conflict, poverty and climate change, as well as gender norms which are often detrimental to children's nutrition levels and those of pregnant women.

Central to the programme is Community-based Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) — an approach Concern has been instrumental in developing over the last twenty years. It is also scaling up CMAM Surge, an enhancement of CMAM which strengthens local capacity to anticipate, prepare for and respond to increased demands in acute malnutrition treatment services at peak times.

ERNE objectives and results

Principle objective: To contribute to reducing malnutrition morbidity and mortality among children under 5 who face a high risk of mortality due to significant food crises across all ERNE countries.

Specific objective: To increase scale, efficiency and effectiveness of humanitarian preparedness and response for food and nutrition security in targeted countries. The programme is composed of three pillars:

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focusses on life saving interventions by ensuring the provision and increased quality of primary health and nutrition services using the CMAM approach and cash transfers/ vouchers/ in-kind.

focusses on preparedness and local capacity to respond. The aim is to reduce the impact of nutrition and food security shocks by enabling people and systems to anticipate and prepare.

focusses on understanding and addressing the underlying elements that make people vulnerable to undernutrition.

ERNE Programme Framework

Increasing the scale, efficiency and effectiveness of nutrition emergency response

Life saving response

Preparedness and local capacity to respond

Preventing undernutrition

Levels of moderate and severe acute malnutrition reduced to belowemergency

Increased	Populations
coverage,	affected by ongoing,
improved	forecasted, or
treatment of	recent humanitarian
acute malnutrition	crises meet basic
at all times	food needs
Treating severe and moderate	Crisis modifier: Early Action through cash/

approach

er: Early Action through cash/ acute malnutrition vouchers to meet using the CMAM basic need

Nutritional and food security shocks anticipated, impact reduced

Health system	
strengthened to	
anticipate, prepare	
and respond	
to spikes in	
malnutrition	

Introducing and scaling up the CMAM Surge approach

Strengthened local capacity to anticipate, prepare and respond to food insecurity

Implementing an Early Warning mechanism

Acute malnutrition (relapses and new cases) prevented

Improved maternal, infant & young child feeding and hygiene knowledge and practices

Promoting behaviour change at individual, household and community level

Improved nutrition outcomes of linked sectors (health, WASH, agriculture, education)

Addressing underlying causes through nutrition sensitive programming

Assessments and causal analysis – Accountable, gender and conflict sensitive programming

Pilot Programmatic Partnership (PPP)

Concern is implementing ERNE in partnership with the EU under the Pilot Programmatic Partnership (PPP). This innovative partnership provides multiannual, flexible funding in line with the Grand Bargain commitments in order to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of humanitarian aid. The PPP is facilitating longer-term programming which links the treatment of acute malnutrition with health systems strengthening and an early warning system ensuring communities can act to prevent or mitigate the effects of crises which impact on malnutrition.

Increased flexibility through the PPP enables Concern to respond more effectively to emergencies, including providing cash-transfers to vulnerable people, and responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. The PPP is promoting community resilience and sustainability via its health systems strengthening component, supporting national and communitybased early warning systems and promoting behaviour change through support to mother and father care groups.

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