



Children and Hunger: *Asia & Pacific Region*

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The Food & Nutrition Security Context in Asia & Pacific :

- Less “Hunger” and more “Nutrition” focused.
- Rapid Economic growth – not always sustainable nor equitable.
- Growing Urbanisation – generating new challenges and opportunities.
- Less Agricultural diversity and slower production growth.
- Growing Disaster Risk – need for resilience-building and preparedness.
- Greater Government capacity – potential scale-up with national systems.

Common Nutrition Interventions in the region related to Children:

- First 1000 Days – PLW (Pregnant & Lactating Women)/under 2 years Old.
- Pre-school/Early Years – 3-4 years old.
- School Feeding – Primary years from 5-10 years old.
- *Adolescent Girls*

Modalities: Food; Cash-Based Transfers; Behavioral Change Communication

Increasingly delivered through National Social Protection/Safety Nets.

Linking Nutrition Investments with Disaster Response:

- Nutrition programmes will build individual resilience.
- Introduce nutrition sensitive emergency preparedness planning.
- “Nutrition Lens” for response programming (prevention and treatment).
- Pre-crisis nutrition baselines for effective targeted Food Distributions.
- Develop “Shock Responsive Safety Nets” from existing national systems.

Considerations for the Way Forward:

- **We Have** strategic focus for Government/other stakeholders (SDGs);
- Significant body of knowledge and an increasing evidence base; and
- Resources, including financial, technology and partners.

- **We Need** increased awareness, mobilisation and political will;
- Better coordination (within Government and with Stakeholders); and
- An integrated life-cycle approach (1000 Days-Pre-School-School Age).

Thank You.

