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.