



Tackling Hidden Hunger with OFSP

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Outline

CRS Portfolio

MWENDO Case Study

Lessons Learned



CRS OFSP portfolio

- Project focus: more on nutrition
 - improve nutrition practices of children under 5 and PLW
 - Improve dietary diversity
- Countries: Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Togo, Zambia, Timor Leste, Ghana, DRC
- Areas of Intervention: Nutrition and use, nutrition education, planting materials, vine dissemination, crop management processing & storage
- Donors: USAID, World Bank, GIZ, CRS
- CRS implementing OFSP for at least 10 years (Rwanda)



**CRS' use of OFSP is
Multi-Sectoral/
Integrated**

**No OFSP Stand-
Alone Projects**

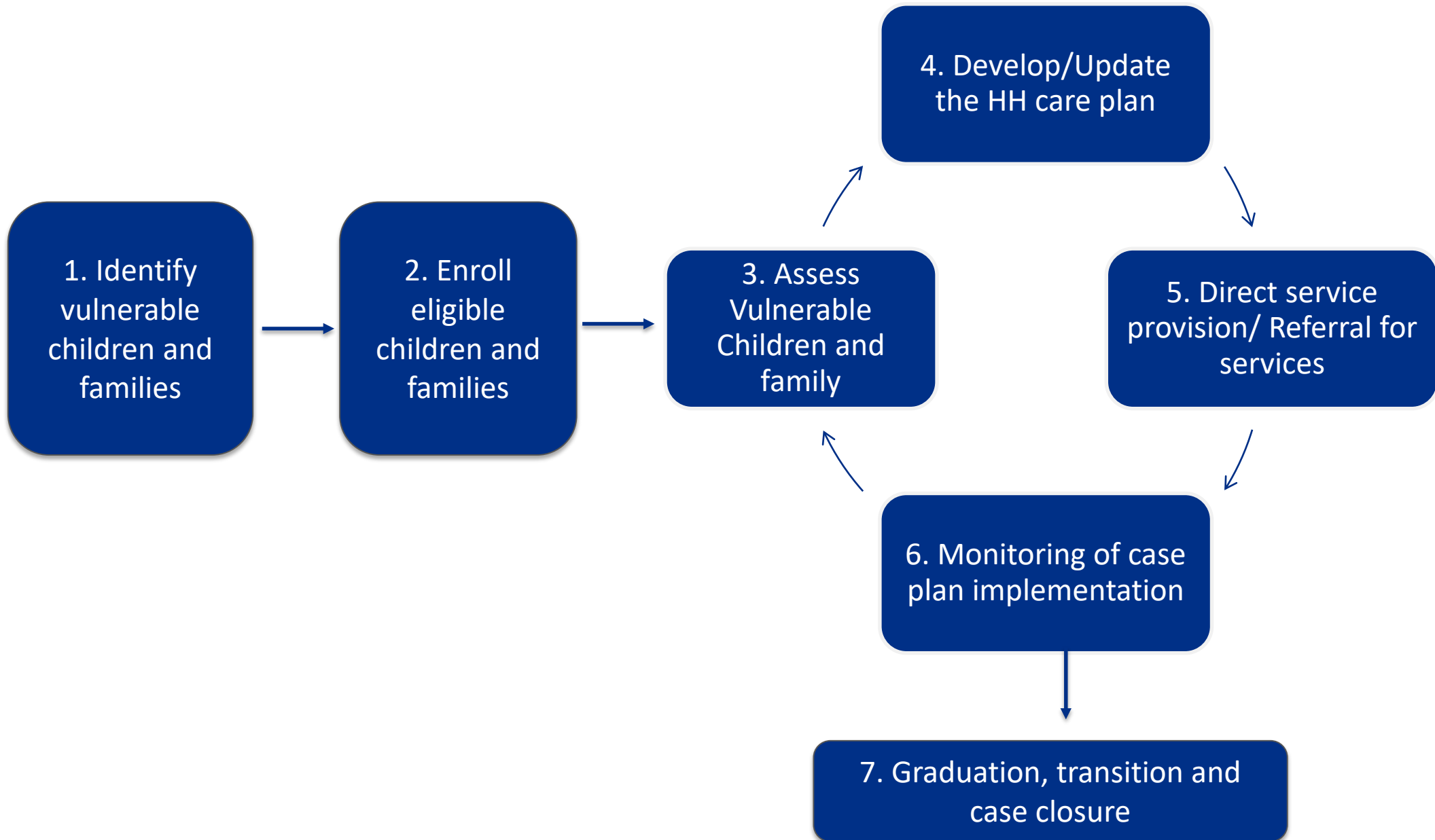


MWENDO: OFSP Enhancing Nutrition of OVCs

- 5-year USAID funded project
- Aims to ensure OVC impacted by HIV remain healthy, safe, stable and schooled.
- Target: 39,650 OVCs U5 with 2,279 OVC are Children Living with HIV in 13 counties



Case Management Approach



Interventions that support OFSP

- Caregivers with OVC U5 receive
 - community nutrition education: diet diversification & cooking demonstrations.
 - Ministry of Agriculture staff conducts cooking demonstrations with male and female caregivers, Ministry of Health's Nutrition Officers and community leaders
 - Explicit male engagement as “husband are the ones who make decisions, finance them and support the women”
 - Vine distribution to caregivers
 - *CIP and KCDMS.*
 - *Caregivers are bulking the vines for expansion and sale to get income*

Achievements

- Reached 3,041 HHs of OVC U5 with OFSP vines (5856 indirect)
- Due to increased demand, linked with USAID's Crops and Dairy Market Systems (KCDMS) project
- 3,991 caregivers (105 males) received knowledge and information about the nutritive value of OFSP and value addition strategies women
- Observed health improvements in OVC U5: more activity, weight gain, improved nutrition (MUAC)
- Improvement in numbers of meals per day and composition of the meals (includes OFSP)
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Key Lessons from Rwanda – More than 10 years of implementation



Working together—agriculturalist and nutritionist— was good to convince farmers to adopt new varieties and farming practices

Challenges : In Rwanda, difficulty in convincing farmers to adopt the new varieties and planting materials

Solution: Nutritionist provided training on health benefits of OFSP and processing techniques .

Lessons Learned on securing vine supply for nutrition

- ❖ Partnerships to ensure delivery of quality vines: government, researcher, non-government and private sector
- ❖ PLAN for vine multiplication: Strategize locations to multiply seeds during different seasons. (Rwanda consolidates multiplication plots in each sector/district in the wet areas during the dry season (June-August 2018), which allows for vine distribution of vines during the rainy season.
- ❖ Link CRS' local partners with DVMs for easy supply of vines to the beneficiary groups (facilitate transport).

Linking DVM youth with local supply partners to supply vines of the value of USD 2,400 to the beneficiary groups motivated youth to continue to invest in the business of OFSP vine production.

- Easier to promote OFSP when participants are familiar with a similar product
- Work with local extension services and local leaders on influence the adoption OFSP
- Alignment with government priorities effects OFSP production (Rwanda)
- Participants with existing nutrition knowledge, digested nutrition-relevant info about OFSP easily

Lesson Learned

Thank You