Finding missed opportunities – a new approach to scale up nutrition

N-LIFT, or the Nutrition Leverage and Influence for Transformation, is a Nutrition International business model that catalyzes greater investments in nutrition and supports increased collaboration with large scale initiatives and platforms so that more women, girls, and young children have access to proven nutrition solutions.

N-LIFT seeks to innovate by leveraging partner investments, networks and platforms to incentivize the expansion of nutrition interventions where most needed.

N-LIFT opens the door for greater collaboration with organizations that have not traditionally focused on nutrition, in order to layer on interventions that can multiply benefits to those most in need. For instance, the model could support the integration of direct nutrition interventions across any number of sectors, including health, education, agriculture, WASH, and beyond. Integration will ensure increased value for beneficiaries, because in addition to other benefits, they will also profit from improved nutrition.

Ultimately, N-LIFT is about exploring opportunities to share skills, resources, and networks, and to embrace new forms of collaboration. It means working with partners to ensure vulnerable communities have the services they need to survive and thrive.
N-LIFT
at a glance

What does it focus on?
N-LIFT focuses on development efforts to promote and integrate nutrition where complimentary.
It aims to reduce missed opportunities by working with partners to integrate nutrition in large-scale interventions managed by public organizations, multilateral agencies, private companies or NGOs that reach target populations with health or other services which currently do not include nutrition interventions.
N-LIFT also strives to help increase international and domestic resources to nutrition programs to meet the needs of women and girls.

What does it do?

- Incorporation of nutrition interventions into existing platforms that reach target populations, through technical support or catalytic investment.
- Analytical work to better understand where nutrition can be integrated into delivery platforms, existing funding mechanisms and policy frameworks, and advocacy to support that integration.
- Innovative finance and co-financing opportunities which serve to increase resources for nutrition.
- Strategic investments to enhance nutrition capacity of governments, or agencies, where improved capacity will result in measurable, tangible impact.

Who can be an N-LIFT partner?
N-LIFT will actively work with a range of partners to fill the nutrition gap in development interventions. It particularly welcomes partnership with organizations that have strong potential for wide reach and keen to integrate nutrition as part of their own interventions.

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