Missed opportunity

Amref Health Africa reaches more than 10 million vulnerable people across Africa every year with community-based health, water and sanitation, and disease prevention services. Amref Health Africa is a strong advocate for health, but the organization wants to improve how it delivers nutrition service through its existing programs.

Investment

With support from NLIFT, Amref Health Africa will build its capacity to deliver cost-effective nutrition interventions using the organization’s existing community health platforms. As part of the partnership, a nutrition technical advisor seconded by Nutrition International to Amref Health Africa will produce a comprehensive nutrition mapping report on its programs, an assessment of staff nutrition knowledge and capacity, and an organizational nutrition strategy. The Nutrition Integration Strategy will include actions to integrate nutrition interventions, actions to address any identified capacity gaps, and resource mobilization requirements to support high-impact health and nutrition programs.

Innovation and leverage

This partnership combines Amref Health Africa’s community outreach know-how and Nutrition International’s nutrition expertise. The partners will use the results of the nutrition mapping to identify areas of collaboration to strengthen nutrition interventions, and to integrate nutrition into all Amref Health Africa’s program sectors and countries.
Expected outcomes

- Systematic integration of nutrition into Amref Health Africa’s programs and countries
- Improved access to nutrition interventions for adolescent girls, women of reproductive age and children
- Increased demand for and uptake of nutrition interventions by adolescent girls, women of reproductive age and children

About NLIFT

Nutrition Leverage and Influence for Transformation (NLIFT) is a pioneering initiative that seeks to integrate nutrition interventions into existing development platforms that do not already focus on nutrition.

With a 25 million dollar anchor investment provided by the Government of Canada through Global Affairs Canada, this Nutrition International-led initiative collaborates with exciting newcomers to the nutrition landscape — leveraging their resources to reach vulnerable people, especially women and adolescent girls.

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About Amref Health Africa

Amref Health Africa, the largest African-led international organization on the continent, provides training and health services to 35 countries in Africa. Founded in 1957 as the Flying Doctors of East Africa to bring critical health services to remote communities, Amref Health Africa works with communities to deliver preventative, community-based health care. We are committed to improving the health of people in Africa by partnering with and empowering communities, and strengthening health systems.

About Nutrition International

Founded in 1992, Nutrition International is a global organization dedicated to delivering proven nutrition interventions to those who need them most. Working in partnership with countries, donors and implementers, our experts conduct cutting-edge nutrition research, support critical policy formulation, and integrate nutrition into broader development programs. In more than 60 countries, primarily in Asia and Africa, Nutrition International nourishes people to nourish life. NutritionIntl.org