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Indonesia

2022–2023 HIGHLIGHTS

COUNTRY SITUATION

In 2021, the Government of Indonesia issued the Presidential Regulation that mandates more integrated, holistic, high-quality efforts by all stakeholders to accelerate stunting reduction. This policy underpins the 2018-2024 National Strategy to Accelerate Stunting Prevention, which serves as a blueprint for stakeholders and local governments on how to effectively address stunting. As a result, the national stunting prevalence decreased from 24.4% in 2021 to 21.6% in 2022. However, to reach a prevalence of 14% in 2024, the government has encouraged greater collaboration across all sectors and stronger enforcement and proper implementation of regulations on nutrition.

OVERVIEW OF WORK

Nutrition International's programs in Indonesia focus on maternal and adolescent health and nutrition, vitamin A supplementation for children under five and large-scale food fortification, specifically wheat flour fortification and salt iodization. We work closely with the government to address malnutrition at the national, provincial and district levels to ensure that policies on nutrition are properly enforced.

As the coordinator of the Scaling Up Nutrition Civil Society Alliance in Indonesia, we facilitate collaboration at the national and subnational level among its members, build capacity in nutrition planning and budgeting and strengthen advocacy efforts for nutrition interventions. Nutrition International also support millers, labs and salt processors through technical assistance and quality control monitoring.

Our work in Indonesia is supported by 26 staff members and program extenders.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- 281 provincial and district health target managers in six targeted districts received training to improve the recording and reporting of vitamin A supplementation program coverage data.
- Through Nutrition International's longstanding advocacy, technical assistance and financial support, the Ministry of Health successfully incorporated a national serum retinol assessment into the Indonesia National Health Survey 2023, providing the first data on vitamin A deficiency in preschool-aged children since 1992.
- Four ministries developed one joint commitment in Banten province and district governments developed seven circular letters to facilitate the implementation of the weekly iron and folic acid (WIFAS) program across seven districts in West Java province. Several puskesmas established memorandums of understanding with schools to bolster program implementation.
- 20 millers were supported by Nutrition International, leading to 7.0 metric tonnes of adequately fortified wheat flour being produced.



IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS



189M
people reached with fortified
wheat flour



100M
people reached with adequately
fortified salt



4.8M
cases of anaemia averted through
wheat flour fortification



2.9M
children received two doses
of vitamin A



1.7M
newborns protected



866K
adolescent girls received
the full scheme of weekly iron
and folic acid supplements



72K
cases of anaemia averted through
weekly iron and folic acid
supplementation program



27K
mental impairments averted

KEY EVENTS

- Nutrition International organized a hybrid event in West Java province to bring attention to adolescent nutrition on International Youth Day. The event saw over one million school-going adolescent girls consume one tablet of iron and folic acid at the same time.
- Capacity building workshops for government staff were held to improve supply-chain mechanisms and strengthen data collection and reporting for the WIFAS program.

NEW FUNDING

Nutrition International received USD \$60,000 from TechnoServe for rice fortification landscaping in Indonesia and several related workshops that were held between November 2022 and April 2023.

LOOKING AHEAD

Nutrition International in Indonesia is looking to integrate nutrition with other mainstream sectors including primary healthcare, sexual and reproductive health and rights, livelihoods, health financing, food security and climate change. We are committed to extending our support to the Government of Indonesia to improve the food fortification program by establishing standards and implementing pilot programs for rice fortification.