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**UK Department for International Development**

**Donor Profile**

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| **Donor Information** | The Department for International Development (DFID) has a strong focus on child undernutrition and a detailed nutrition strategy. DFID adopts a twin-track approach to child undernutrition, informed by a life cycle approach to women’s and maternal health. The department draws strongly on the SUN framework, which is identified as a policy consensus at the global level.  Adolescent girls, pregnant women and children under 5 years of age are targeted with nutrition-specific interventions that are cost-effective and have a well-developed evidence base, including interventions that are recommended for use within the 1000-day window covering pregnancy and the first 2 years of life. Many of these nutrition-specific interventions are channeled through health and humanitarian program areas. This direct approach is complemented by indirect, nutrition-sensitive actions in multiple sectors, including agriculture, environment and social protection, as well as extreme poverty.  From 2011, DFID has reoriented its approach to focus more strongly on the role of the private sector in expanding the coverage of nutrition-specific interventions such as the fortification of staple foods, as well as nutrition-sensitive interventions such as developing food supply systems. However, DFID has identified a need to clarify its position on the role of the private sector. DFID identifies civil societyas key to generating demand for nutrition and holding country governments to account. Following the SUN framework, DFID also identifies political leadership and collaboration as key to action on child undernutrition.  Value for money is central to everything DFID does: using the power of independent evaluation, transparency and results-focus to maximise the effectiveness of UK’s aid efforts.  Much of DFID’s research is designed to develop the evidence base for nutrition-sensitive programming. DFID has funded systematic reviews of the impact of nutrition-sensitive programs, large trials to assess the effectiveness of particular interventions, and evaluations of its own nutrition-sensitive programs. DFID also supports impact evaluations to generate evidence on the nutrition impacts of nutrition-sensitive programs. In addition, DFID supports basic research to improve agricultural productivity, focused on bio fortification and drought-resistant crops, through HarvestPlus and CGIAR.  DFID has been a strong supporter of the GNC (and capacity building in UNICEF) since 2006., $ **1,961,940 USD, this excluded funding provided to other cluster and UNICEF programme work** |
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| **UNICEF engagement** | DFID is a significant supporter of UNICEF financially. There is a joint UK/UNICEF Framework Agreement to manage financial contributions received from the UK. DFID funds have supported the GNC, other cluster and UNICEF Nutrition programme work by DFID. |