



MALAWI - IDAI RESPONSE

How strong development programming can absorb shocks

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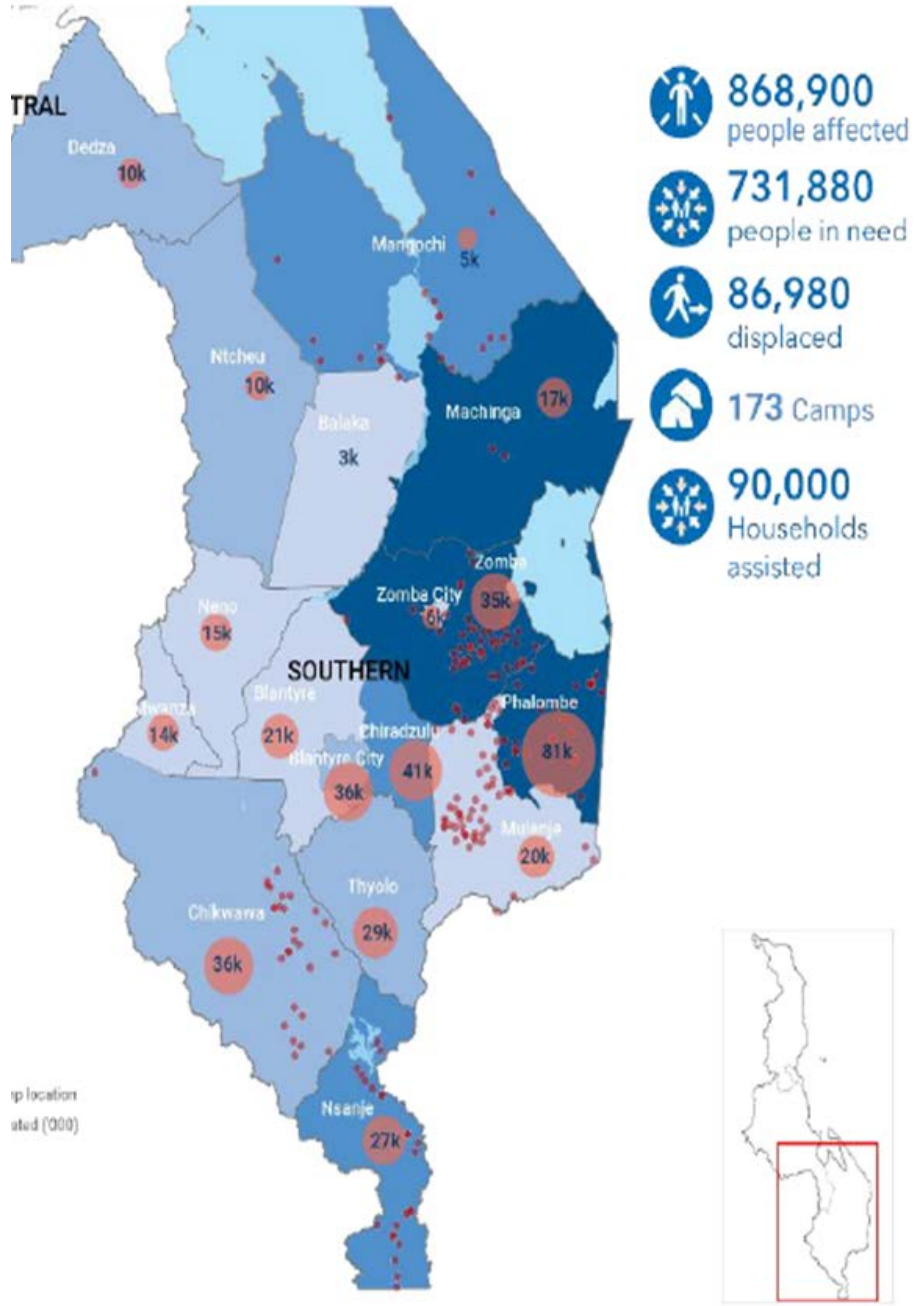
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CYCLONE IDAI

Declared State of
Disaster on 8th
March 2019



CYCLONE IDAI

Affecting 16 districts and causing huge damage to humans and properties

CYCLONE IDAI- IMPACT

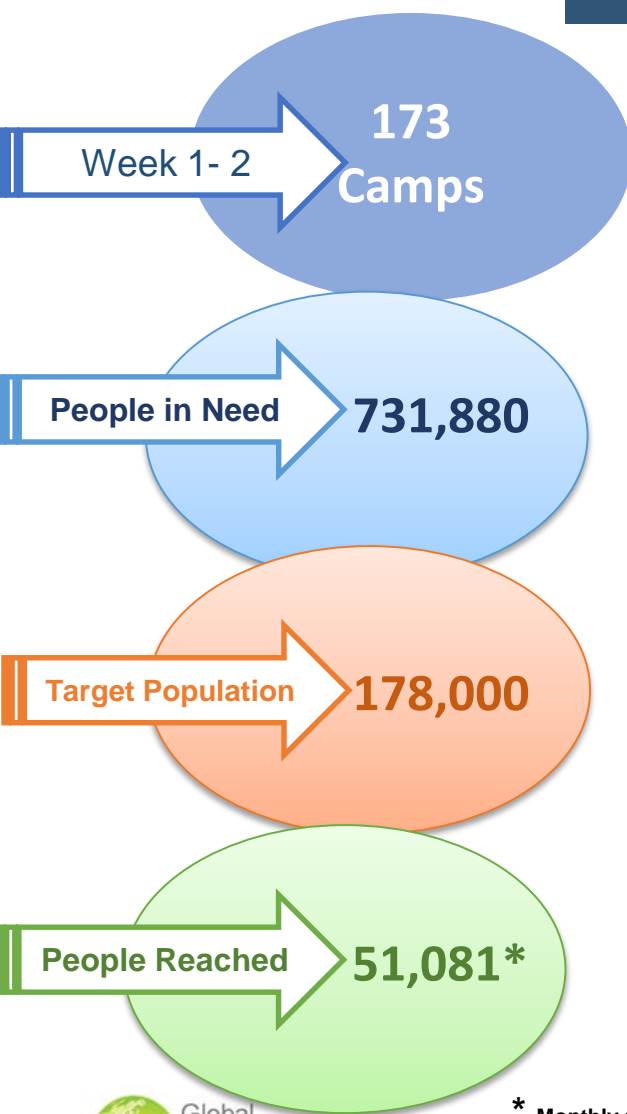


The net results included;

- **180,000** HHs
- **868,900** people affected
- **86,980** displaced
- **59** deaths
- **731,880** people in need

PART 1: IDAI RESPONSE

GOVERNMENT, PARTNERS RESPONSE



- Disaster preparedness e.g. NiE
- Rapid inter-agency assessments & sensitization
- Development of response and recovery plans
- Prepositioning of adequate supplies in affected areas.
- Scale-up of the number of field managers, HSAs and Nutrition Field Monitors, in affected areas.
- Improved information sharing/flow for the Response & Coordination- National/Regional and District levels.



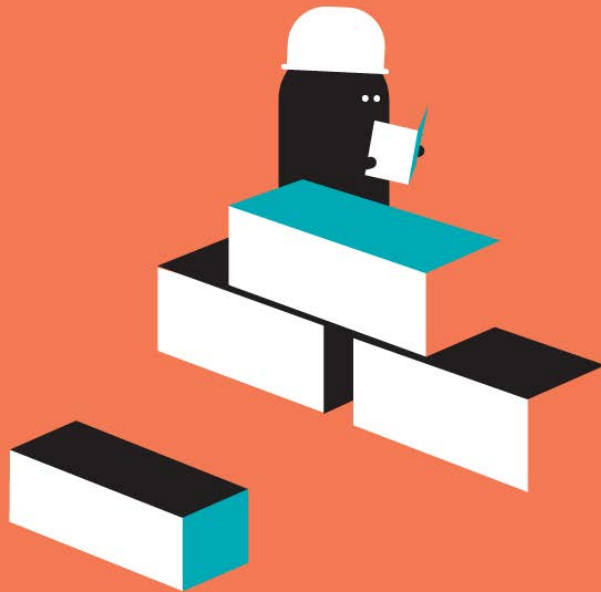
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- Scaled up Active Case findings & referrals.
- Improved real-time monitoring.
- Intensified technical supportive supervision, at all levels.
- Improved evidence generation e.g. SMART survey.
- Deployed mobile Health and Nutrition teams- to provide lifesaving services in hard-to-reach areas.
- Strengthened IYCF-E activities, in camps & communities.
- Intensified code of marketing monitoring.

RESPONSE OUTCOME

- **RESPONSE WAS TIMELY, ROBUST AND AT SCALE.**
- **NO INCREASE IN ACUTE MALNUTRITION**

BUILD A STRONG FOUNDATION



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PART 2: ENABLING ENVIRONMENT



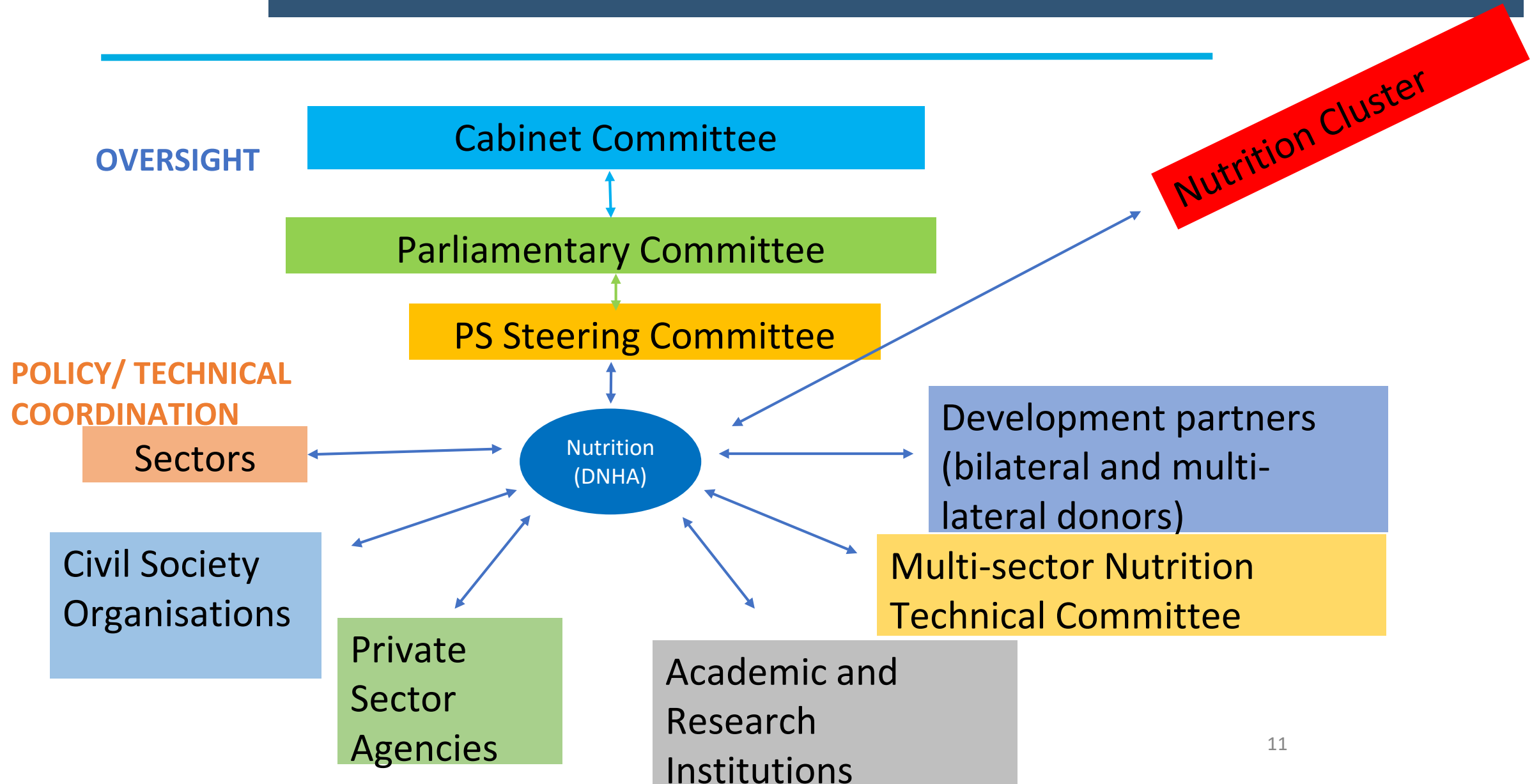
1) INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

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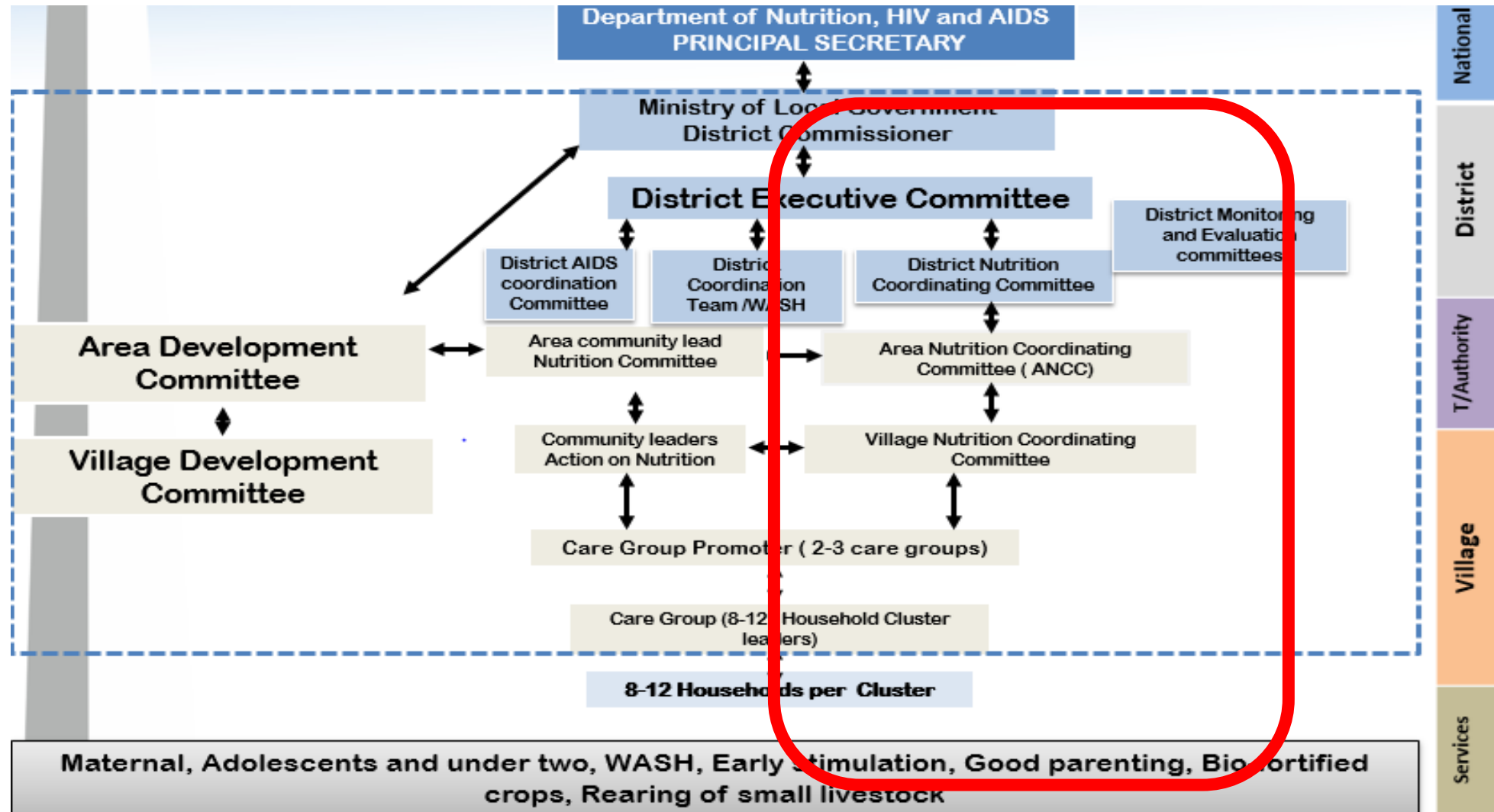
- To coordinate and provide oversight to emergency Response.
- Vice President in charge.
- Institutionalized emergency response.
- Mainstreaming emergency into policies, strategies and programmes at all levels (NMN policy 2018- 2022 (Ch. 3.6).
- Under DoDMA- 9 clusters, each chaired by the relevant sector.



NUTRITION OVERSIGHT STRUCTURE



NUTRITION EMBEDDED AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT



2) WELL INSTITUTIONALIZED NUTRITION PROGRAMME



- CMAM is an ongoing programme
- Adequate nutrition capacity (4 nutritionists in each district).
- Well structured community nutrition programmes (Care Groups).
- CMAM Supply chain Management institutionalized
- RUTF management is **integrated** into the Central Medical Stores
- CMAM linked with other existing programmes e.g. MVAC, Social protection.

3) LESSONS LEARNT FROM 2015 LARGE-SCALE EMERGENCIES



Lessons learnt from 2015 emergency, led to better preparedness and response in 2019

- Government leadership and commitment
- Community involvement and Engagement (Building Resilience)
- Well established structures helped in effective responsive
- Community capacity building strengthened- ownership & sustainability
- Institutionalization of supplies- Ensured timely response
- Decentralized Coordination structures- DNCC and communities.

2015

In 2015 alone flooding affected 1,101,364 people,

CHALLENGES

- **Inadequate coordination around funding** -some donors financed partners, without consultation with the cluster/coordination:
 - Some partners implement directly without consulting the DNHA, or DoDMA
- **Reliance on external funding for the emergency response.** The government allocated inadequate resources, due to competing priorities.
- **Partners focused on providing services in camps**, thus leaving behind those **displaced but integrated in relations households**.
- Nutrition not adequately integrated in social protection. Nutrition education should be included alongside the cash transfers.



DO

*repeated
emergencies*



preparedness

lead to more resilient systems?

Thank you!

Merci!

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