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National Budget; 3.7% allocation for nutrition

Malawi, CSONA
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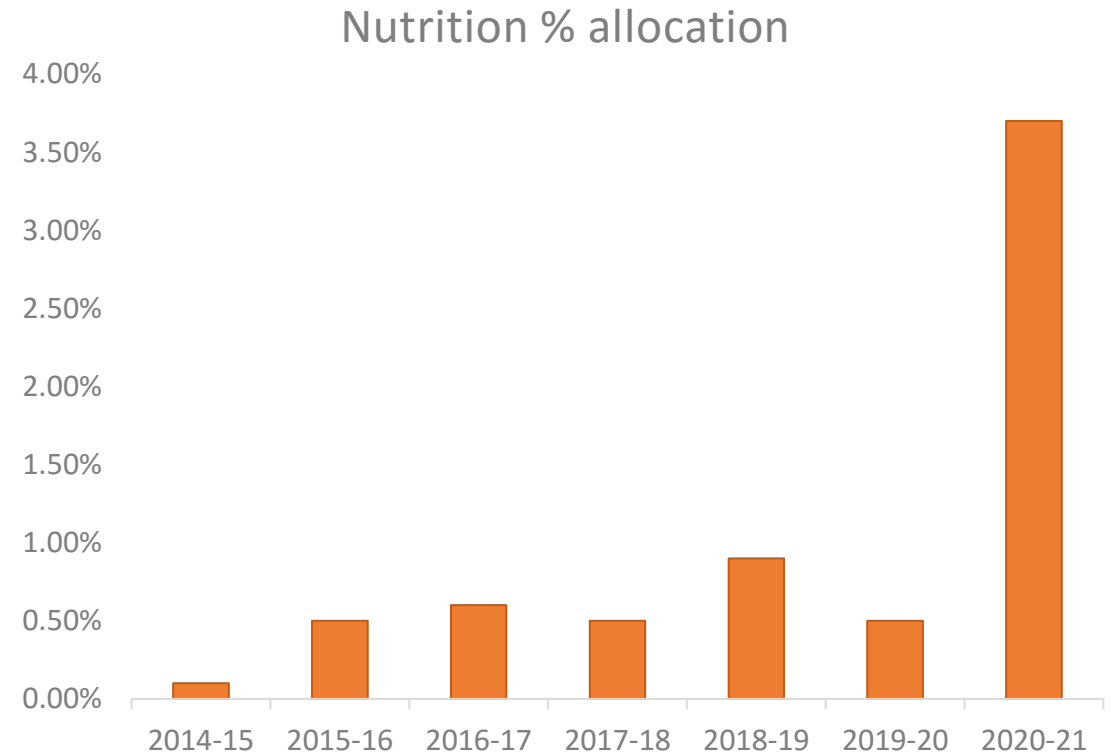


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I. EXPERIENCE'S CONTEXT

- ❑ Malawi Government has demonstrated high commitments for nutrition through an increase of 3.7% for Nutrition interventions in it's 2020-2021 national Budget.
- ❑ Previously, nutrition Budget was only allocated less than 1% which was way below the 1.7% prevailing global average.



II. BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE EXPERIENCE

- ❑ Malawi is a country with high level of Malnutrition with stunting, wasting and underweight at 37.1%, 3% and 12% respectively.
- ❑ Malawi Government Joined SUN Movement in 2011.
- ❑ The CSOs in Malawi were mobilized to join the SUN Movement as CSONA in 2013.
- ❑ CSONA has been working on budget advocacy since 2014 in order to exert pressure on government to increase its annual allocation to Nutrition.
- ❑ At the Nutrition for Growth (N4G) Summit in London in 2013, Malawi Government made specific commitments to Nutrition which included increasing the nutrition budget from 0.1% to 0.3% by 2020.

III. DEVELOPMENT OF EXPERIENCE

- ❑ Since 2014 , CSONA has been advocating for increased support and budgetary allocation for Nutrition.
- ❑ CSONA's methodology in pursuing it's advocacy work has been through the following key steps;
 - ✓ Identifying game changers/champions or stakeholders from the political space, media, CSOs, and local communities to influence change by either raising awareness.
 - ✓ Regular engagements with game changers to secure commitments through debates, panel discussions, capacity building, pledges and dialogues meetings.
 - ✓ CSONA also involved evidence generation activities such as budget analysis, resource tracking and policy reviews for evidence advocacy.
 - ✓ Presenting findings to key stakeholders such as MPs, donors and government at both and national and district level for policy change and commitments.

DEVELOPMENT OF EXPERIENCE (Cont'.)

- ❑ Our Advocacy is linked to the following target:
 - 0.3% Nutrition for Growth Commitment
 - 3% ESA SUN Members Target
 - 5% Malawi Growth and Development Strategy III Target
 - SDG Nutrition indicators.



KEY MATERIALS

- ❑ Through the stakeholder capacity and network building CSONA obtained commitments and pledges.
- ❑ CSONA developed pledge cards in order to gain commitments from stakeholders such as politicians; pre and post elections.
- ❑ Specific cards to aspiring and elected candidates. (both Members of Parliament-MPs and Ward Councilors-WCs).

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AS AN ASPIRING MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

I commit to ensure a well nourished Malawian population that effectively contributes to the economic growth and prosperity of the country

As an aspiring member of parliament, I commit that when i get elected into the position i will ensure that:

- (a) Issues of nutrition are given high level visibility
- (b) There is integration of high impact nutrition interventions in sector policies and strategies
- (c) I will ensure that key interventions that improve the nutrition status of Women and children within the first 1000 days of life are allocated sufficient financial resources to be fully implemented

Signed this day of 2014
By
(Parliamentary Candidate)
of Constituency
in District
Witnessed by :

Investment in nutrition; An engine for economic growth
"Save lives of women and children; Reduce Poverty"

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Nutrition open day; Panel discussion (Global day of action for nutrition)



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National Budget Analysis results dissemination (Lilongwe)



Meeting with the nutrition and HIV/AIDS parliamentary committee



Nutrition orientation with MPs; during of champion building



Field visit; during resource tracking on an irrigation project (Nsanje district)



IV. SUCCESSFUL FACTORS OF THE EXPERIENCE

- ❑ Nutrition champion building among MPs, WCs and journalists (through orientation to nutrition statistics, SDG's aspirations, national plans and policies and capacity building to strengthen their voice).
- ❑ Improved media coverage for nutrition; trained the media on solution journalism.
- ❑ Regular engagements with political leaders such as MPs, WCs and party Secretary generals through panel discussions and pre-election debates for inclusion of nutrition ambitions/plans in party manifestos.
- ❑ Consistent Budget analysis and resource tracking and monitoring both at national and Sub-national level.
- ❑ The ability to mobilize common voice from the membership.
- ❑ Strong interest from the donor community (DoNuTs).



V. LIMITING FACTORS OF EXPERIENCE

- ❑ Political change.
- ❑ Funding challenges; One key issue that comprised the status of nutrition was inadequate funding for nutrition.
- ❑ COVID-19; measures to contain the spread such as travelling restrictions hindered progress.



VI. RESULTS OF THE EXPERIENCE

- ❑ The 3.7% 2020/21 national budgetary commitment to nutrition programming compared to the previous 0.5% allocation in 2019/20 FY.
- ❑ Deployment of 76 extra district nutrition officers to translate the government commitment to action.
- ❑ For the first time, government prioritizing and piloting adolescent nutrition programs in specific sector ministries such as agriculture.
- ❑ For the first time, the State of the Nation address (SONA) specifically mentioning nutrition plans and priorities.
- ❑ Strengthened local and country ownership of nutrition interventions coupled with a committed political leadership.



VII. LESSONS LEARNED FROM EXPERIENCE

- Strong collaboration and partnerships within the CSN.
- Team work.
- Consistent fight, timing and right messaging to relevant stakeholders.
- Networking with other relevant partners such as lawmakers, donors and government to secure interest and support.
- Continued capacity building/refresher workshops.
- Continued monitoring and tracking of allocated resources.
- Factoring in context specificity.



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