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FOOD AID QUALITY REVIEW

Interagency Consultations – U.S. Focused and U.S. – Global Focused

KEY PARTNERS

U.S. Focused

United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

U.S. Global Focused

United States Agency for International Development (USAID), World Food Programme (WFP), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)

BACKGROUND

During FAQR Phase II, the FAQR team facilitated coordination between U.S. agencies, and across U.S. and international agencies. This was achieved through meetings, formal MOUs, formation of working subcommittees, continuity of engagement (repeat attendance), active involvement in the discussions focused on problem-solving and willingness to think about issues going beyond their own immediate responsibility. FAQR Phase III continues these efforts, with the FAQR team serving as secretariat.

FAQR Phase III Interagency activities are related to interagency consultations (U.S. focused and U.S.-Global) towards greater harmonization around products, processes, and programming; and institutionalization of interagency communication and collaboration mechanisms.

Contributions of these activities will be:

- Discussion and agreement around international standards in the formulation, production, and use of food aid products drawing from both state of the art and evidence-based advances.
- Proposed mechanism(s) to institutionalize U.S. and U.S.-Global interagency consultations and communication.
- Facilitate generation of institutional knowledge towards continued improvements to food aid products, processes and programs.

OVERALL OBJECTIVE

U.S. Focused

- Develop institutionalization strategy, with engagement from USAID/USDA, the Food Aid Consultative Group (FACG) and industry, for interagency interactions relating to food aid programs, products and processes (research, product development, food safety/quality assurance)
- Organize and provide support to the U.S. focused interagency working group and promote the group as a modality for ongoing discussion on food aid products, programs and processes

U.S. Global Focused

- As secretariat, provide coordination and support to the International Inter-Agency Working Group to achieve their stated objective.
 - Ensure that Specialized Nutritious Food Products (SNFPs) are formulated, produced, and used in a manner that complies with international standards and is consistent with guidance from normative bodies on nutritional value and food safety, also taking into account advances in science, including product related research and development, operational needs of agencies, and empirical understanding of costs and effectiveness.