Technical Assistance to Strengthen Capabilities (TASC) Project

Project Brief







The Technical Assistance to Strengthen Capabilities Project (TASC) aims to contribute to improved nutritional outcomes as part of the Technical Assistance for Nutrition (TAN) Programme (May 2015 - Nov 2021) funded by UK Aid. TASC provides technical assistance to the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement and to the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) and is led by DAI with NutritionWorks and Development Initiatives as consortium partners. The project has a 15-month duration (Sept 2020 - Nov 2021) and is a follow-on to the Maximising the Quality of Scaling Up Nutrition Plus (MQSUN+) programme.

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Overall Objectives

TASC services are providing demand-driven Technical Assistance (TA) in two components.

Component 1:

TA provision to Scaling Up Nutrition Movement Secretariat (SMS) and SUN member countries

TA services include the following:

- Analysis of finance for nutrition action (e.g. costing of multi-sectoral plans, budget analysis and financial tracking)
- Support implementation of SUN Movement 3.0 Strategy (2021-2025)
- Conducting multi-country reviews of nutrition plans
- Supporting the identification of priority actions for SUN member countries

Component 2:

TA provision to FCDO HQ and Country Offices

TA services include the following:

- Support FCDO on nutrition-related programme design and implementation / development of strategic cases / programme reviews
- Data Analysis: (GNR N4G commitment tracking; FCDO nutrition spend analysis; FCDO scoring on OECD nutrition policy marker)
- Knowledge management and learning, and capacity building (undertake case studies, produce monthly Covid-19 tracker updates, prepare technical guidance notes, undertake webinars, etc.)

TASC Strategic Approach

TASC aims to be flexible and adaptive to the dynamic context settings including the transition to the SUN Movement 3.0 strategy, the follow-up on the Independent Commission for Aid Impact (ICAI) review of FCDO's nutrition engagement and the global COVID-19 pandemic.

Strategic approaches include:

- 1 Effective demand-driven TA that matches client expectations and context settings
- 2 Putting together the most appropriate teams that can optimally deliver for each TA assignment
- 3 Strong focus on capacity strengthening
- 4 Integration of gender, equity and social inclusion (GESI) to improve the effective participation of women, girls, young men and other excluded groups
- 5 Alignment with key policies and plans, including SUN 3.0 and FCDO policy frameworks on nutrition
- 6 TA within the COVID-19
 landscape, adapting
 approaches for TA delivery,
 and responding to new
 realities and country contexts

TASC Project Service Delivery Model

The service delivery model for both components is similar:



TASC receives TA request and ToR

TASC team develops an Expression of Interest (EoI)

Implementation and approval Dissemination and feedback loops

Knowledge Management and Learning (KML)

TASC recognises that effective knowledge management will be essential for continuous programme learning, adaptation, and for sharing and disseminating to external stakeholders of what works and what doesn't.

TASC will evaluate each TA assignment through client feedback mechanisms on the following:

- Has TA met their needs?
- Has TA met professional standards?
- Were there any issues?

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TASC will maintain follow-up tracking after TA provision has come to an end to understand how the results of the TA are carried forward by local actors.



TASC will track the progress of TA assignments through monitoring activities, such as regular check-in calls and monthly update reporting.



TASC will establish mechanisms for exchange, critical reflection and joint learning between experts across various TA assignments.



Nutritional International plays a key role as a collaborative partner in furthering TAN learning and takes a similar approach in knowledge management and learning.

For more information:

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