



# Multisectoral programmes for maternal and child health and nutrition during a pandemic

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# — INTRODUCTION



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# Nutrition Shock Pathways

The **COVID-19** crisis is creating multiple types of shocks that can undermine nutrition

- Livelihoods and Food Systems
- Health Systems
- Social Protection Programs
- Humanitarian Response
- Misinformation
- Political Momentum



# What steps can funders and practitioners take to limit the impact of shocks?

- **To reduce loss of life, it is imperative to protect gains in nutrition**
- **Prioritization:**
  - Immediate priorities
  - Monitoring and analyses
  - Recovery priorities
- **The COVID-19 crisis underscores why nutrition is a development imperative**

# How is USAID adapting its work in this new reality?

- **U.S. Government Goal:**
  - Save lives
  - Reduce secondary impacts
  - Leadership and expertise for global benefit
- **Responding to secondary impacts of COVID-19 by:**
  - **Adapting** current food security and assistance programming to ongoing global challenges
  - **Protecting** development gains and **planning** for the long-term implications of COVID-19

# Food systems will need to adapt to ensure sustainable, healthy diets for all populations

- **Sustain production and marketing of safe and nutritious foods**
- **Market measures for safe operation, especially for fresh foods**
- **Foster local/household production of quality foods in remote areas**



# Food Systems Priority Actions During Recovery

- Accelerate industrial-scale fortification
- Rebuild and strengthen nutritious food value chains
- Market surveillance for access to and affordability of quality diets
- Trade-fostering policies



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