



Enhanced Responses to Nutrition Emergencies

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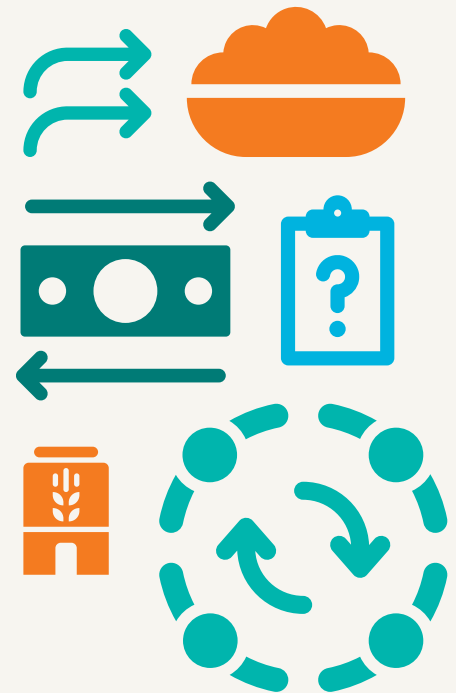
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PILOT PROGRAMMATIC PARTNERSHIP

PROGRAMME BRIEF

Programme overview

Enhanced Responses to Nutrition Emergencies (ERNE) is a 3-year programme implemented by Concern under a Pilot Programmatic Partnership (PPP) with the EU’s Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations department (ECHO). The programme is being implemented in five countries in Sub-Saharan African: DRC, Ethiopia, Niger, Republic of Sudan and South Sudan. Through ERNE, Concern aims to increase the scale, efficiency and effectiveness of its nutrition emergency responses by working with local services and communities to implement proven and innovative solutions in fragile, conflict affected and disaster-prone countries. The programme combines lifesaving emergency nutrition treatment and prevention and preparedness activities to build community resilience to malnutrition in the longer term.



5 Countries
700,000* Beneficiaries
332 Health facilities supported
839 total beneficiary organisations



*subject to annual adjustment

Background

The scale of acute undernutrition is massive: across the world, 50.5 million children under five are wasted, and only 25% of these children receive adequate care. The drivers of malnutrition in fragile states include conflict, poverty and climate change, as well as gender norms which are often detrimental to children’s nutrition levels and those of pregnant women.

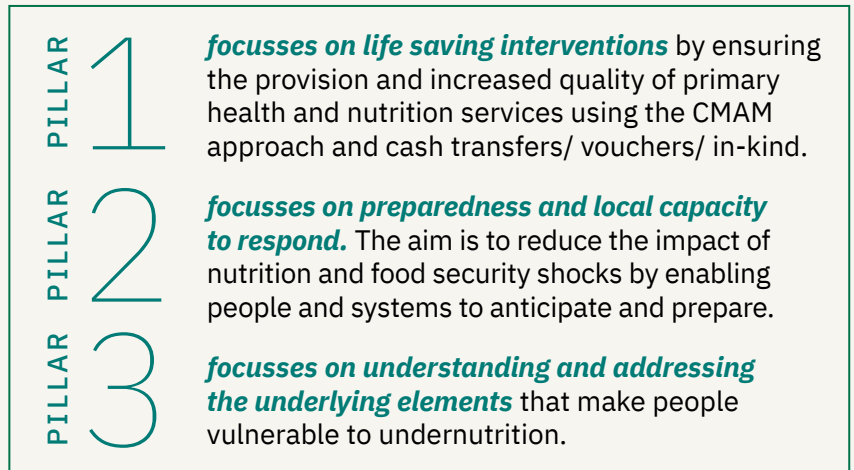
Central to the programme is Community-based Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) – an approach Concern has been instrumental in developing over the last twenty years. It is also scaling up CMAM Surge, an enhancement of CMAM which strengthens local capacity to anticipate, prepare for and respond to increased demands in acute malnutrition treatment services at peak times.

ERNE objectives and results

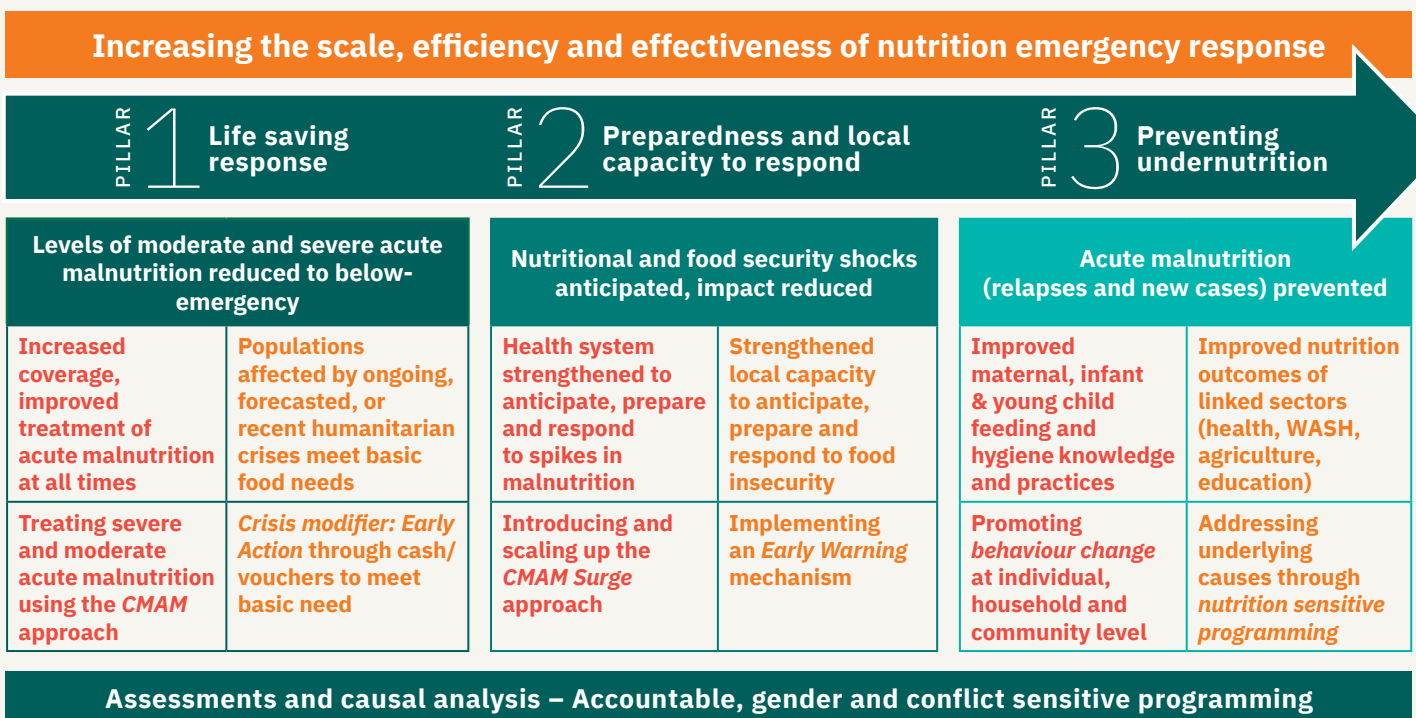
Principle objective: *To contribute to reducing malnutrition morbidity and mortality among children under 5*

who face a high risk of mortality due to significant food crises across all ERNE countries.

Specific objective: To increase scale, efficiency and effectiveness of humanitarian preparedness and response for food and nutrition security in targeted countries. The programme is composed of three pillars:



ERNE Programme Framework



Pilot Programmatic Partnership (PPP)

Concern is implementing ERNE in partnership with the EU under the Pilot Programmatic Partnership (PPP). This innovative partnership provides multi-annual, flexible funding in line with the Grand Bargain commitments in order to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of humanitarian aid. The PPP is facilitating longer-term programming which links the treatment of acute malnutrition with health systems strengthening and an early warning system ensuring communities can act to prevent or mitigate the effects of crises which impact on malnutrition.

Increased flexibility through the PPP enables Concern to respond more effectively to emergencies, including providing cash-transfers to vulnerable people, and responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. The PPP is promoting community resilience and sustainability via its health systems strengthening component, supporting national and community-based early warning systems and promoting behaviour change through support to mother and father care groups.

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