Lessons Learned & Recommendations

SCALING UP SMALL-SCALE FOOD PROCESSING: A STRATEGY TO PROMOTE FOOD SECURITY AMONG WOMEN SUBSISTENCE FARMERS IN RURAL VIETNAM (Grant No. 108124)

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• Contribute to reduction food insecurity & chronic malnutrition by:
  • Developing nutrition sensitive agricultural value chain producing & distributing high quality fortified foods integrating gender sensitivity strategies
• Assessing & quantifying effectiveness of food system level scaling up activities and outcomes
• Building capacity and enhancing integration of food systems & food security analysis among Vietnamese partners
From inception

Recognized importance of
• Building on & leveraging previous successes of NIN and NINFoods
• Nutrition sensitive food systems approach to enhancing food & nutrition security aligned with health, agriculture & other systems
Importance of

• Sustainable food systems approach focused on strengthening livelihoods, building capacity & recognizing inter relationships in particular for women & young child beneficiaries
Importance of

- Emphasis on multi-stakeholder collaboration & partnerships with integration of gender sensitivity strategies while also identifying opportunities to contribute to evidence informed policy.
Throughout project

• Creation of value chain, not simply a food chain, with focus on creation of a high quality, trusted fortified food product

• Multi stakeholder approach fostering shared ownership of project that optimizes mutual benefits
Throughout project

- Embracing emergent nature of innovation & rapid integration of lessons learned
- Being adaptable, with support of our funder, to enable overcoming obstacles while continuing to meet project objectives
Challenges & Opportunities

• Inevitable delays when innovations implemented
• Short timelines can make fostering new relationships & integrating new perspectives from partners & stakeholders challenging
Lessons Learned

• Value of systems approach focused on leveraging existing partnerships and expertise enabled project to demonstrate a significant return on investment within a very short time frame and with limited budget
Recommendations

- Support & sustain existing activities
- Expand distribution
- Continue strengthening existing partnerships
- Focus on knowledge mobilization & seeking funding support for desired expansion of project impacts
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Thank you