The concept of Resilience and its practical application in food security and nutrition, both in policy formulation and implementation, has recently become a topical issue among the humanitarian and development communities. This issue has taken on importance as nutrition has received greater attention as illustrated by the growing number of countries and partners that are responding to the UN Secretary General’s Zero Hunger Challenge and joining the Scaling UP Nutrition (SUN) movement.

The objective of this side event is to propose approaches and concrete actions that can be taken to strengthen resilience alongside addressing the root causes of malnutrition. It will draw upon discussions and conclusions from the IFPRI 2020 Conference on “Building Resilience for Food and Nutrition Security” held in Addis Ababa from May 15th-17th and will seek to provide insights of relevance for the preparation of the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2) and the post-2015 Development Agenda.

Recognizing that many practitioners are unsure how to operationalize the concept of resilience on the ground and may feel overwhelmed with the need to address a multiple agendas (nutrition, resilience, climate change…), the side-event will seek to demystify what resilience programming entails. Arguing that good nutrition is both an essential “input” for resilience and an outcome of resilience, it will focus on the conceptual, strategic as well as operational linkages between “improving nutrition” and “strengthening resilience to threats and crises”.

Key questions to be discussed include:

- What does it mean concretely to do resilience programming?
- How can lessons learnt from food and nutrition security programmes inform current resilience programming efforts?
- What challenges do we face in resilience and nutrition programmes?
- What do we need to do better?
- What opportunities can we seize to accelerate efforts to fight malnutrition and strengthen resilience?

The event will showcase some of the work that is happening on the ground, from a global, regional and national perspective, providing insights from experiences of UN organisations, NGOs and donors. The discussion will then focus on ways forward for improving nutrition and resilience programming and building the necessary knowledge base to support effective policies and programmes.
AGENDA

Chairperson Mrs. Sandra Aviles, Senior Liaison Officer, Programme Development & Humanitarian Affairs, FAO

“Nutrition as an Outcome of Resilience” Mrs. Florika Fink-Hooijer, Director for Strategy, Policy and International Cooperation, ECHO

“Managing and preventing acute malnutrition to strengthen resilience: the continuum of care” Mrs. Dolores Rio, Nutrition Specialist, UNICEF

“Operationalizing the concept of resilience: what nutrition can bring” Mrs. Charlotte Dufour, Nutrition Officer, FAO

“Cellule Communautaire de Base pour la Nutrition (CCBN) in DR Congo and Mother to Mother Support Groups (MTMSG) in Kenya: leveraging women-led community organisations for integrated action on nutrition security and building resilience” Mrs. Muriel Calo, Senior Food Security & Livelihood Advisor, Action Against Hunger

Interactive Discussion

Concluding Remarks by the Chairperson
PANELLISTS

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Ms. Dolores Rio works as a Nutrition Specialist in UNICEF’s Nutrition Division in Headquarters. In particular Dolores works in the Nutrition in Emergencies and Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) Unit. In her current capacity Dolores focuses on issues of prevention and treatment of SAM in both emergency and development contexts as well as emergency response and resilience. Prior to joining UNICEF HQ, Dolores worked for 5 years with UNICEF Kenya (2006-2011) where she was in charge of the emergency nutrition program, including nutrition cluster coordination. Between 2000 and 2006, Dolores worked as a nutrition manager and advisor with a number of international NGOs in East and Central Africa (MSF-Holland, ACF, Oxfam, IRC) in drought and conflict affected areas as well as refugee camps. She holds a Master’s degree in Public Health Nutrition in Developing Countries from the University of Montpellier II, a Master’s degree in Food Practices and Politics in Developing Countries from the University of Paris I and, a Bachelor’s degree in Development Studies from the International Agro-development Institute (ISTOM).

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