SAVING LIVES CHANGING LIVES



Nutritionist at health facility arranging SNF provided by WFP: RUSF for children under 5 and SuperCereal for pregnant and lactating women

# WFP Nutrition and HIV programming in Manica

**Activity:** National Programme for Nutrition Rehabilitation (PRN) Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) treatment programme **Donor:** Department for International Development (DFID) [UK]



### **MAM TREATMENT PROGRAMME - PRN**



PRIMARY BENEFICIARIES 2,325 CU5 / MONTH



PRIMARY BENEFICIARIES 210 PLW / MONTH

WFP supports the Ministry of Health to implement treatment of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) within the national PRN programme in 38 districts across six provinces, among them Manica. A total of **27 health facilities in 4 districts of Manica are covered by WFP:** Sussundenga, Mussorize, Macossa and Tambara.

Manica experiences seasonal peaks in malnutrition and this was further compounded by the impact of Tropical Cyclone Idai in March 2019. After the cyclone, a pellagra outbreak hit the country and there was no treatment protocol in place. In light of this, and due to the fact that Macossa and Tambara district face high levels of food insecurity every year, WFP supported households with pellagra cases with the provision of SuperCereal. This was given as

a complement to the patients receiving treatment for pellagra, as well as to the remaining members of the households, in order to prevent pellagra among them.

The main activities implemented by WFP are:

- procurement and delivery of specialized nutritious foods;
- capacity strengthening of government health staff at provincial and district levels and;
- monitoring and evaluation



A mother receiving RUSF for her child at the health facility



# WFP Nutrition programming in Manica province - Mozambique

**Activity**: Roadside Wellness Centre for HIV/TB services for mobile populations and vulnerable

groups

**Donor: UNAIDS** 

PARTNER: NORTH STAR ALLIANCE (NSA) AND AMEND

#### **ACTIVITIES**



**HIV TESTING** 





### STI TESTING/CONDOM DISTRIBUTION



## **BEHAVIOUR CHANGE COMMUNICATION**

Mozambique has the 8th highest prevalence rate of HIV globally, affecting 12.6 percent of the population. Extending anti-retroviral therapy coverage and providing information and communication around HIV, AIDS and treatment are key to reduce prevalence and AIDS related deaths.

In June 2020, WFP in partnership with IOM, UNICEF and WHO, launched a new HIV project in Inchope along the Beira Corridor, one of the main transport corridors of Mozambique that is also one of the hotspots for HIV transmission. The project aims to increase access to HIV/TB treatment services, particularly targeting key groups for HIV transmission such as truck drivers, female sex workers and adolescent girls and young women.

The services are provided at a mobile health facility where clients can receive HIV/TB tests and counselling, family planning and take sexual and reproductive health related-tests (such as sexually transmitted infection (STI) tests, condom distribution) among other services. Further, clients can also screen for COVID-19.

North Star Alliance is WFP's implementing partner, offering the above-mentioned services at a container-facility (Roadside Wellness Centre (RWC)): semi-mobile and rapidly reproducible primary care and sexually transmitted diseases centers, made out of converted shipping containers, staffed with locally recruited personnel trained by healthcare workers.



Health technician at clinic conducting an HIV test

## TARGET POPULATION—430/MONTH

- ADOLESCENT GIRLS AND YOUNG WOMEN
- SEX WORKERS
- TRUCK DRIVERS

Truck drivers have, due to the mobile nature of their work, difficulty accessing health services. To reach them, the project set up RWCs which provide healthcare and counselling.

The RWCs also target (predominantly adolescent) sex workers, and adolescent girls and young women living with HIV or at risk of contracting HIV.

In Mozambique, there is a 46 percent pregnancy rate among girls and women aged 15-24, and this group is 4.5 times more likely to become infected with HIV than their male peers. The RWCs give this vulnerable group access to HIV treatment, and also provide prevention of mother-to-child transmission services.

Health services offered by the RWCs have been designed for the specific needs of each beneficiary group. They include check-ups and treatment for illnesses, including sexually transmitted infections, malaria, TB and HIV; free condoms; counselling; and messaging on HIV transmission risk reduction strategies and positive gender relationships.

An interactive Tableau dashboard for this project's M&E can be found <u>here</u>.



WFP partner engaging in conversation with a truck driver at the RWC