SAVING LIVES CHANGING LIVES



Nutritionist at health facility with the specialized nutritious foods supplied by WFP.

## WFP Nutrition and HIV programming in Manica

Activity: National Programme for Nutrition Rehabilitation (PRN) Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) treatment programme and community-based demand generation Donor: Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) [UK]



## **MAM TREATMENT PROGRAMME - PRN**

**PRIMARY BENEFICIARIES** 6

2,325 CU5 / MONTH PRIMARY BENEFICIARIES

210 PLW / MONTH

WFP supports the Ministry of Health (MISAU) to treat acute malnutrition in pregnant and lactating women (PLW) and MAM in children under five (CU5) within the PRN in 35 districts across six provinces, among them Manica. A total of 27 health facilities in four districts of Manica are covered by WFP: Sussundenga, Mussorize, Macossa and Tambara.

The main activities implemented by WFP are:

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

Manica's seasonal spikes in malnutrition were compounded by the impact of tropical cyclone Idai in March 2019. Following the cyclone, a widespread deficiency of vitamin B3 caused an outbreak of pellagra, a disease characterised by 'the four Ds' dermatitis, diarrhoea, dementia and death. In reponse, WFP supported people suffering from pellagra with SuperCereal. SuperCereal was also given to everyone in their households as a preventative measure.

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



A mother receiving SNF for her child at the health facility

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## WFP Nutrition programming in Manica province - Mozambique

Activity: Roadside Wellness Centre for HIV/TB services for mobile populations and vulnerable groups Donor: UNAIDS

Partners: North-Star Alliance (NSA) and Amend

Target Population: 430/month amongst truck drivers, sex workers, adolescent girls and young women

ACTIVITIES HIV TESTING TB SCREENING STI TESTING/CONDOM DISTRIBUTION

## BEHAVIOUR CHANGE COMMUNICATION

**Mozambique has the 8th highest prevalence of HIV globally**, with 12.4 percent of the adult population infected. Extending coverage of anti-retroviral therapy, and providing information on HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment are key to reducing HIV infection rates 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 Mozambique's main transport corridors, and a hotspot for HIV transmission. **The project aims to increase access to HIV/TB treatment services**, and particularly targets key groups for HIV transmission such as truck drivers, sex workers, and adolescent girls and young women.

In Mozambique, there is a 46 percent pregnancy rate among girls and women aged 15-24, and this group is 4.5 time more likely to become infected with HIV than their male peers; truck drivers have difficulty accessing health services due to the mobile nature of their work.

The project provides services to these vulnerable groups at a Roadside Wellness Centre (RWC) - a mobile and rapidly reproducible facility made from a converted shipping container.



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

The RWC is staffed by locally-recruited personnel, who have been trained by local healthcare workers. They offer health services designed for the specific needs of each beneficiary group, including check-ups and treatment for sexually transmitted infections, malaria, HIV and TB; prevention of mother-to-child transmission services; free condoms; counselling; messaging on HIV transmission and risk reduction strategies; and positive gender relationships. Screening for COVID-19 is also available.

An interactive Tableau dashboard for this project's M&E can be found <u>here</u>. To learn more on the project you can read <u>this article</u>.



Health technician at clinic conducting an HIV test

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