# Improving Diets and Nutrition in Niger and Mali

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**Opening Remarks** 











#### Panel Discussion

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- Mr. Sory Ouane, WFP Niger Country Director
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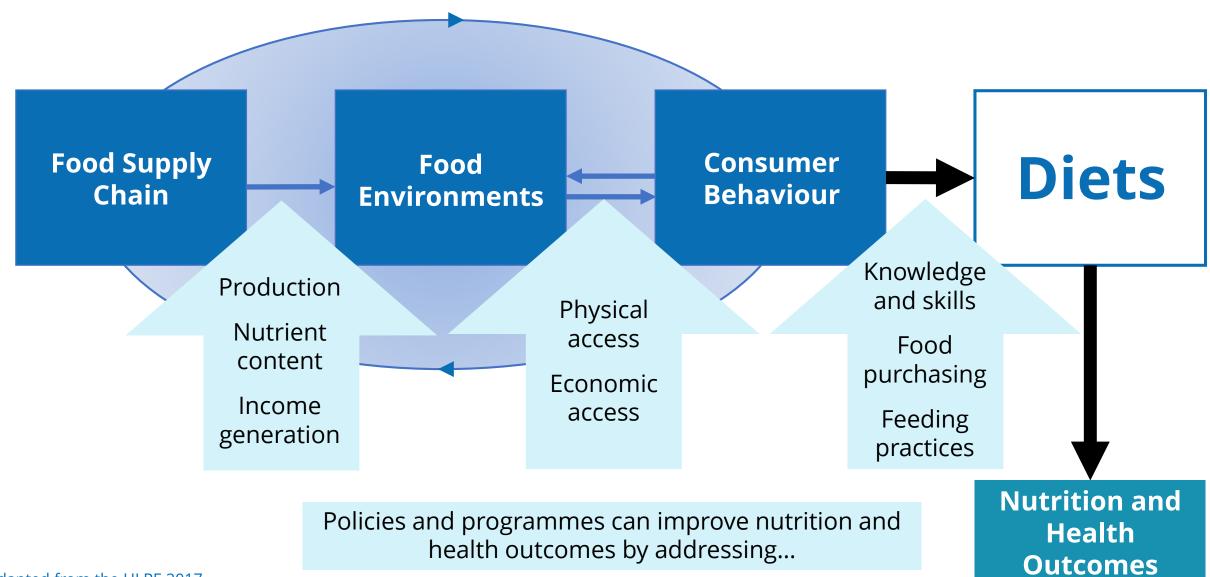




Fill the Nutrient Gap Overview



### **Food Systems for Diets and Nutrition**



### **FNG Analysis Process - Niger**

Consultations with multisectoral stakeholders

#### **Secondary Data Analysis**

- ➤Information about Food Systems
- ➤ Databases, reports, peer-reviewed articles, grey literature

Identify possible interventions and entry points

#### **Cost of the Diet**

- ➤ Food prices, household food expenditure
- ➤ Data source: EVIAM 2018; primary data collection
- Disaggregation by livelihood system and communes

Estimate minimum cost of a nutritious diet and economic accessibility

Intervention modelling across 4 livelihood systems



## The food price data collection was performed through the national system by the local government with WFP's technical assistance

#### Market assessment



#### Niger

**SIMA:** Système national d'information sur les marchés agricoles

**I3N:** Initiative les Nigériens nourrissent les Nigériens

WFP: VAM, Nutrition and FNG

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**OMA:** Observatoire des marchés agricoles

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## A nutritious diet requires the consumption of a diversity of food from all food groups

#### **Zinder and Maradi**

An energy-only diet:

Costs 1.0 USD per household per day









Is **not affordable for 17%** of households

0.8 - 1.2 USD

11 - 26%

A nutritious diet:

Costs 2.3 USD per household per day











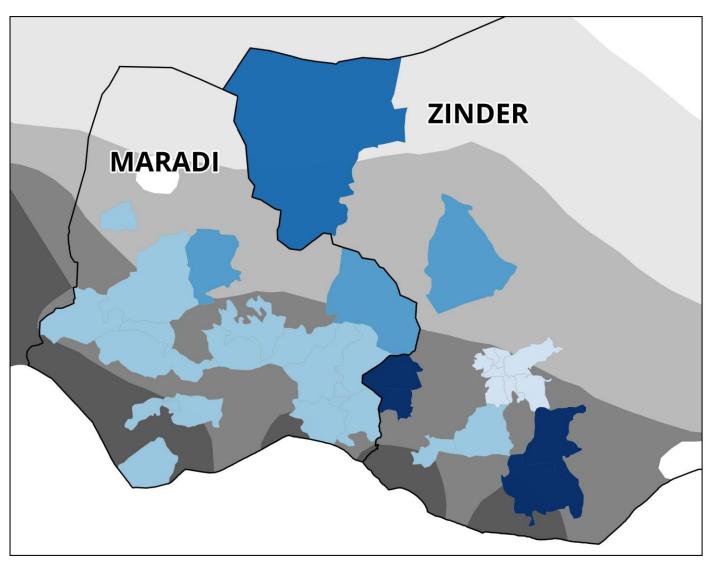


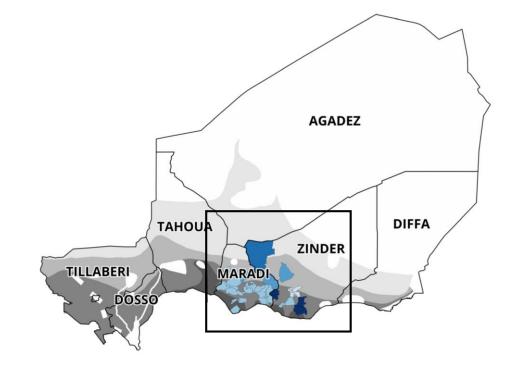
Is **not affordable for 53%** of households

1.7 - 4.3 USD

35 - 85%

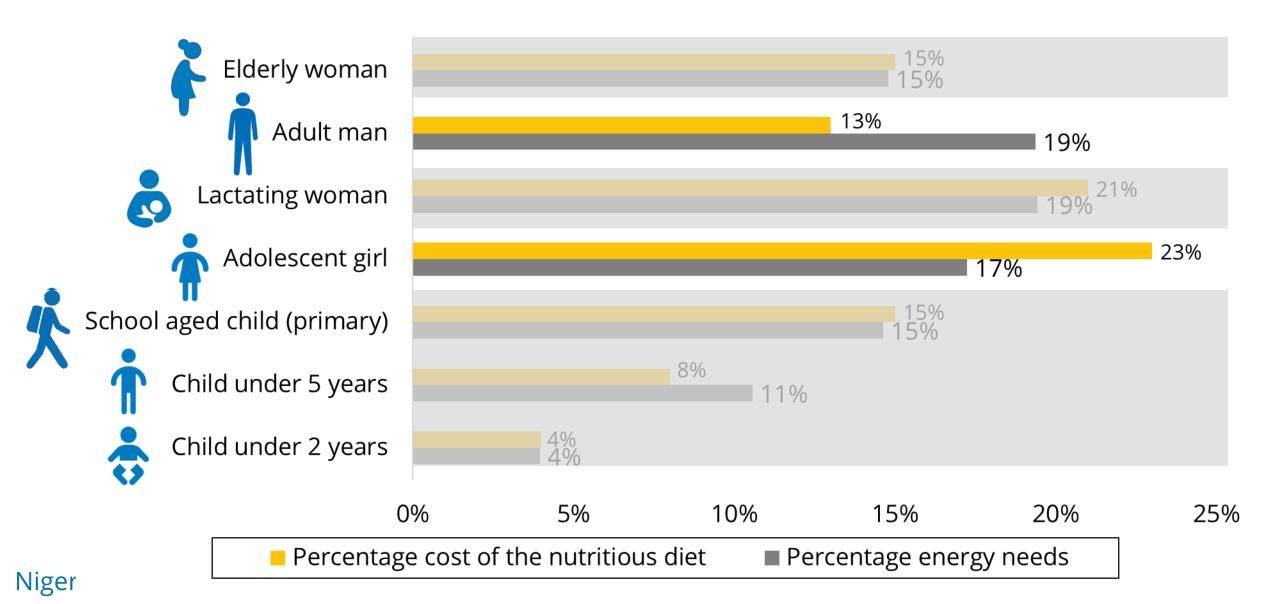
## Household cost of a nutritious diet, per day, and non-affordability



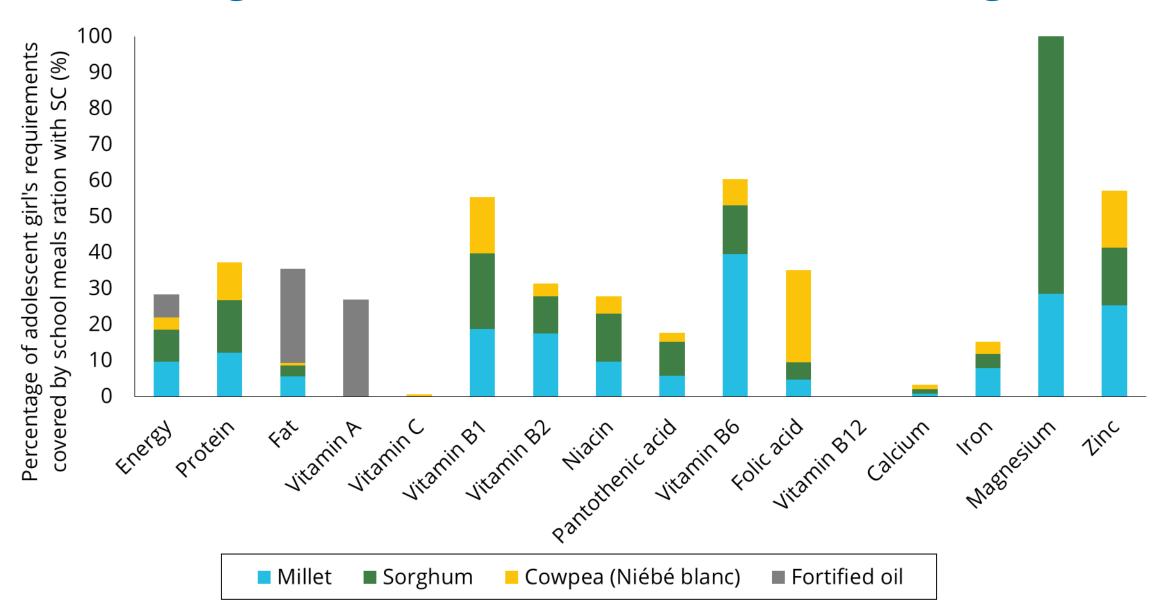


Transhumant / nomad pastoralism	Cost (CFA)	Non-affordability (%)
Agropastoral belt	< 1000	30-40
	1000-1250	40-50
Rainfed millet and sorghum belt	1250-1500	50-60
	1500- 175	0 60-70
	> 1750	> 70
Southern irrigated cash crops		

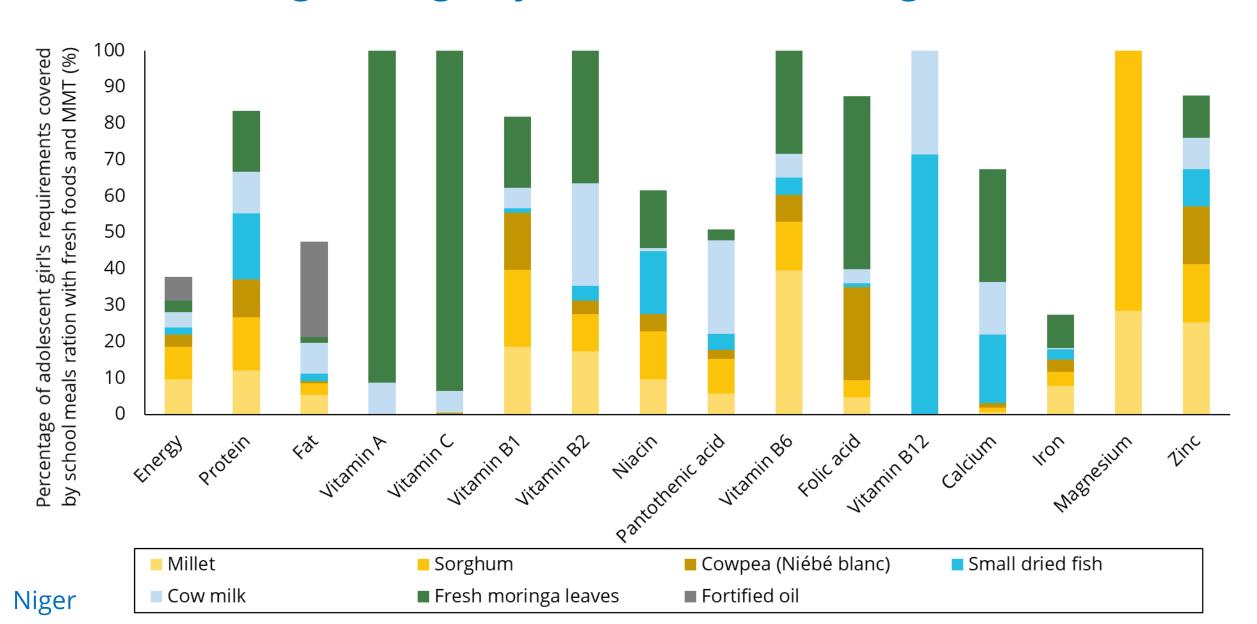
## Due to highest cost of a nutritious diet, adolescent girl and lactating woman have highest risk of deficiencies



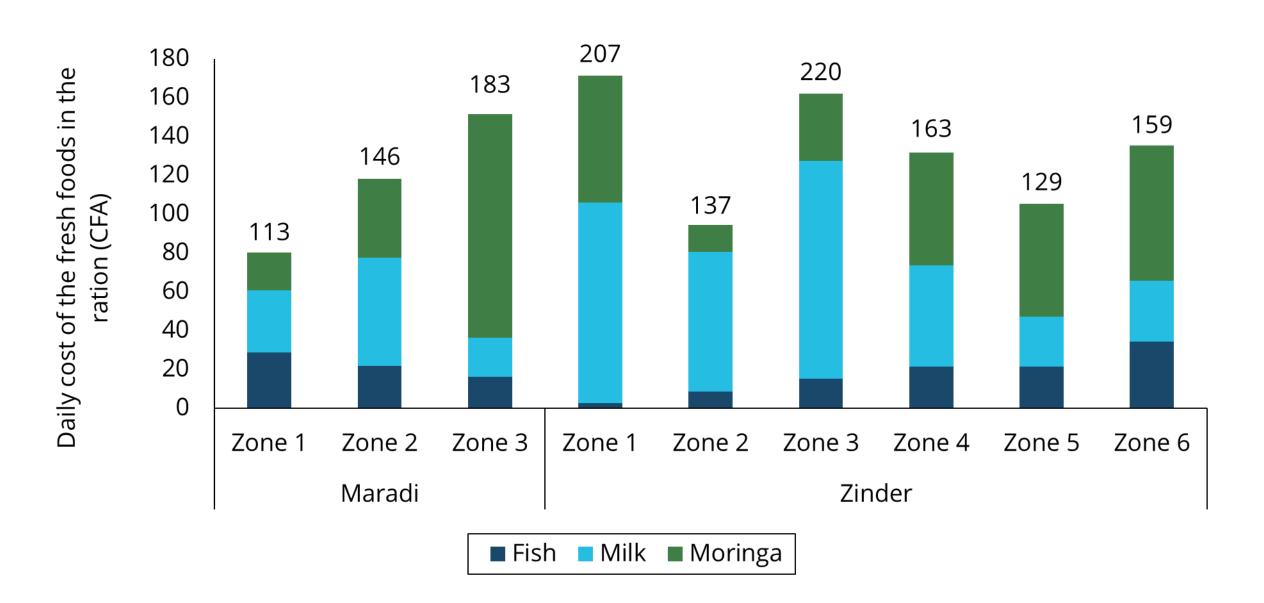
## The current school meals ration does not fully meet the high nutritional needs of an adolescent girl



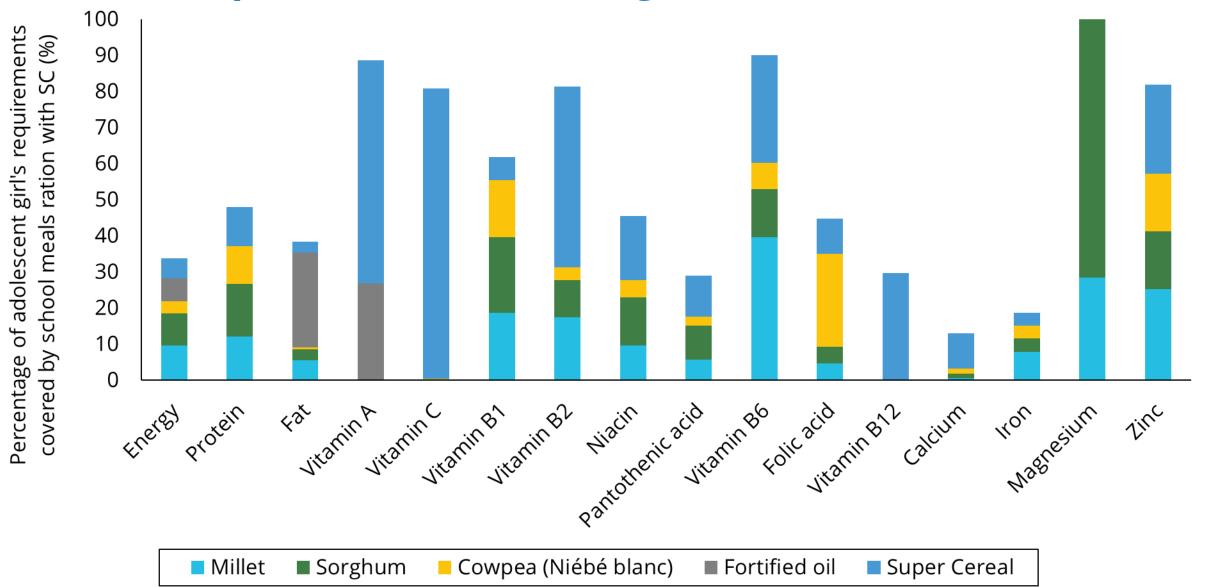
## Adding diverse, fresh foods to the school feeding ration would go a long way to meet adolescent girls' needs



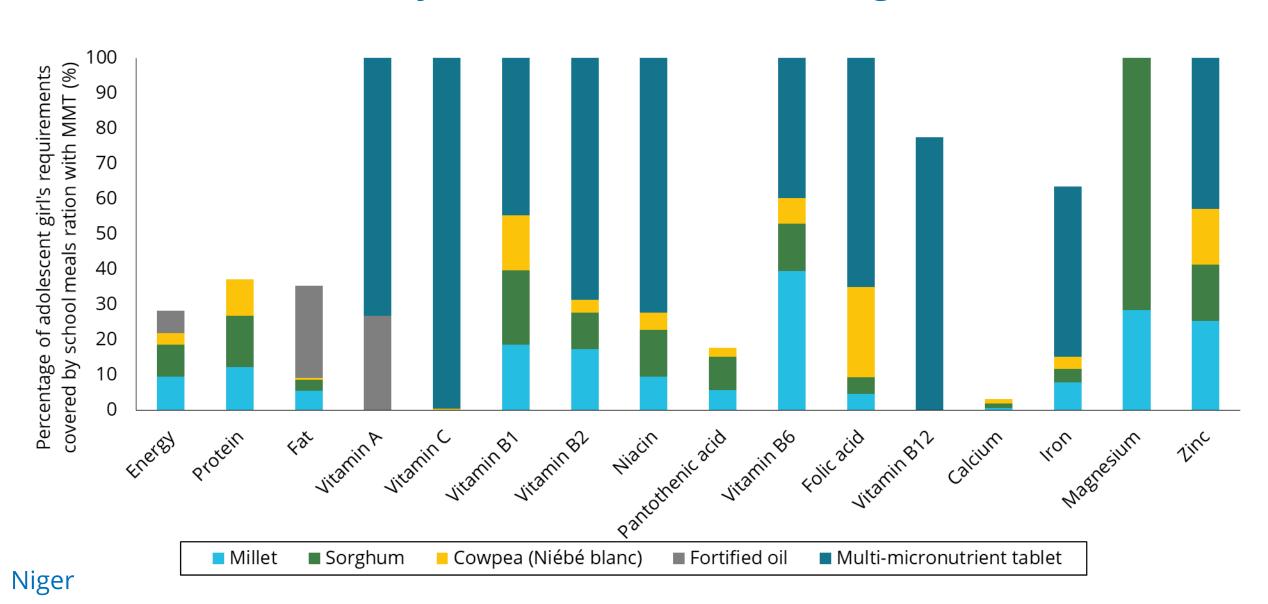
#### The cost of these fresh foods varies widely



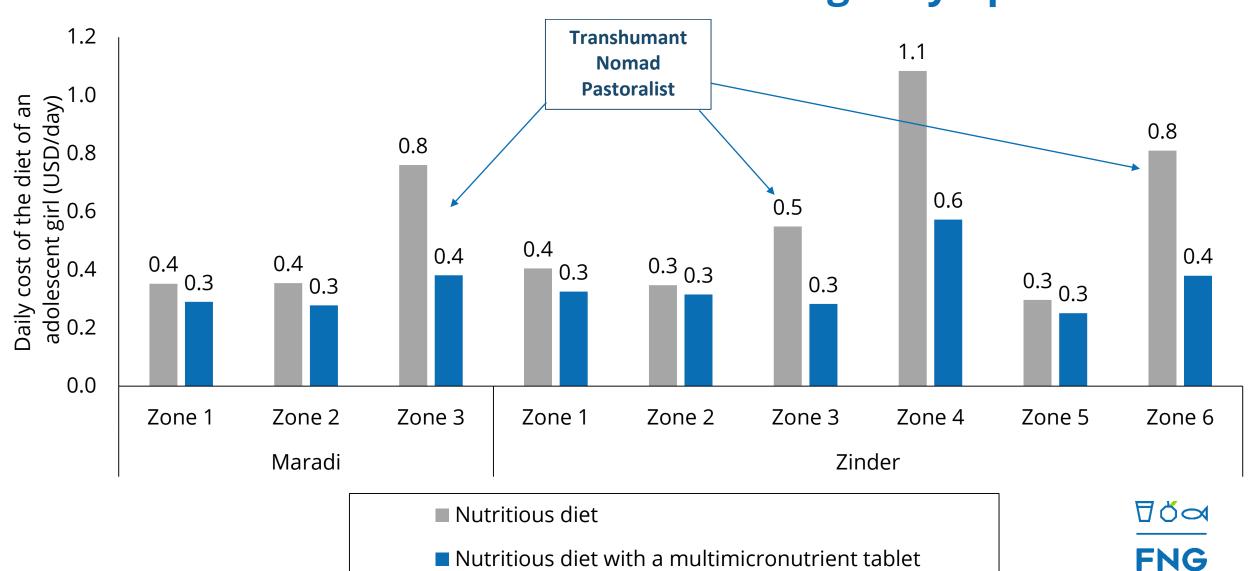
## Adding Super Cereal to the school meals ration also helps cover adolescent girl's nutrient needs



## Providing a micronutrient tablet together with the school meal would be another way to meet the adolescent girl's nutrient needs

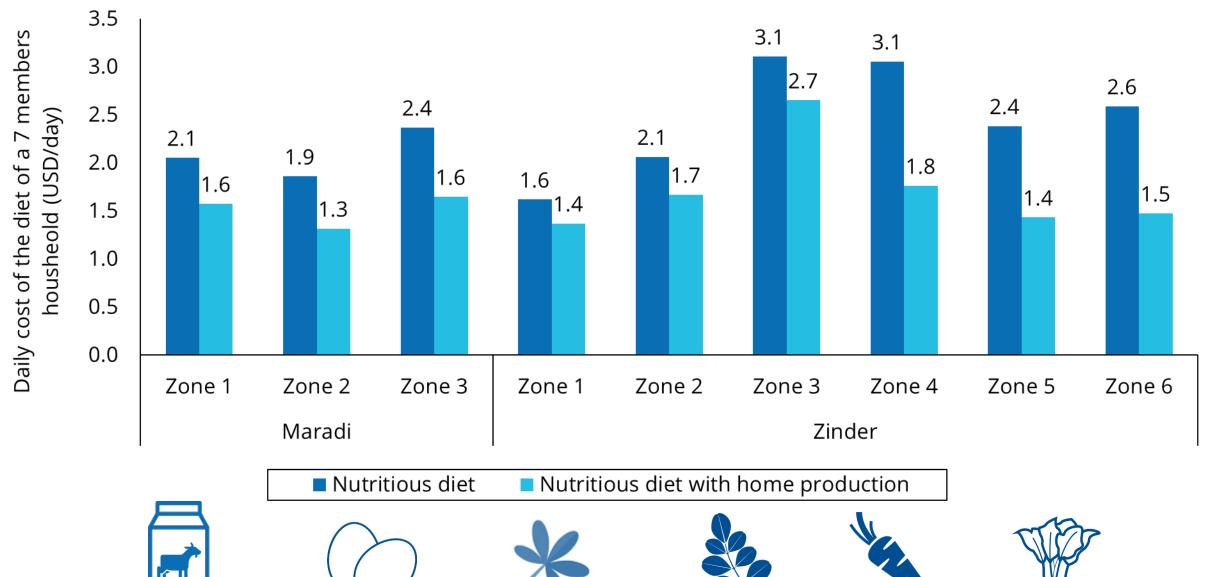


## Supplementation with a micronutrient tablet could reduce the cost of the diet of an adolescent girl by up to 50%



Niger

## Home production of nutritious foods can help decrease the cost for the household, especially if adapted to local nutrient gaps







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### A nutritious diet requires the consumption of a diversity of food from all food groups

#### Mali

An energy-only diet:

**Costs 1.0 USD** per household per day









Is **not affordable for 13%** of households

0.7 - 2.4 USD

2 - 30%

A nutritious diet:

Costs 2.0 USD per household per day













Is **not affordable for 50%** of households

1.7 - 4.6 USD

21 - 86%

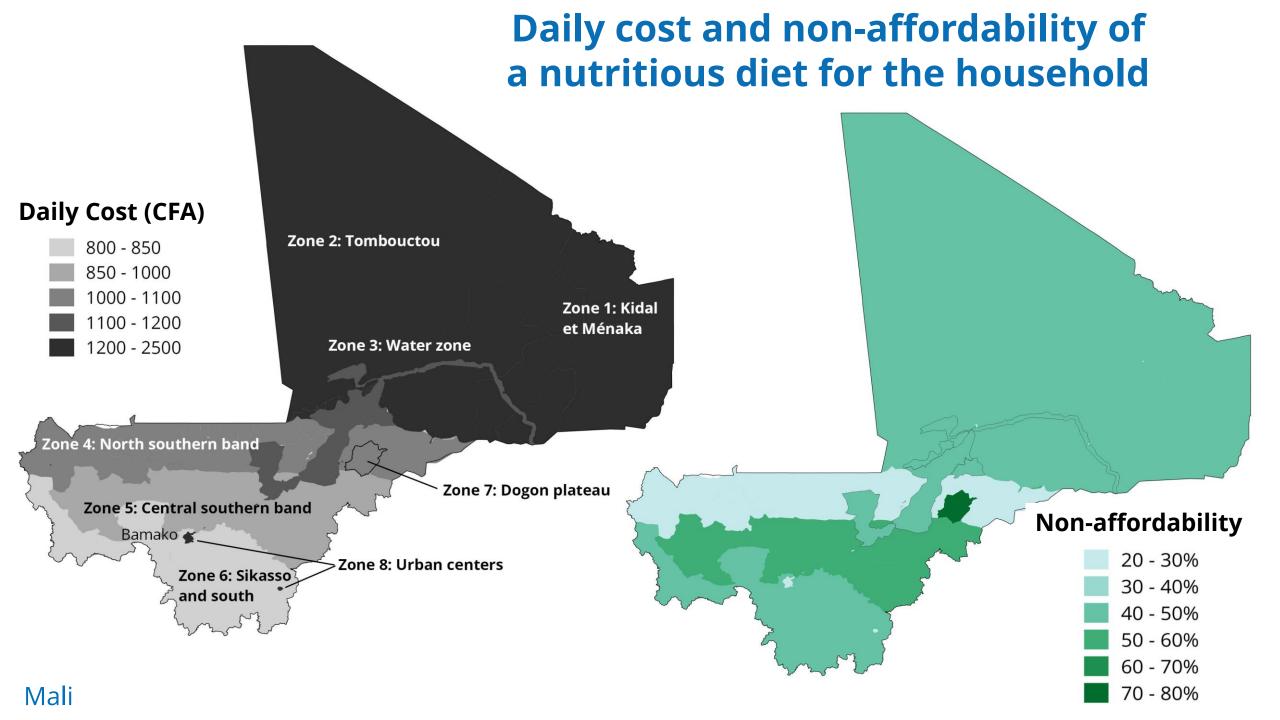




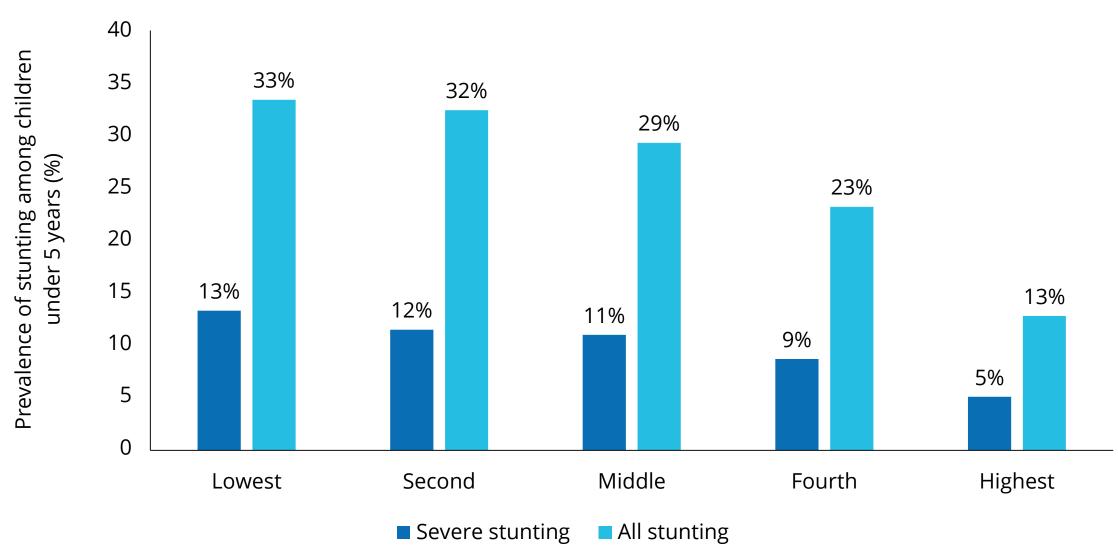




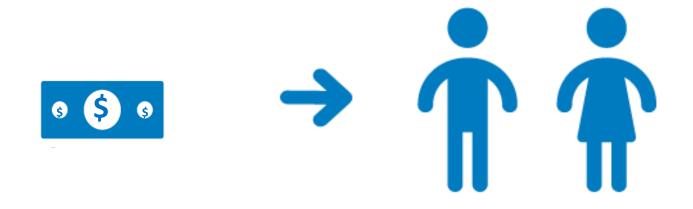




## Stunting prevalence in children is strongly associated with economic status



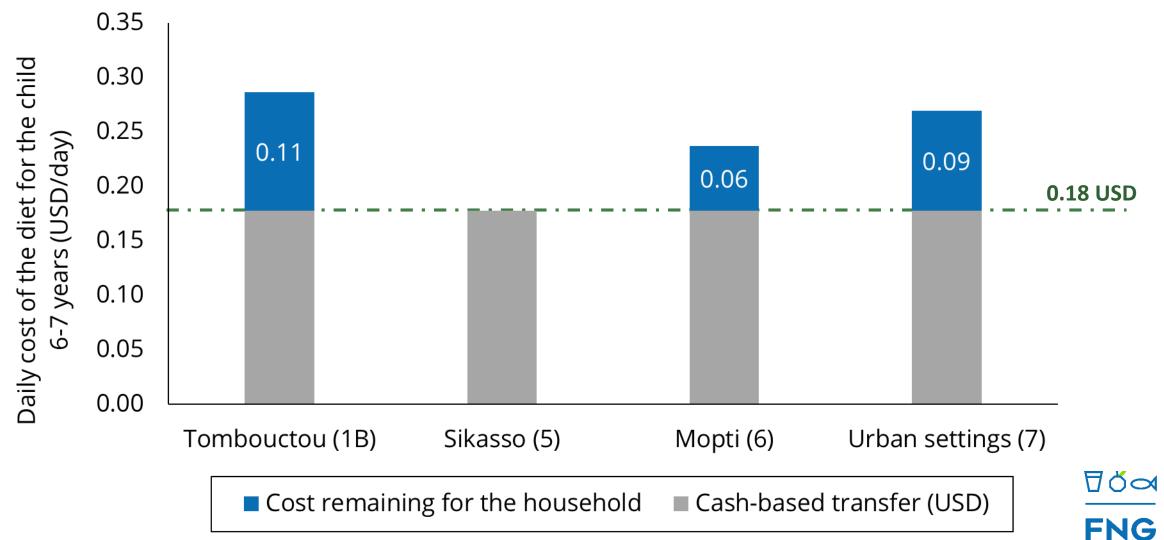
## Improving the nutritional coverage of children in the school feeding programme by optimizing the use of the cash transfer



0.18 USD (per meal)

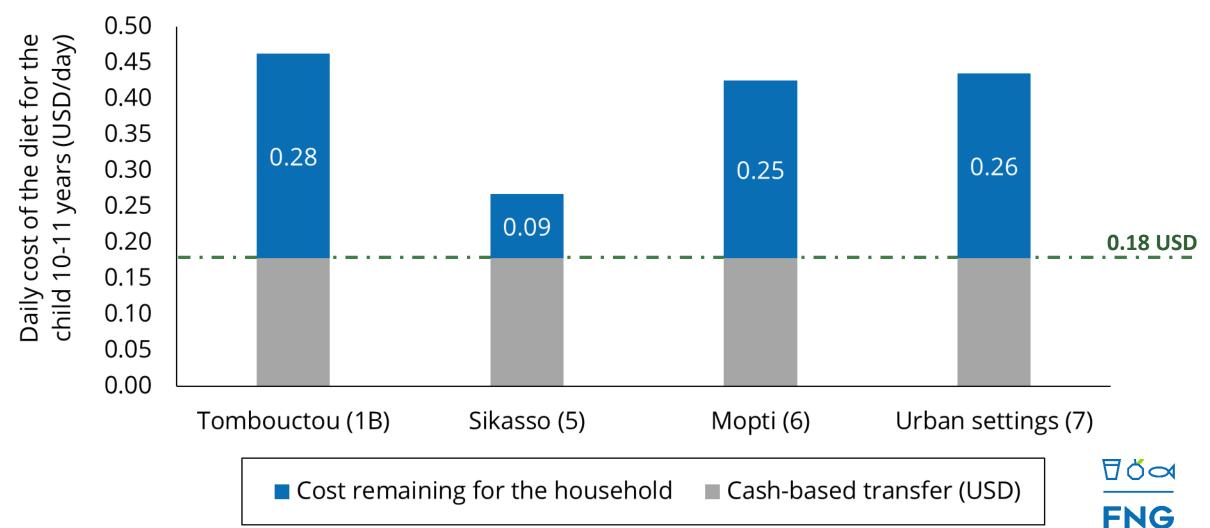


## The current cash transfer, if spent optimally, could cover >60% of the cost of a nutritious diet for a 6-7 year-old child





## The current cash transfer, if spent optimally, could cover <50% of the cost of a nutritious diet for a 10-11 year-old child



**Convergence approach** for improved diets











Increasing household purchasing power

Targeted interventions for vulnerable individuals

















Increasing availability of affordable nutritious foods







## Questions & Answers

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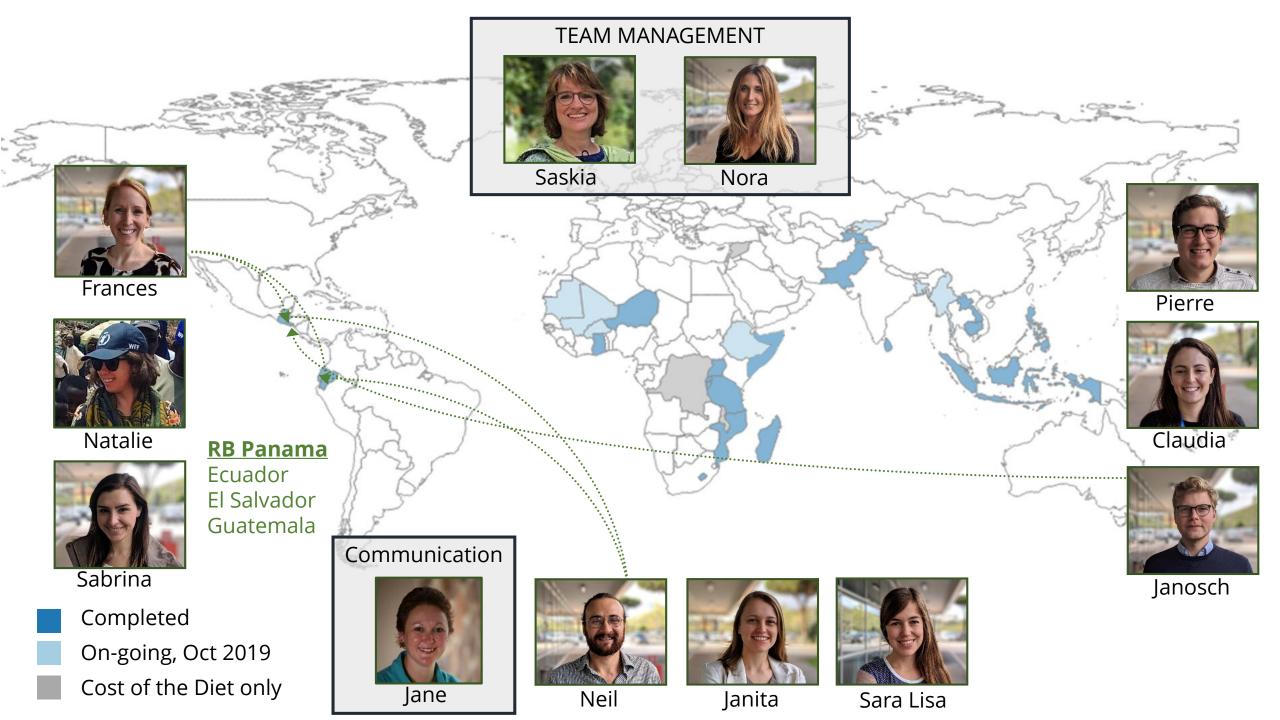


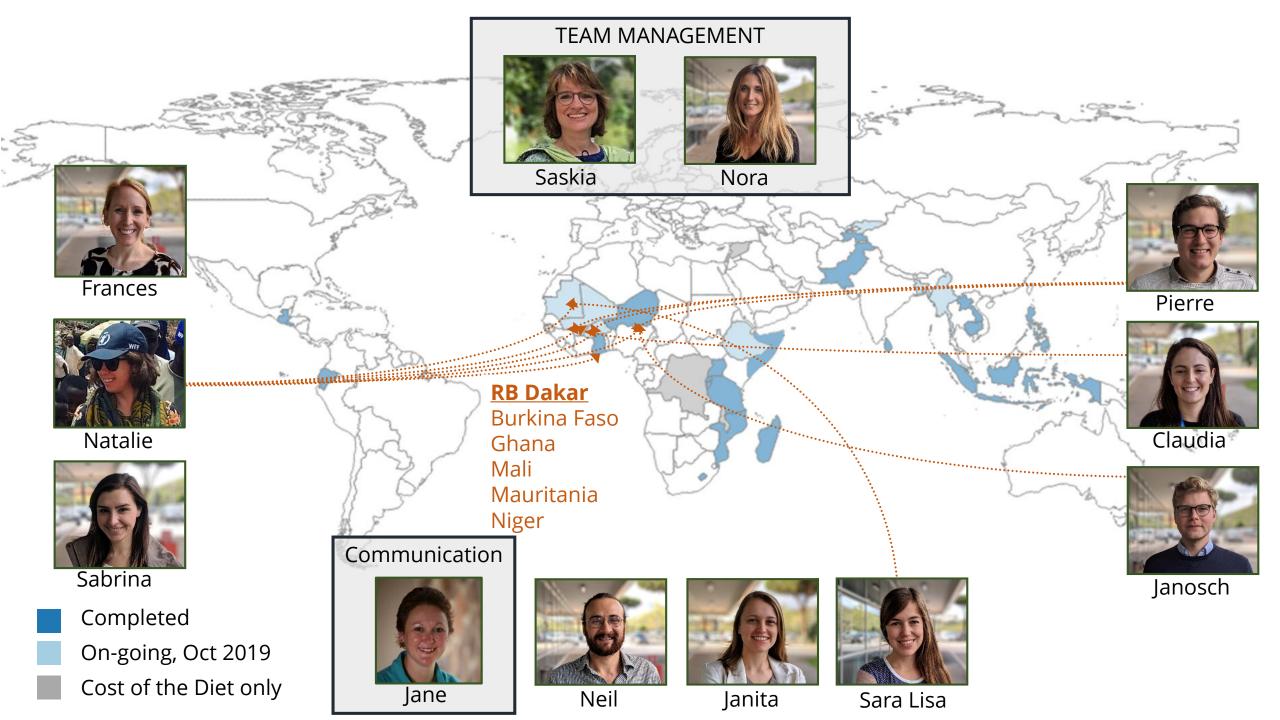


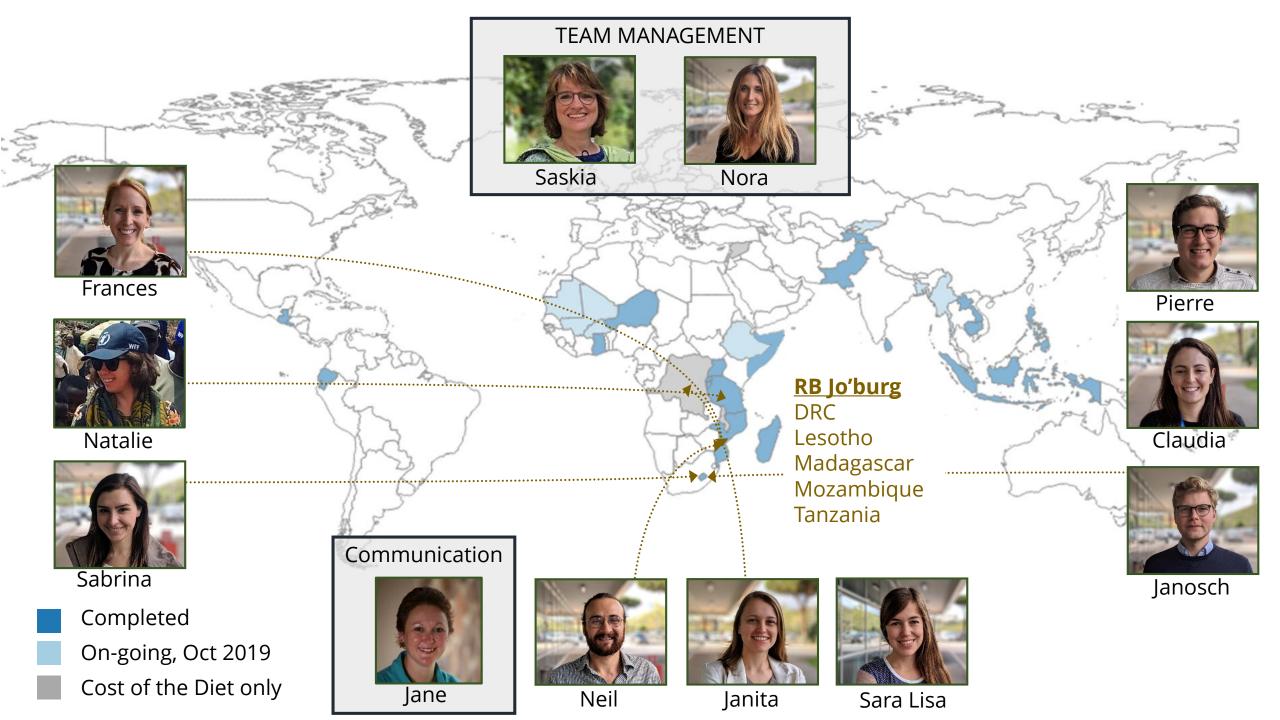




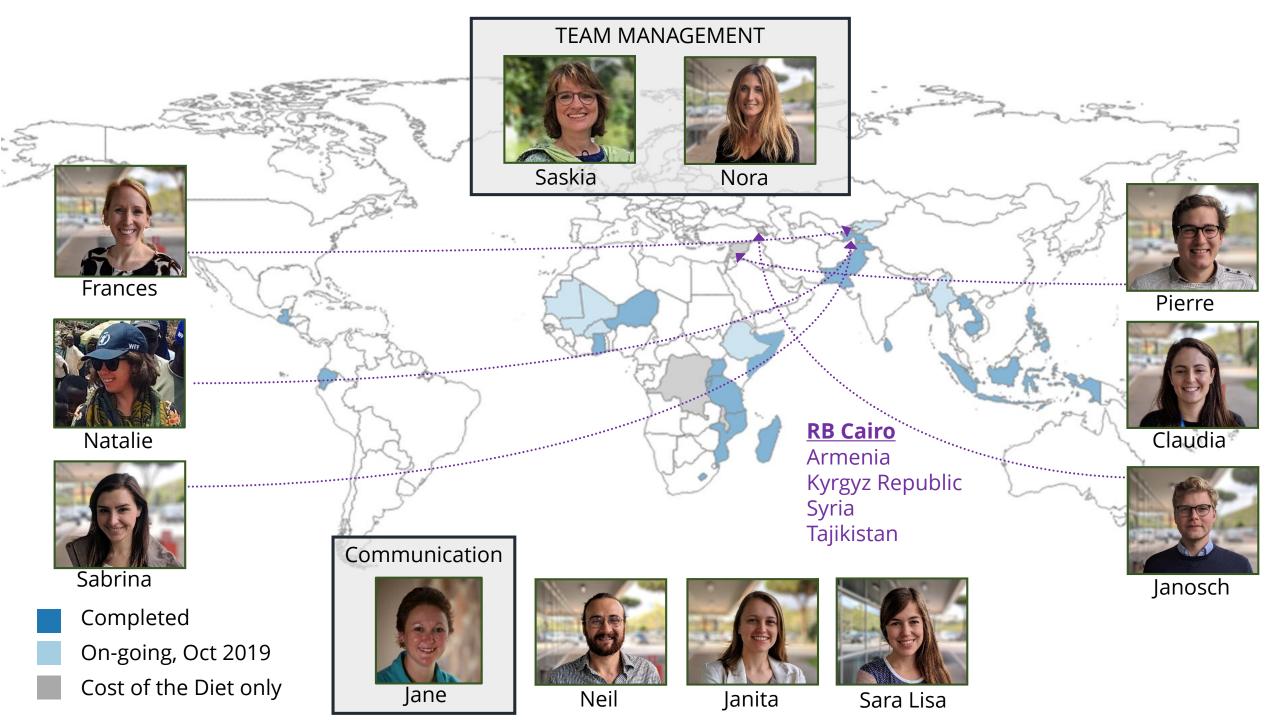


















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