Programme Description
The 6-year partnership project (2008-2014) involves TRANSNUT, WHO Collaborating Centre on Nutrition Changes and Development, academic and research institutions from Benin, Burkina Faso and Mali, Helen Keller International, an international NGO, and WHO as special collaborator. The purpose of the project is to strengthen capacity of partner countries to address the double burden of the coexistence of undernutrition and nutrition-related chronic diseases. The strategy includes: 1) Workforce training in nutrition with two new regional university programs in Benin, a Master's and an undergraduate professional program (licence), as well as continuous intensive courses on Nutrition Transition and Chronic Diseases, and Community Management of acute malnutrition; 2) Action research in communities (Benin) and schools (Benin and Burkina Faso), and other studies on the nutrition transition and the double burden of malnutrition; 3) Communication for the public with development of a food guide for Benin, and the development of advocacy tools for policy and programs focusing on diabetes.

Program type
Multi-national

Cost
Total: ~5 million CAD, including 3 million CAD provided by Canadian International Development Agency

References
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Implementing organisations

- International NGOs
  - Helen Keller International (HKI)
  - Details: more
    Particularly in Burkina Faso

- National NGO(s)
  - Details: more
    Mali: Santé-Diabète (French NGO)

- Research / Academia
  - Details: more
    Benin: Regional Public Health Institute (IRSP); Faculty of Health Sciences, Abomey-Calavi University; Applied Biomedical Science Institute (ISBA); Burkina Faso: Research Institute on Health Sciences (IRSS); Ouagadougou University (Medicine; CRSBAN); Mali: University of Bamako and university hospital; University of Montreal, Canada, TRANSNUT, Department of Nutrition

Funding sources

- Bilateral and donor agencies and lenders
  - Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)
  - Details: more
    University of Montreal, Canada, TRANSNUT, Department of Nutrition

- Research / Academia
  - Details: more
    Benin: Regional Public Health Institute (IRSP); Faculty of Health Sciences, Abomey-Calavi University; Applied Biomedical Science Institute (ISBA)

Action data

| Start date | January 2008 |
| End date   | January 2014 |
| Country(ies): | Benin, Burkina Faso, Mali |
| Status: | On-going |
| Area: | Urban |
| Place: | Cotonou |
| Topic: | Nutrition education and counselling |
| Target group: | Adult men and women |
| Delivery: | Other |
| Other delivery: | University |

Implementation details: The Master's program in Public Health Nutrition started at the Regional Institute of Public Health in 2009 and a first cohort of 10 graduates finished in 2011. A new cohort of 10 students started in October 2012. Regarding the 3-year undergraduate professional program in Nutrition and Dietetics, the 3-year program is offered at the Faculty of Health Studies School of Nutrition since 2010. A first cohort of 20 will get their degree (licence) in July 2013.

Target population size: N/A
Coverage level (%): N/A
Outcome indicator(s): Number, sex, and position of graduates
Outcome reported by Sex

Typical problems Solutions

Other actions from same programme

Double Burden of Malnutrition: Hub in West Africa - Nutrition-Friendly Schools Initiative (NFSI)/Health promoting schools - School age children (SAC)
Double Burden of Malnutrition: Hub in West Africa - Dietary goals and food-based dietary guidelines - All population groups

Links to policies in GINA

Plan D'Action National Pour L'Alimentation et La Nutrition
Plan National d'Action pour la Nutrition