**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)

- 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

- Action data
  - Start date: January 2008
  - End date: January 2014
  - Country(ies): Benin, Burkina Faso, Mali
  - Status: On-going
  - Area: Urban
  - Place: Benin, South
  - Topic: Dietary goals and food-based dietary guidelines
  - Target group: All population groups
  - Delivery: Community-based
    - more
      - Media
        - Primary health care center
  - Implementation details: Food-based dietary guidelines, including an illustrated food guide, is being developed in Benin with partner institutions. The urban population in particular is targeted. These nutrition communication tools were based on WHO/FAO recommendations and on recent dietary intake studies in the southern part of Benin.
  - Target population size: Approximately 3 million people (urban and peri-urban population of southern Benin)
  - Coverage level (%): Undetermined
  - Outcome indicator(s): Formal acceptance of dietary guidelines by authorities of Benin
  - Outcome reported by social determinants: None

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 - Nutrition education - Adult men and women

Links to policies in GINA

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