



Agricultural Livelihoods Programming for Improved Nutrition

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Feed the Future Implementing Partners Meeting

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- **Dates:** June 15, 2014 – June 14, 2019 (5 years)
- **Geographic Location:** 17 districts of the Northern Region
- **Funding:** 9 districts receive direct government-to-government funding from USAID; 8 districts funded through Global Communities
- **Goal:** Improved livelihoods and nutritional status of vulnerable households
- **Expected Results:** Contribute to USAID/Ghana FTF goals:
 - 20% decrease in stunting, wasting, underweight, and anemia among CU5
 - 80% of target HHs have increased incomes of $\geq 100\%$
- **Three primary activity areas:** 1) Agriculture & Livelihoods; 2) Nutrition and WASH; and 3) Governance



Nutrition-Sensitive Activity Spotlights

- **Orange-Fleshed Sweet Potato, “Alafei Wulijo”**
 - In 2016, 1 million vines to a 2,000+ women to harvest over 250,000 kg of OFSP
 - Emphasis on consumption for complementary feeding and for maternal diet: improved porridge for children (OFSP, soy flour, smoked fish, oil), potato chips, leaf stew, boiled potato, *mpotompoto*
- **Leafy green vegetable cultivation**
 - Promotion of ayoyo, alefu, bra (cultural core crops rich in iron and calcium) using drip irrigation
 - More than 50 drip kits in 30 communities in NR
 - Promotion of household consumption during first 1,000 days population as well as income generation
- **Soybean**
 - High protein crops used to fortify nutrient poor staple foods such as TZ
 - More than 4,000 acres supported in 2015 with 600MT of soybeans yield results collated to date
 - More than 6,900 acres of soybeans expected to be under production in 2016
- **Cage Fishing**
 - Provision of fingerlings and equipment for aquaculture
 - Promotion of household consumption during first 1,000 days population as well as income generation
- **Poultry**
 - New activity in 2016
 - Promotion of meat and egg consumption during first 1,000 days population as well as income generation

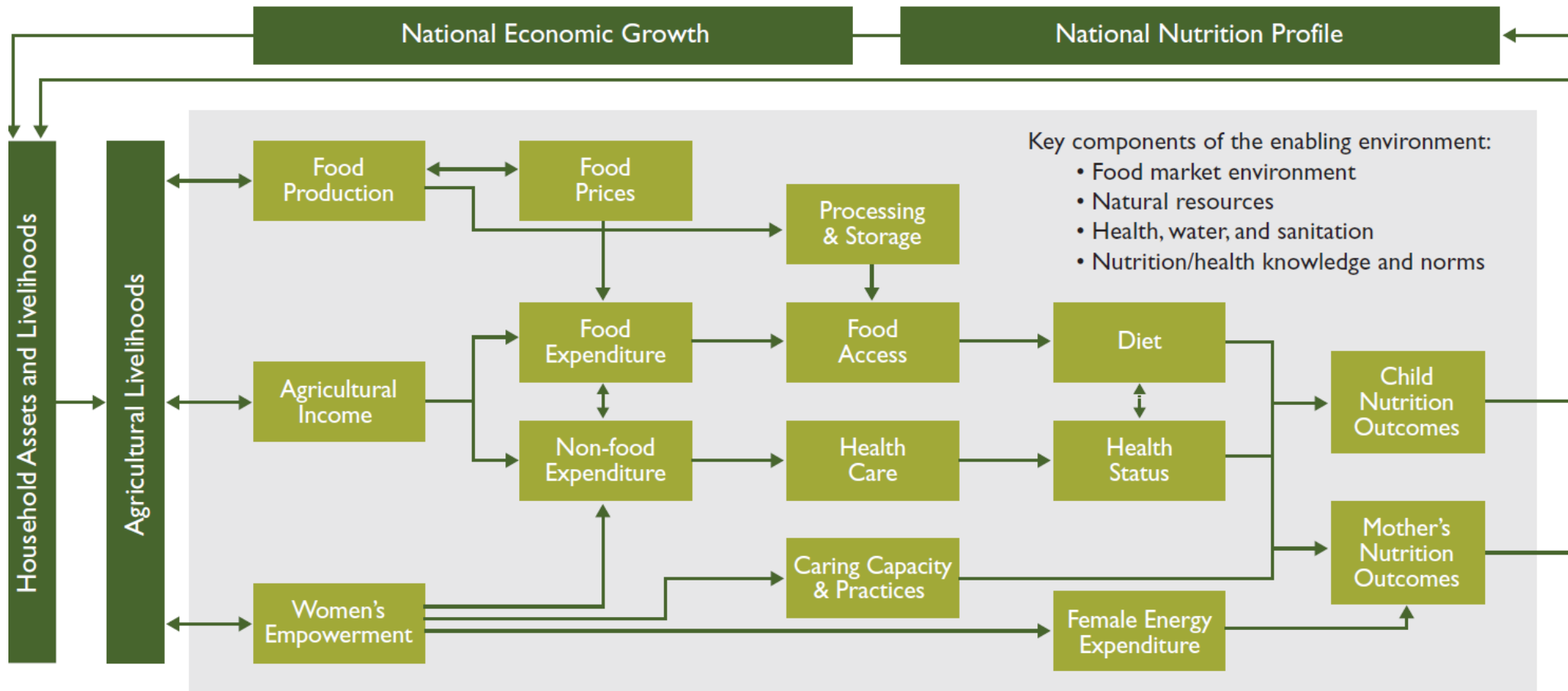


Women beneficiaries in Nanumba South incorporate soy into tubani.



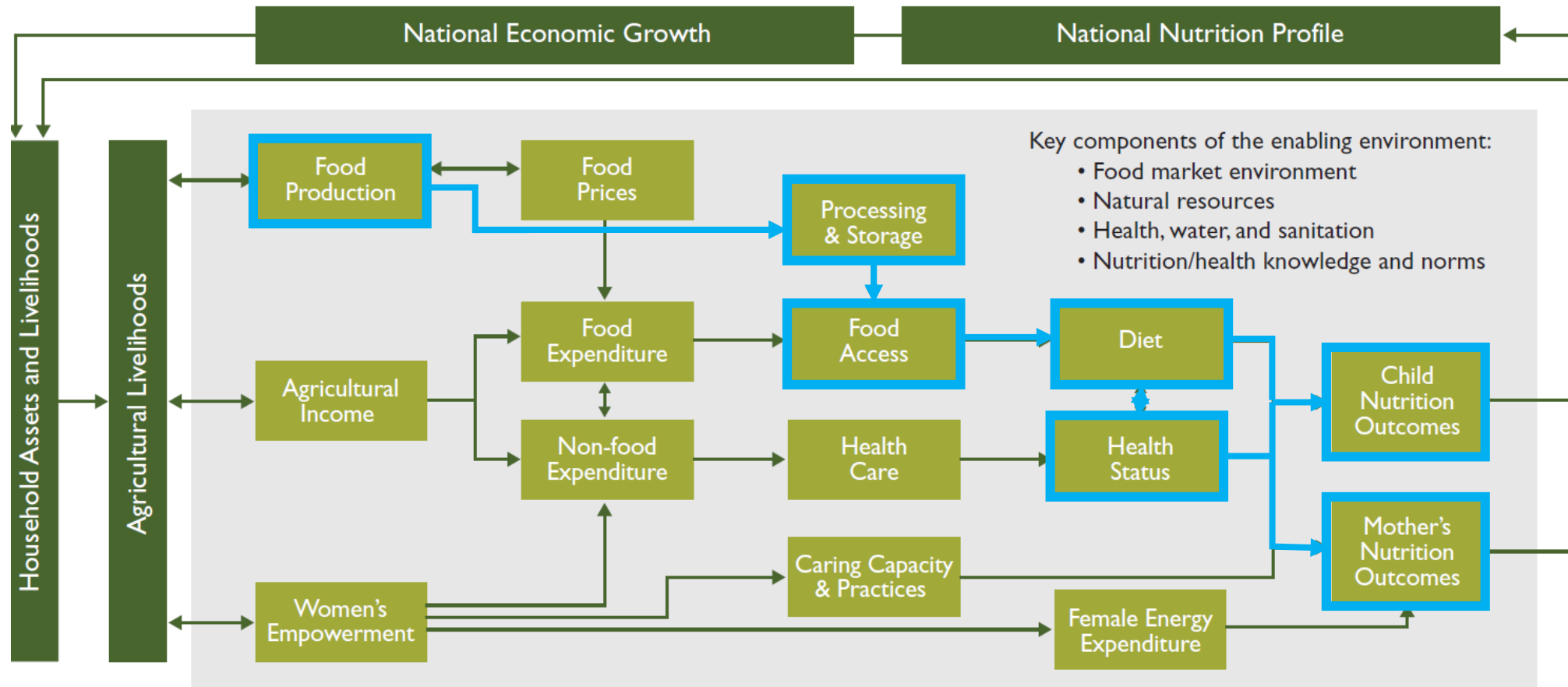
Floating cages installed at Gimam (Nanumba South)

Pathways between Agricultural Livelihoods Programming and Nutrition



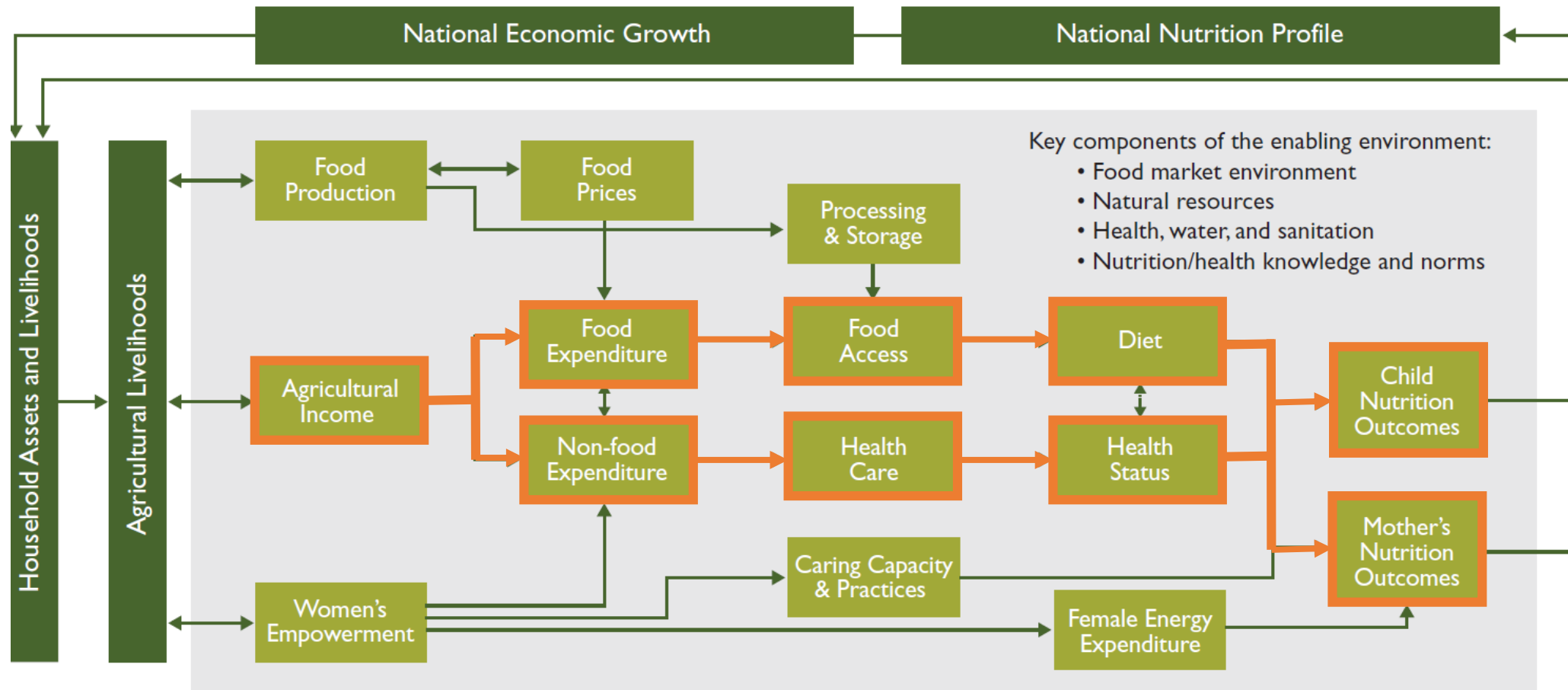
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Pathways between Agricultural Livelihoods Programming and Nutrition: OFSP



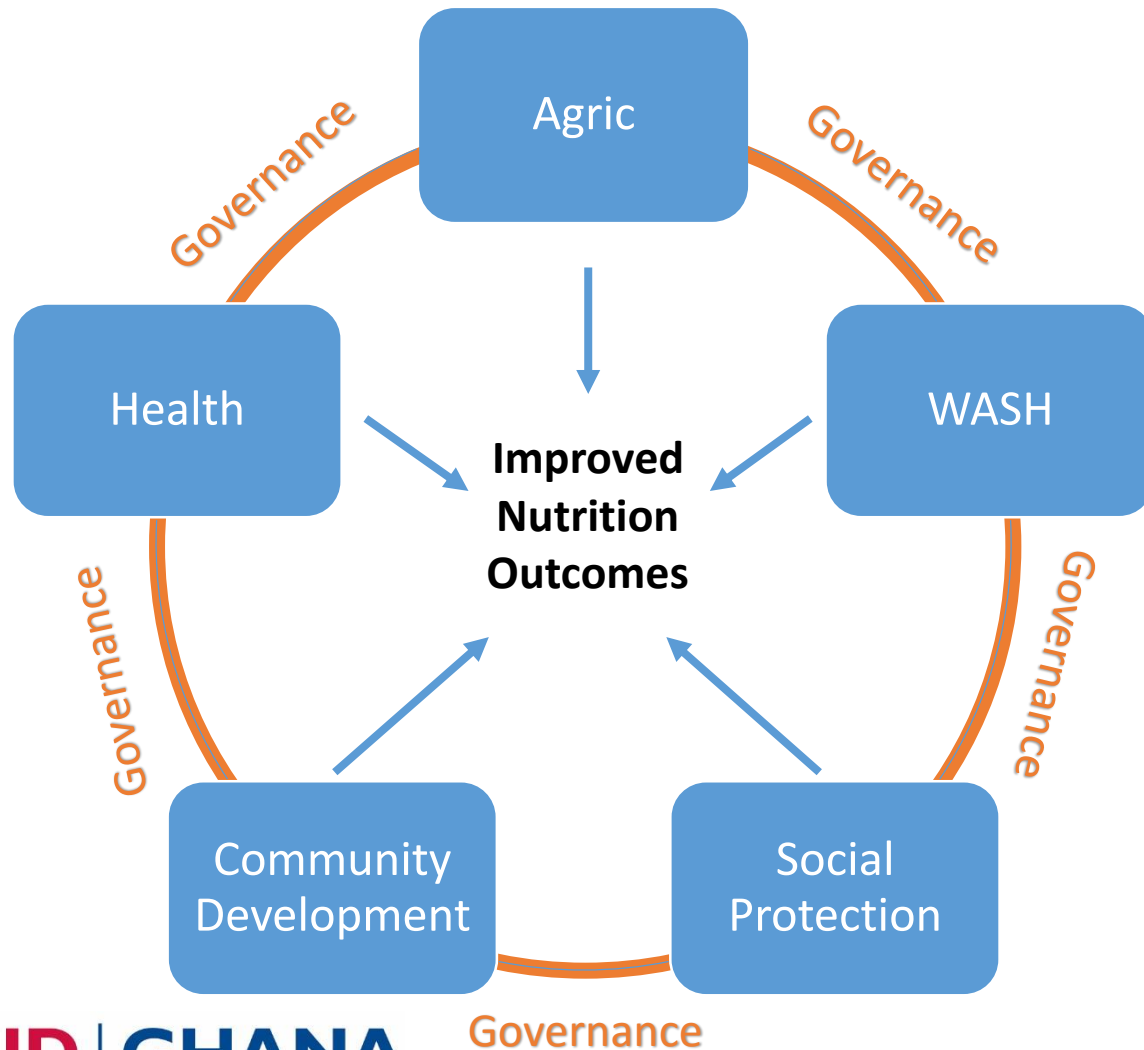
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Pathways between Agricultural Livelihoods Programming and Nutrition: Soybean



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Addressing Nutrition as a Multisectoral Issue



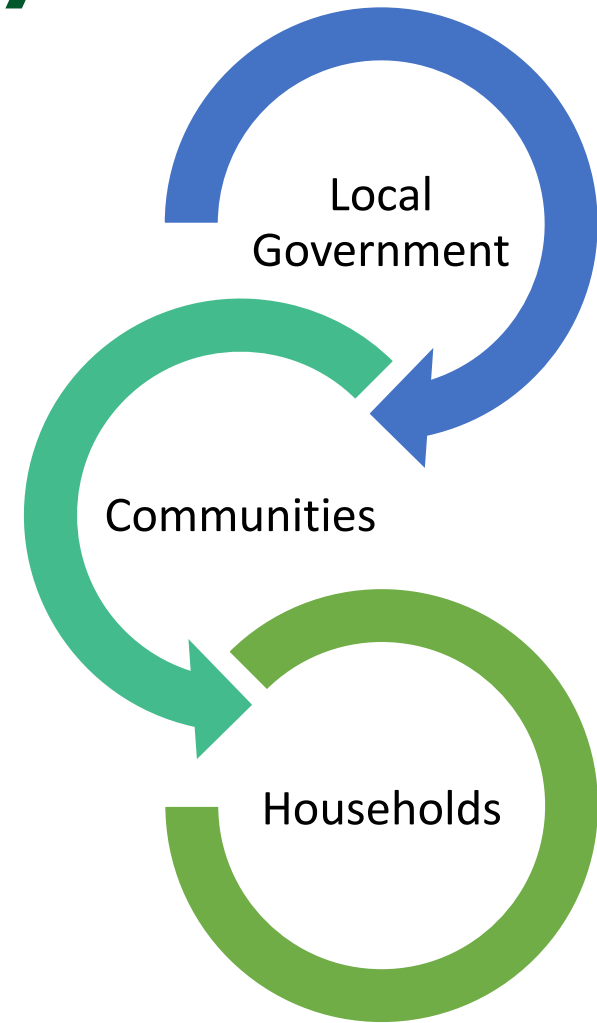
Good governance is a key thread to ensuring that multiple sectors coordinate and collaborate effectively towards improved nutrition outcomes



Photo: Saboba District Planning and Coordinating Unit review a Budget monitoring report. Credit: RING Project.

Good Governance = Resiliency

Working through the GOG builds resilient systems that are better prepared to address nutrition and livelihood needs, and in a more inclusive manner



Partnership with Governance Leads to...



Thank you



Photo: Women beneficiaries in Kumbungu district prepare their OFSP crop for harvesting.