WORKING AGAINST COVID-19 WHILE PREVENTING CHRONIC MALNUTRITION

COVID-19 affects the most fragile people, threatening food supplies, livelihoods and economic stability.

- **LOSS OF INCOME:** Labour income losses **±$3.7 trillion** (4.4% of global GDP) in 2020
- **PRICE INCREASE, FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN DISRUPTION:** 89% reported food price increase in vulnerable communities
- **STRAINED HEALTH SYSTEMS:** Fear of COVID-19 leads to reduced care seeking & pre-natal services

**DISRUPTIONS DUE TO COVID-19**

**EFFECTS**

**ROBBED FUTURE**

**2.6 MILLION ADDITIONAL CHILDREN CHRONICALLY MALNOURISHED BY 2022**

**ILLNESS & POOR MATERNAL HEALTH**

We are calling the private sector & social development actors to protect the upcoming generation by executing and funding solutions that focus on populations whose food security and nutrition situation has worsened due to COVID-19.

**WHAT CAN WE DO? 1,000 DAYS = WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY**

**2.6 million additional children who are currently less than 1,000 days old will be robbed of their potential to thrive.**

With a child born every 9 seconds, we must support solutions that rapidly improve maternal and child nutrition during the 1,000 days.

- **Improved maternal nutrition** (improves fetal development)
- **Promotion of breastfeeding** (prevents diseases – diarrhea and pneumonia – causes of child mortality)
- **Fortified foods for children 6-24 months old** (increases nutrient intake, improving development)
- **Access to biofortified crops** (increases nutrient density of crops)

Mothers need to be able to afford and access nutritious food during and after pregnancy.

- **Our investments focus on the economic empowerment of women**, who are the most affected by the crisis.
- **Women are also more likely to reduce the number of chronically malnourished children in their household**, making it a win-win situation for investment.

**58% of women work in the informal economy, while informal workers lost ≈60% of their income during 1st month of pandemic.**

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