



Coordination and Implementation of Nutrition Interventions

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Introduction



As far as Nutrition is concerned, Currently Tanzania is implementing a Five Year Plan known as **National Multisectoral Nutrition Action Plan (NMNAP 2016-2021)**

The plan was developed to cover the need of Nutrition strategy that will liaise with:

- *1992 National Food and Nutrition Policy*
- *Five Years National Development Plan (2016-2021)*
- *2025 Global Nutrition Strategy*
- *2025 Global Non Communicable Diseases Strategy*

Introduction Cont.....



The Plan aims to guide Nutrition Implementers at all levels in the country (National Level to Village Level) to eliminate/reduce the national malnutrition problems as it **clearly defines:**

- National Nutrition Priorities
- Implementation Strategies
- Resource Mobilization strategies
- Coordination structures at all levels
- Monitoring and Evaluation Strategy
- Expected results, outcomes and impacts

Implementation



- PORGALG – Nutrition section is mandated to Coordinate, guide and support RS and LGAs to ensure that they properly implement the plan. It has made various efforts to ensure implementation focuses on the targets and goals identified in the Plan by doing the following:

Review of TORs of R/CSCN



- After several evaluations, PORALG identified a number of challenges on functionability of the Nutrition Committees. This called for a review of the Terms of References especially on composition, roles and responsibilities of members.
- As per revised TORs, RMOs and DMOs are the **secretaries** of the committee with the technical support from Nutrition Officers as Secretariat
- Regions that have not yet re-establish nutrition committees as per revised TOR are **Ruvuma, Mara, Kilimanjaro, Tanga, Kigoma, Singida, Tabora, Simiyu and Iringa**

Planning and Budgeting for Nutrition

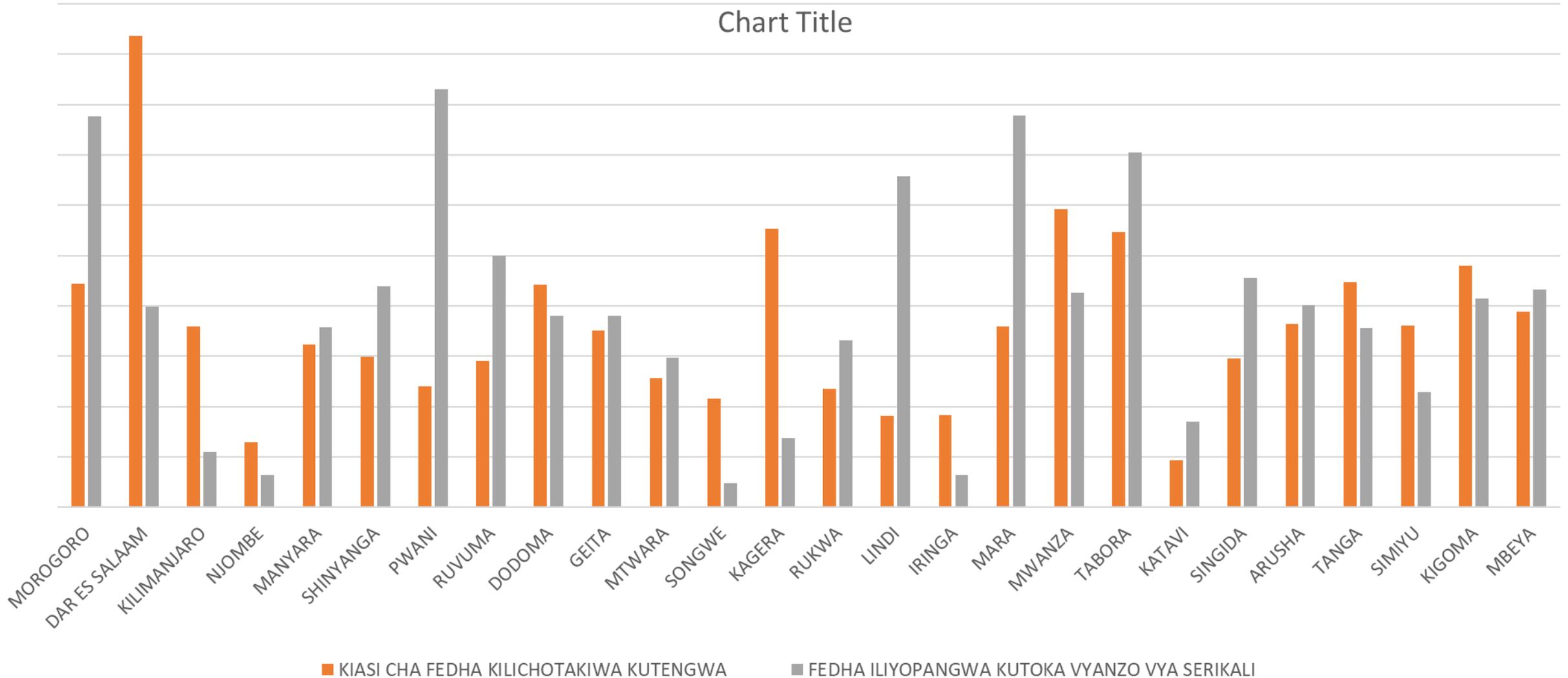


- To ensure that nutrition interventions are financed, PORALG gave the direction to Councils to allocate 1000Tshs per each under five child for implementation of Nutrition Specific Intervention from their domestic sources
- For proper planning and reporting for Nutrition activities, PORALG has established the “**Nutrition Cost Centre**” under the PlanRep to improve Budgeting, tracking and Reporting for Nutrition.
- For the financial year 2018/2019, the Government (through RS and Councils) allocated a total of TShs.....for Nutrition

Amount to be allocated Vs Allocated



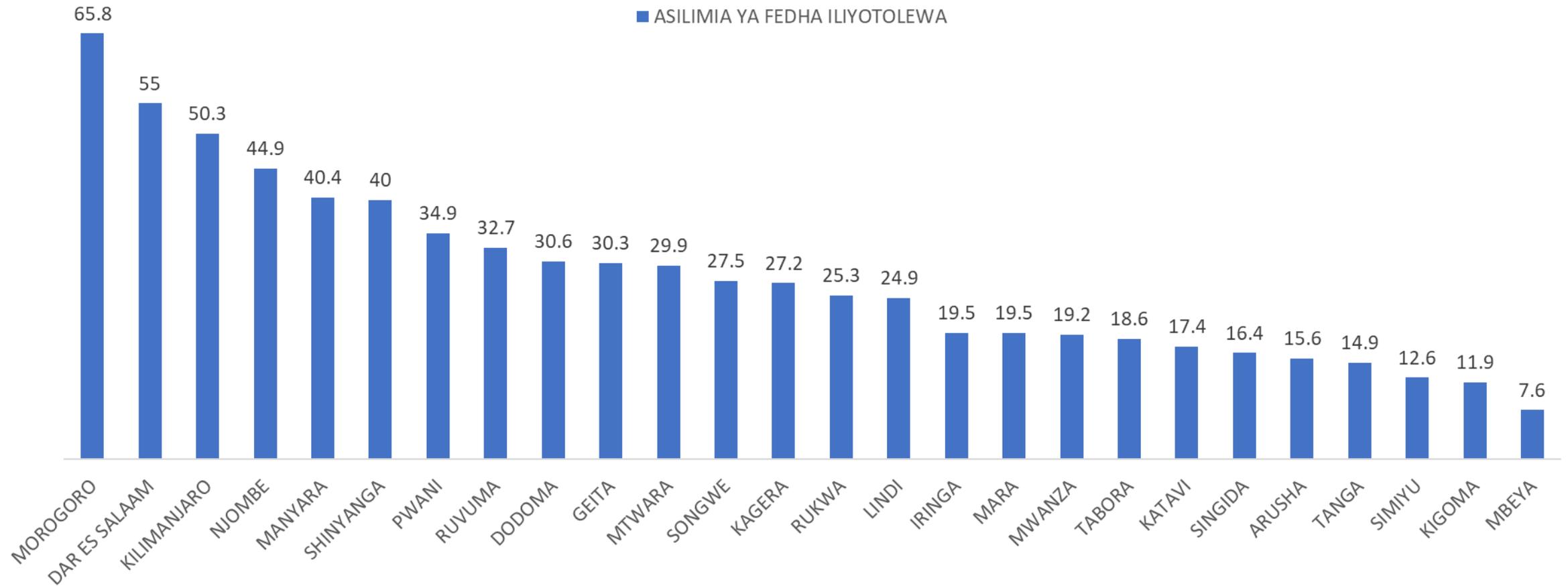
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Proportion of executed funds Vs Planned



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Human resource for Nutrition



- LGAs are responsible for implementation of nutrition services, it is essential that there be qualified district level nutrition officers who are accountable for the delivery of quality nutrition services.
- Regions as well needs qualified and skilled human resources for nutrition to provide technical backstopping, guidance and supportive supervision to councils.

Human resources for nutrition in Regions



| DESCRIPTION | REGION | % |
|-----------------------|--------------|----|
| Proper NuOs available | 17 (21-NuOs) | 65 |
| Focal persons | 7 (9-NuOs) | 27 |
| Non nutritionist | 2 (2-NuOs) | 8 |

65% (17) of the regions have employed professional trained nutritionists in the positions of nutrition officers (NuOs).

27% (7) of the regions have nutrition focal persons to carry out the roles of nutrition officers. However, these regions have **9 qualified nutritionists employed in other cadres &** placed in other departments.

8% (2) of the regions have placed nutrition focal persons with no nutrition qualifications, these regions are **Kigoma** and **Lindi**.

Human resources for nutrition in Councils



| DESCRIPTION | COUNCIL | % |
|--|---------------|----|
| Proper NuOs available | 85 (102-NuOs) | 46 |
| Focal persons with nutrition qualification | 52 (90-NuOs) | 28 |
| Non nutritionist | 47 (47-NuOs) | 26 |

46% (85) of councils have employed professional trained nutritionists in the positions of nutrition officers (NuOs). These councils have a total of **102 nutritionists** in Health department

28% (52) of councils have nutrition focal persons to carry out the roles of nutrition officers. However, these councils have **a total of 90 nutritionists** in various departments.

26% (47) of councils have placed nutrition focal persons with **NO nutrition qualifications**.

Actions to reduce human resources gap for nutrition



In order to fill-in the required positions in the Regions and Councils the following actions were taken:

- Transfer/Reallocation of 23 NuOs to fill some of the gaps
- Re- categorization of NuOs who are willing to do so
- Recruitment permit of NuOs to fill vacant positions

Nutrition compact



on behalf of the Vice-President, Minister of State PORALG signed a compact with Regional Commissioners with the view of ensuring;

- Regions are effectively administer nutritional implementation
- Regions take effective measures to reduce malnutrition in their areas
- Regions plan and allocate funds for nutrition

The implementation of the contract will be evaluated annually by checking the indicators identified, but in this year will be conducted Bi annually. The first evaluation meeting is expected to be held on 28th August 2018

Monitoring and Evaluation



Apart from the compact, regular quarterly, bi-annually, and annually evaluations of the NMNAP are in place:

- 1) Quarterly implementation reports** should be submitted by the end of the next month after the end of the quarter
- 2) Bottleneck Analysis (BNA)**- it is a bi-annual analysis which help to identify bottlenecks on coverage and quality of nutritional services
- 3) Annual Work Plan (AWP)**- This is used to evaluate the implementation of the plans. It is conducted bi-annually to help implementers develop strategies for completing their plans.
- 4) Nutrition Score Card**- This card shows trend of selected indicators to assist the relevant authorities to take positive action for indicators that have a negative trends.

RMO/DMOs Roles



To coordinate, manage and supervise implementation of sector wide nutrition interventions and creating enabling environment such as

- Resource mobilization
- Budget execution
- Human Resources
- Monitoring and evaluation



Thank you