ACDI/VOCA Food Systems Approach

Food Systems transformation is a critical opportunity to bolster market systems development and long-term economic growth. ACDI/VOCA conceptualizes the food system as the entire range of actors and systems involved in the food supply chain. The function of the food system is shaped by an array of drivers and leads to important development outcomes.

ACDI/VOCA applies its inclusive market systems (IMS) approach to transform food systems to provide better livelihood opportunities, promote dietary diversity, and empower individuals while also increasing resilience to shocks and stressors from climate-change and other economic, social, and political threats.

How ACDI/VOCA Transforms Food Systems

Analyse

Our IMS approach begins with analysis, looking beyond the symptoms to uncover the root causes of poor food system performance. We use our Signature Food Environment Analysis Tool and USAID’s 5R Framework to identify critical barriers to healthy diets.

Strategize

We co-create solutions to develop a strategy for food system change, working with local stakeholders and institutions to ensure contextual robustness. We apply our Nutrition-Sensitive Intervention Selection tool and Nutrition Strategy toolkit to guide this process.

Facilitate

With a goal of local ownership, we facilitate and collaborate to implement the strategy, building local capacity for sustainability and inclusion. We leverage our time-tested Private Sector Engagement Toolkit to generate sustainable change in food system function.

Learn & Adapt

To stay responsive to changing contexts, we continuously learn and adapt, employing standard Collaborating, Learning, and Adapting (CLA) processes as well as new innovative methods to measure system change.

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ACDI/VOCA Food Systems Resources

**Analyze**
- ACDI/VOCA Food Environment Analysis Learning Report
- USAID 5Rs Framework in the Program Cycle

**Strategize**
- **Tool:** Nutrition-Sensitive Intervention Selection Tool
- IGNITE Nutrition Strategy Development Guidance

**Facilitate**
- **Tool:** ACDI/VOCA Private Sector Engagement Toolkit
- Blog Series: Engaging the Private Sector Learning Series

**Learn & Adapt**
- **Tool:** USAID Collaborating, Learning, and Adapting Toolkit
- Outcome Harvesting for Measuring Systems Change

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