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Home Grown School Feeding Programmes

Addressing hunger while promoting education for children and, agriculture among smallholder farmers

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Definition

Home Grown School Feeding

*HGSF programmes utilize **locally (grown) and procured commodities** to prepare diverse **nutritious school meals**, while enabling **resilience building** in communities*



Characteristics

Home Grown School Feeding

- **Local procurement** of food commodities meant for school meals
- Focus on promotion of **local agriculture**
- Engagement of **smallholder farmers/traders**
- Local and national **ownership**
- **Multisectoral approach**
- **Coordination**

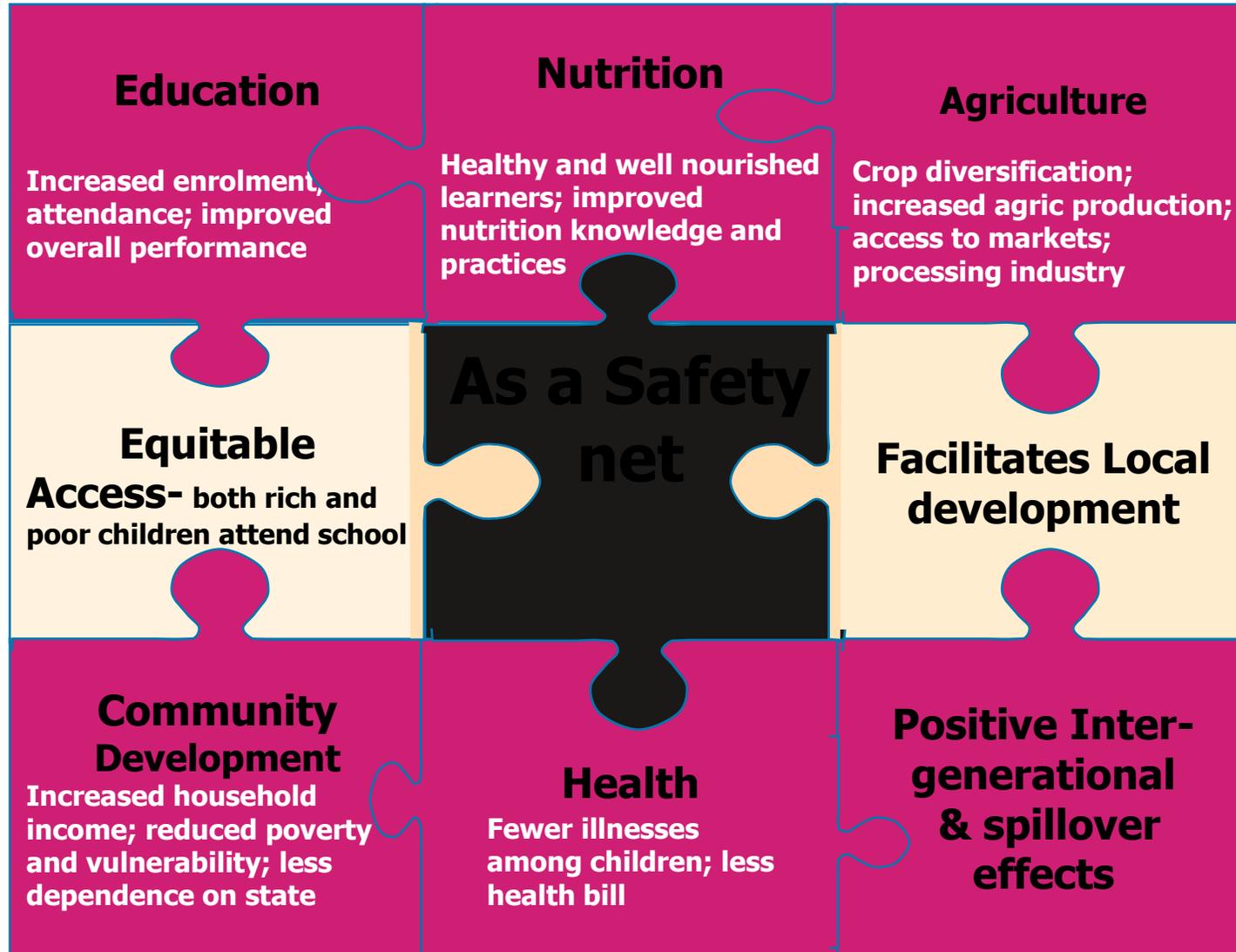


Making the case for Home Grown School Feeding

- In many low-income countries, **lack of markets for agricultural produce** among smallholder farmers is among the key barriers
- Nearly 400 million children worldwide are provided school meals daily- presenting a huge **market** for agricultural produce;
- Food is a culture- HGSF provides children with **culturally acceptable foods**, often fresh and nutritious
- **Promotes national ownership** and sustainable programming
- Platform for **integrated multisectoral programming** that enhances the quality of services provided to beneficiaries



The Benefits of A Home Grown School Feeding



HGSF in practice

- Globally, governments are transitioning to HGSF or similar
- E.g. of the 61 countries in which WFP supports school feeding, **42** are implementing HGSF
- This represents **61%** share of school feeding resources
- **80%** of the food utilised in schools is purchased locally (20% regionally and **60%** within country)





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Challenges

Scale-up of HGSF pilots: HGSF programmes can be complex because of their multisectoral nature.

Resources availability for WFP and countries

Sustainability in view of political commitment when governments change affecting priority shifts

Enhance food safety and quality

Poor storage for harvest by **Smallholder Farmers**

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Challenges: Covid-19 and HGSF

Like many programmes, Covid-19 has impacted the smooth implementation of HGSF programmes: specifically:

Logistical challenges due to restricted movements- ability of farmers to take produce to schools e.g. Honduras

Mal-functioning of markets which also affected price volatility for farm inputs

However, governments and partners redesigned programmes e.g. in Malawi, Nigeria

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Opportunities, Solutions

- Broaden partnerships
- Enhance resource mobilization
- High level advocacy for HGSF
- Increase its knowledge management support activities for evidence generation and advocacy
- Enhance linkages across its activities- in particular with livelihood/food security programmes like SAMS where PHL technologies are being rolled out



Redesign of programmes in the face of Covid-19



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Thank you

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