

Criteria for Japan TF Applications

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A. Criteria for regional and country inclusion:

1. Regions:
 - a. Regions where the greatest numbers of children are affected, i.e., Africa and South Asia will be prioritized. However, countries in other high-burden regions, including both IDA and IBRD countries are eligible.
2. High burden countries that have one or more of the following characteristics:
 - a. Child Stunting rates > 30%
 - b. Child Wasting rates > 10%
 - c. Childhood overweight rates > 10% or maternal overweight > 40%
 - d. Micronutrient deficiency rates of high public health significance based on WHO classifications

Selected countries will be encouraged to join the SUN movement, in case they are not already members of the SUN.
3. Both IDA and IBRD countries are eligible
4. Only in exceptional cases, countries with lower national burden may be included, IF the lessons from that country work could serve as a model for other high-burden countries or for global policies. In such cases, demonstrated country/global demand and opportunities for sharing lessons will be essential.
5. Alternatively, IF there are large sub-national differences and large numbers of children at the sub-national level are affected (the overall number of children affected remains an important criterion) with prevalence rates similar to those listed under #2 above, and if there is strong potential for linking with pipeline operations, exceptions may be made.

B. Activities to be financed:

1. Knowledge creation:

- i. ASAs on critical issues relevant to the nutritional epidemiology of the country
- ii. Operationally relevant knowledge that can address service delivery challenges and/or bottleneck analyses to support the scale-up of high impact interventions through HNP, SP, Agriculture, ECD and WASH sectors.
- iii. Decision and delivery science issues relevant to national/global contexts
- iv. Economic and financing analytics as well as technical and allocative efficiencies at global and country levels
- v. Evaluations, including Impact Evaluations, Project evaluations, process evaluation and evaluation of training/capacity development –all evaluation should link to scale-up plans and/or Bank operations
- vi. Capacity assessments and capacity strengthening linked to pipeline/ongoing operations (if not covered by IDA/IBRD sources)
- vii. Global Public Goods such as regional assessment of nutrition burden, regional strategies, new knowledge generation, etc.
- viii. Strategic support to SUN movement at global and national levels (with specific and defined outputs).

2. Knowledge sharing events/fora/communications:

- i. With SUN member countries, partners, CSOs, etc
- ii. Across sectors: with agriculture, social protection, ECD and WASH
- iii. Nutrition communications and advocacy

3. TA to client countries:

- i. Based on demonstrated demand from client countries
- ii. TA for business generation in SUN countries

4. Project preparatory work for new/pipeline operations in high-burden countries

- i. Policy dialogue
- ii. Preparation of nutrition components/projects
- iii. Pilot activities: innovative approaches for nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive interventions. These should be directly linked to ongoing or pipeline operations.

C. Timeline: Not to exceed 30 months.

D. Process:

- TTLs are requested to fill-in the attached one-page template
- The screening committee will screen, shortlist and approve a concept on a conditional basis, pending a sector and CMU review of the concept note (this step is very important and the only way we can get sector and CMU involvement and buy-in). Clearance by the regional PM and/or Director (for Global activities) will be essential.
- Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis for the first year. Wherever feasible, decisions will be made within 2-3 (working) weeks of submission.
- TTLs are responsible for sector and CMU approval following due processes for ASA/operations

Application of Concept Note for Japan TF Financing Request

1. Name of proposed activity:	2. Country/regional/global:
3. Problem to be addressed, brief context and technical rationale	
4. Proposed Objective/PDO	
5. Proposed activities/components and outputs and how these address the problem identified (Please be brief and specific and do not exceed half a page)	
6. Timeline	
7. Linkages with operation/s (Describe briefly how the proposed activities support/are linked to an ongoing or pipeline operation; with supportive statement from respective regional PM)	
8. Rationale for financing from Japan TF (maximum of one para listing why it qualifies, based on criteria above)	
9. Budget (Consultants, travel, workshops/conferences, meetings, staff costs etc. (Pls attach excel sheet)	