

PRODUCTION FOR IMPROVED NUTRITION

▶ Building a robust supply chain

Malnutrition in Uganda is a consequence of limited or inadequate preventive and/or corrective actions. Almost half of the population is food energy deficient (48%). While malnutrition is a leading contributor towards child morbidity and mortality, malnourished children living with HIV are five times more likely to die before their 2nd birthday compared to non- infected children. (UDHS 2011; WFP 2013)

Supplementing community based treatment of malnutrition

Ready to Use Therapeutic Foods-RUTF (using groundnuts) act as a first line of treatment of severe acute malnutrition, that can prevent death and quickly improve nutritional status.

Fortified Blended Foods-FBF (using maize and soybeans) are appropriate for those who are moderately malnourished preventing patients from deteriorating into severe malnutrition while building up their overall strength. Ensuring availability of these supplements is therefore essential to improving nutritional status among the malnourished.

The Production for Improved Nutrition project works to: increase production of therapeutic and supplementary foods; ensure adequate and timely supply of RUTF and FBFs to participating health facilities; mainstream the supply of RUTF and FBF into the Ministry of Health logistics system and increase demand for RUTF and FBF in Uganda and the East African region.



For 30 years, RECO a Ugandan owned agro based firm, has been specializing in the manufacture of food products and is the implementing partner for the USAID/Production for Improved Nutrition project.

In numbers

Doubled RUTF production from **600,000 kg** to **1,500,000kg**

347,715kg of RUTF produced and distributed for outpatient treatment of severe malnutrition

18,387 clients received RUTF under our nutrition initiative in 104 health facilities

118 health workers and stores persons trained in basic handling and reporting for RUTF and FBF



Our supply chain

1 Training of progressive farmers in improved farming methods

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2 Building producer organizations for increased productivity

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3 Community nutrition needs identification in partnership with the health sector

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4 Distribution of RUTFs through local health facilities

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5 Increased access to therapeutic and supplementary foods by vulnerable groups

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