FOOD AID QUALITY REVIEW PHASE III: YEAR 4

COST-EFFECTIVENESS: CONCEPT NOTE

PROBLEM STATEMENT

The need for cost-effectiveness evidence to support better decision-making in food aid policy and programming is increasing. However, there is a gap to generate robust cost-effectiveness evidence in research, and a gap to apply a cost-effectiveness framework into decision-making in programming and policy processes.

GOAL/OBJECTIVE

1. to complete development of Food Assistance Cost-Effectiveness Tool (FACET)

2. to demonstrate the use of FACET in improving policy/programming decisions around specialized nutritious foods (SNFs)

3. to facilitate USAID/FFP and its partners to identify and conduct critical steps required for integrating FACET into regular training and decision-making activities after FAQR III Year 4

4. to disseminate cost and cost-effectiveness research methodology and evidence distilled from FAQR CE field studies

SIGNIFICANCE TO USAID/FFP AND PARTNERS

To addresses the gap in programming and policy processes to incorporate cost-effectiveness, the work stream develops the Food Assistance Cost-Effectiveness Tool (FACET) that supports evidence-based decisions for more cost-effective programming of specialized nutritious foods (SNFs). After FAQR III Year 4, USAID/FFP will have obtained a finalized FACET with accompanying materials to support future training and usage, and have established the institutional processes and point position(s) required to integrate the use of FACET within FFP divisions and among FFP partners.

The gap in cost-effectiveness research is addressed through evidence generation and synthesis in the FAQR's field studies and those undertaken by others. Building upon lessons learned from the FAQR field research, the methods used to collect and to analyze cost data, and to generate cost-effectiveness estimates are synthesized for USAID/FFP to guide future cost-effectiveness research in food assistance for nutrition.

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