



## FOOD AID QUALITY REVIEW

# Food Assistance Cost-Effectiveness Tool (FACET) for Supporting Specialized Nutritious Foods (SNF) Programming Decisions

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## OBJECTIVE

Support evidence-based decision-making for more **cost-effective** nutrition programming of SNFs

## INTENDED USERS

USAID/Food For Peace (FFP) and partner organizations involved in making decisions regarding programming of SNFs

## INTENDED USES

- 1) Facilitate policy and programming decisions related to SNFs:
  - program budgeting
  - proposal development
  - program design
  - new product evaluation
- 2) Strengthen staff decision-making capacity around using a cost-effectiveness framework
- 3) Identify data needs, evidence gaps, and funding priorities for research and M&E

## TOOL SUMMARY

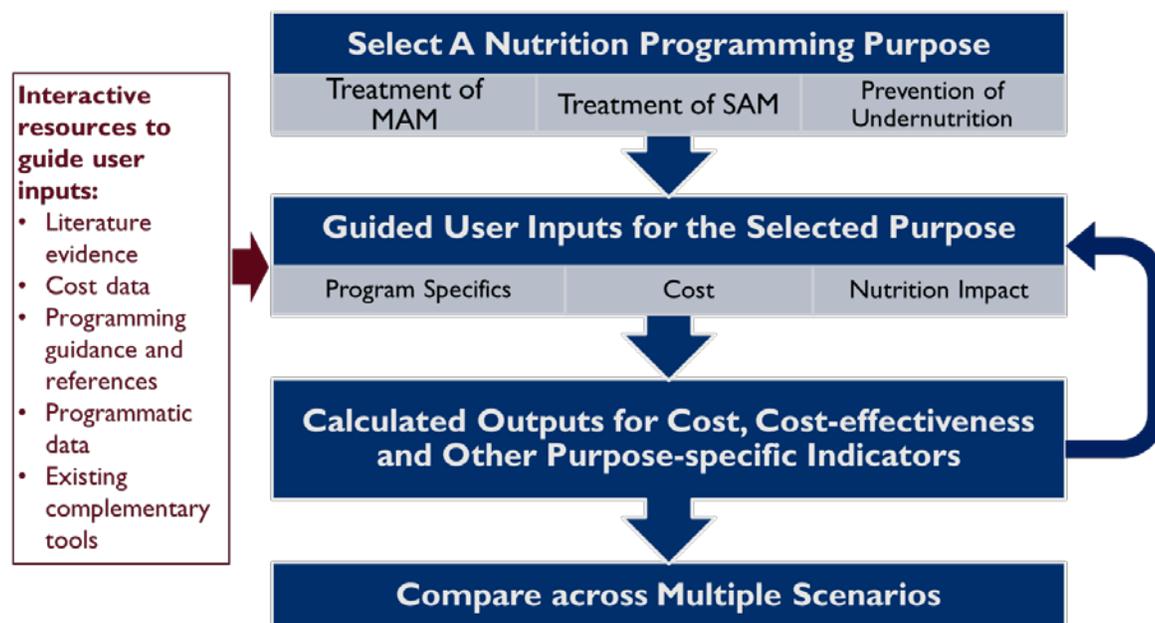
The Food Aid Quality Review (FAQR) project, managed by Tufts University and funded by USAID Office of Food for Peace (FFP), seeks to provide actionable recommendations on ways to improve nutrition among vulnerable populations. Recognizing the operational gap to incorporate a cost-effectiveness objective into the complex and ongoing decision-making around programming specialized nutritious foods (SNFs), the FAQR team developed the Food Assistance Cost-Effectiveness Tool (FACET).

FACET is a tool application with an interactive interface. The tool's framework guides user inputs through three categories of parameters: program specifics, cost components, and nutrition impact measures. Based on these user inputs, FACET calculates a list of cost, cost-effectiveness, and other purpose-specific indicators to inform users of the effects of their choices on the overall cost and cost-effectiveness of the intended program. For each parameter, FACET allows the flexibility to customize user input, while referencing existing data, relevant guidance, and literature evidence via interactive texts and visualizations. Each set of choices can be saved as a scenario, and all saved scenarios can then be compared online or be exported into an excel table.

## CURRENT SCOPE

- ❖ **Nutrition programming purposes involving SNFs:**
  - Treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM)
    - Targeted supplementary feeding for children with MAM
  - Treatment of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM)
    - Therapeutic feeding for children with SAM
  - Prevention of Undernutrition to Reduce Stunting, Wasting, and Underweight
    - Supplementary feeding for children
    - Supplementary feeding for pregnant and/or lactating women
- ❖ **Product Choices:**
  - Specialized Nutritious Foods (SNFs)
    - Fortified Blended Flours (FBFs)
    - Ready-to-Use Foods (RUFs)
  - Vegetable Oil fortified with Vitamin A&D
- ❖ **Contexts:**
  - Development
  - Humanitarian (excluding onset emergency)

## TOOL FRAMEWORK



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