Key Findings

Milestones:

- **33,641** Beneficiaries reached with lifesaving nutrition and health programs.
- **41** Health Facilities supported to manage SAM cases
- **1** Construction started on a new Therapeutic Feeding Unit

Budget: $390,687

Staff: 6

Donors: Bill Gross Foundation, Ciardy Annual Fund, People’s Postcode Lottery UK

Where We Operate

Tanzania Capacity Statement 2018-19

Mandate and Mission

Action Against Hunger has been operating in Tanzania since 2015. Undernutrition remains a major public health issue in Tanzania. Nationally, 3.3 million boys and girls are stunted and 58% of children and 45% of women are anaemic. We are providing support to health facilities and training health care workers to screen and treat for acute malnutrition. Action Against Hunger is actively engaged in relevant coordination and advocacy forums. Our advocacy efforts help to improve the availability of lifesaving therapeutic products in Mpwapwa District, Dodoma region, and have impacted national level legislation on nutrition.

Strategic Objectives

**Action Against Hunger Objective:** To improve the quality and coverage of services for management of severe and moderate acute malnutrition via the health system

**National Goal:** To improve the nutritional status of children by implementing the National Multisectoral Nutrition Action Plan (NMNAP) to address stunting and wasting at scale
Objective: To improve the quality and coverage of services for management of severe and moderate acute malnutrition via the health system

Increasing detection and early presentation

We are prioritizing interventions that identify children suffering from acute malnutrition earlier, resulting in those children getting treatment faster. Early detection of acute malnutrition can decrease mortality and morbidity of children with severe acute malnutrition (SAM) and reduce program costs.

1. New innovative Family MUAC pilot
37. Health and Nutrition education sessions

Increasing availability and accessibility of treatment

We are reinforcing the capacity of health care providers (incl. Community Health Workers) and local government partners to improve the effectiveness, cost-effectiveness and coverage of services for the management of acute malnutrition in order to reach more children who are in need of treatment.

1,156. Children treated or Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM)
81%. Cure rate for CMAM cases
274. Community Health Workers (CHWs) trained on CMAM
108. Health care providers trained on the management of uncomplicated SAM

Improve health and nutrition information systems for effective decision making about Supply & Demand

We are working in collaboration with local partners to strengthen existing methodologies for collecting nutritional data, and how to improve on those methodologies. Furthermore, we are reinforcing the national health management information systems (or other information systems) to more efficiently analyze and utilize data to trigger actions or shifts in nutrition programming to ensure that interventions are reaching those most in need.

NMNAP. Involved in direct policy change through the National Multisectoral Nutrition Action Plan
MoH. Capacity building of MoH staff to treat acute malnutrition

Our Niche: Government Capacity Strengthening

Our strategy is to strengthen in-country capacity for management of acute malnutrition by increasing detection and early presentation, increasing treatment availability and monitoring supply and demand for services. Action Against Hunger is among only four NGOs in Tanzania providing technical assistance to the Government on Integrated Management of Acute Malnutrition (IMAM), as a key pillar of the five-year National Multisectoral Nutrition Action Plan (NMNAP) 2016-2021 that aims at substantially reducing undernutrition in the country. We partner with local governments, health management teams and community health workers to scale up actions, in a sustainable manner.

Action Against Hunger brings many years of experience, knowledge and research on management of acute malnutrition from global, regional to local level. In addition, we provide support to Government to generate data and evidence for decision-making through SMART surveys and information systems.