Dissemination of Results and Other Outputs of Operations Research for ASTUTE: Scaling Up Growth: Addressing Stunting in Tanzania Early (in the under 5s)

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MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Martin S, et al. Household Trials of Improved Practices (TIPs) on barriers and facilitators to improved complementary (CF) practices. (in progress)

Craig H, et al. “Because of the mchango problem, I give my baby gripe water so he sleeps and stops crying”: Exclusive breastfeeding recommendations need to address parents’ concerns of colic-like symptoms of mchango in infants 0-6 months in Lake Zone, Tanzania. (in progress)

Kayanda RA, et al. Recipe trials for complementary feeding for infants 6 to 24 months in Lake Zone, Tanzania. (in progress)

SUBMITTED MANUSCRIPTS


Sever TE; Smith R; Niedfeldt HJ; Davis EA, Mulokozi G, Torres S; Linehan M, Dobies KA, Hoj TH, West JH, Hall PC, Crookston BT. The role of men during pregnancy: a cross-sectional study of perceptions and beliefs of primary caregivers in Tanzania. BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth.


PROGRAMMATIC PRODUCTS
(for Government and Program Personnel)


Cornell drafted these guides based on key findings from the Trials of Improved Practices (TIPs) studies on exclusive breastfeeding (EBF) and complementary feeding (CF). Guides target CHW supervisors to help use findings from ASTUTE’s research to support effective counseling. The steps in the guide will help CHWs as they discuss and recommend home-based practices people can try to improved nutrition of their children.


Cornell wrote this summary that was circulated during DFID’s annual review meeting of IMA World Health’s ASTUTE Programme activities. The summary included the objective, methods, and key findings to date for each phase of the Operations Research: TIPs on Exclusive Breastfeeding, TIPs on Complementary Feeding, Building MSN Capacity, and Implementation Research.


Report details messages that were developed based on the TIPs studies that asked parents to try new practices related to EBF and CF. We found parents appreciated more detailed information to understand what it really means for example to “give only mother’s milk”. This report provides suggested nuances to messages and draws on research findings to support current IMA messaging around key nutrition behaviors.

Learning Exchange Workshop to Promote Multisectoral Nutrition Capacity in Councils. Workshop Toolkit. Adden Palace Hotel, Ilemela MC, Mwanza, 2018 Feb 7-8. Prepared for IMA World Health, ASTUTE Nutrition Officers, and RNuOs. Toolkit shared with RNuOs to help guide them to mentor Council MSN Action Teams. Toolkit provides helpful tips and templates as well as considerations for starting project activities and supporting approaches to building MSN in councils as discussed at the workshop. By providing tailored support, expertise, and advice to this team, RNuOs will help build on existing knowledge of the best practices for promoting multisectoral collaboration for nutrition.


Brief provides an overview of the MSN Capacity Building study. Researchers circulated to key stakeholders and partners in study sites to inform them of study objectives, upcoming activities, and key research contacts.


Brief provides an overview of the three phases of Operations Research: TIPs, MSN Capacity Building, and Implementation Assessment. Researchers circulated to key stakeholders and partners in study sites to inform them of OR objectives, an overview of each study phase, and key research contacts.

PROGRAMMATIC PRESENTATIONS
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Presentation of OR findings delivered to TFNC at the NIMR Conference Hall in Dar es Salaam. There were sixteen attendees at the meeting including twelve individuals from TFNC and one from DFID.

Kayanda RA. District-level reports on research progress. Reports drafted by Rosemary Kayanda with input from IMA and Cornell colleagues outlining the progress of the trials for improved practices (TIPs) and the recipe trials programs were circulated to RMOs in all study sites. Kayanda additionally shared slides for presenting TIPs findings at the request of the RMO Kagera who presented OR findings to the Regional Health Management Team and other key nutrition stakeholders.
TRAINING MANUALS AND CURRICULA


   Cornell developed this manual in collaboration with TFNC for the BSNS project. BSNS project findings informed the methods used in the OR Multisectoral Nutrition Capacity Building study. TFNC printed and mailed hard copy manuals to every RNuO in ASTUTE regions as guidance for mentoring council multisectoral nutrition action teams.

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