



## Food and Nutrition Technical Assistance II Project (FANTA-2)

**FANTA-2 provides technical assistance to improve maternal and child health and nutrition, community-based nutrition programs, food security, and livelihood strengthening.**



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*Beneficiaries of FANTA-2 eat a nutritionally-balanced meal.*

FANTA-2 provided technical support to the MOH to develop and publish the *National Guidelines for Food and Nutritional Care and Support of PLHIV in Haiti* (National Guidelines), along with accompanying counseling cards on good nutrition for PLHIV.

FANTA-2 also supported USAID/Haiti in strengthening the EWR system and assisted Title II awardees in implementing non-emergency assistance programs to strengthen their monitoring and evaluation systems.

### Overview

HIV compromises infected individuals' nutritional status, which can worsen the disease's effects. Nutrition interventions are an important element of support for people living with HIV (PLHIV), as they help PLHIV manage symptoms, reduce susceptibility to opportunistic infections, promote response to medical treatment, and improve nutritional status.

### Objectives

FANTA-2 facilitates a coordinated and integrated approach to the implementation of nutrition, food, and HIV activities in Haiti; strengthens the integration of nutritional care and support into HIV care and treatment services; and strengthens the capacity of the Ministry of Health (MOH) and U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) partners to increase awareness and uptake of good nutrition practices.

### Activities

1. **National Guidelines and Counseling Cards:** FANTA-2 developed a dissemination and orientation plan for the guidelines and counseling card and will help the MOH to conduct a national-level training-of-trainers and departmental trainings to orient providers on the use of these tools.
2. **Technical Assistance (TA):** FANTA-2 facilitates training workshops and conducts visits to build the capacity of PEPFAR partners and sub-partners to introduce nutrition assessment and counseling services into existing health services.
3. **Pre-Service Training Manual:** FANTA-2 is strengthening the Quisqueya University Faculty of Medicine's capacity to train students in nutritional care of PLHIV and to adapt a pre-service training manual on nutrition and HIV to the Haitian context.
4. **Nutrition Education and Counseling Materials:** FANTA-2 and the USAID-supported Infant and Young Child Nutrition Project are collaborating to develop nutrition counseling materials for people vulnerable to malnutrition.

### Title II Food Security Program Assessment, Design, Implementation, and Monitoring and Evaluation

FANTA-2 strengthened the national early warning and response (EWR) system, as well as assisted Title II awardees implement non-emergency programs in monitoring and evaluation and to complete program baseline surveys. FANTA-2 was expected to continue these activities during fiscal year (FY) 2010. However, the January 2010 earthquake temporarily suspended activities until mid-September.

### Activities

FANTA-2 will help USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance, USAID's Office of Food for Peace, USAID/Haiti, and awardees by recommending trigger indicators (TI), trigger levels, and use of TI data to request and utilize emergency resources. FANTA-2 will also assist awardees in preparing for the mid-term evaluation and may support USAID/Haiti in establishing a national nutrition surveillance system.

**Life of Project:** October 2009 – October 2013

**Implementing Partners:** FHI360