



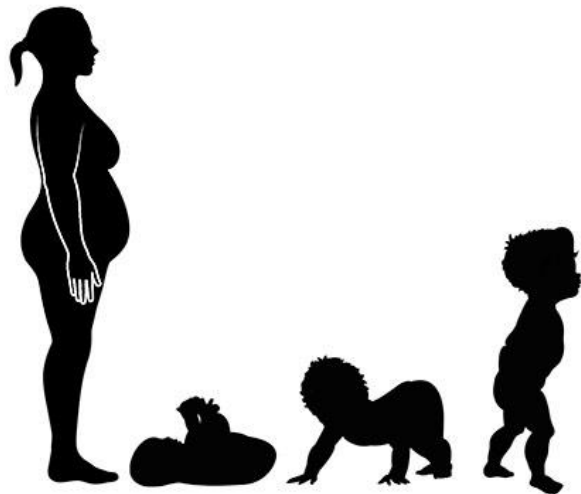
Outlining a Comprehensive Model for Stunting Reduction in Children < 5

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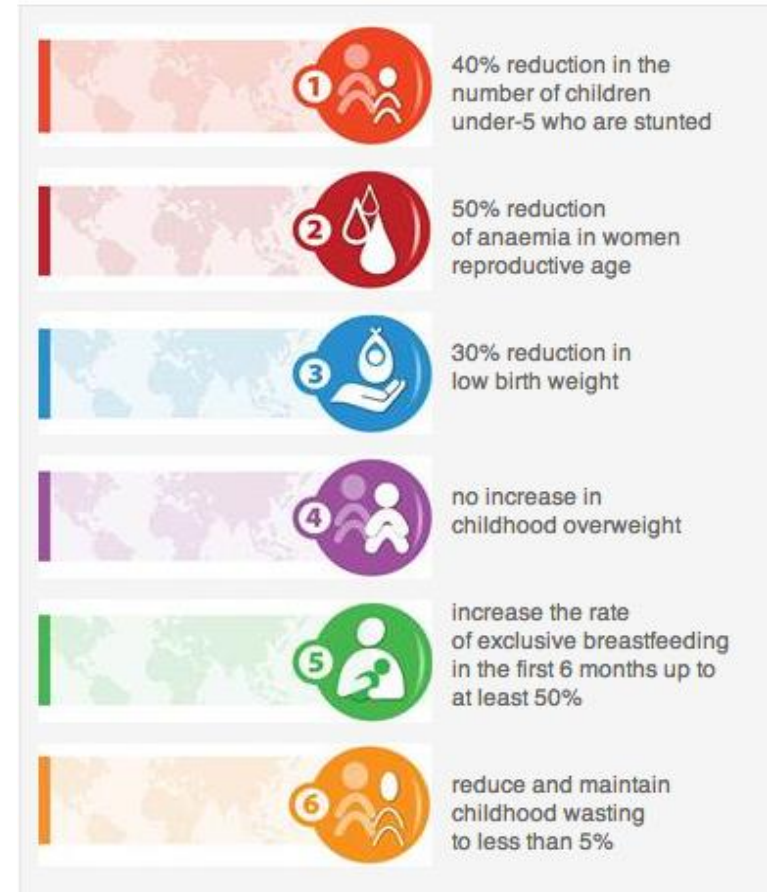
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WHAT is happening globally

- **6.6M child** under five (CU5) die each year, malnutrition responsible for **45 % <5** deaths;
- **165M children** are chronically malnourished;
- The **first 1,000-days of life** a **critical window of time**



WHAT are the global nutrition targets



HOW WV responds to these risks/needs

- **“7-11 strategy”** – 7 core interventions for improved maternal and **11** for newborn, child health and nutrition outcomes

WV Armenia experience

Talin Area Development Program

World Vision
Armenia

“Healthy Nutrition for Children & Families in Talin ADP” - **project:**

- Objectives:
 1. Parents/caregivers capable to raise healthy/well nourished children
 2. Improved nutrition counseling by health care providers (HCPs)
 3. Future mothers/parents prioritize healthy nutrition & lifestyle as a cornerstone for healthy child growth & development
- Implemented in 10 Talin communities, scaled up in all 26 communities
- From 2007-2011



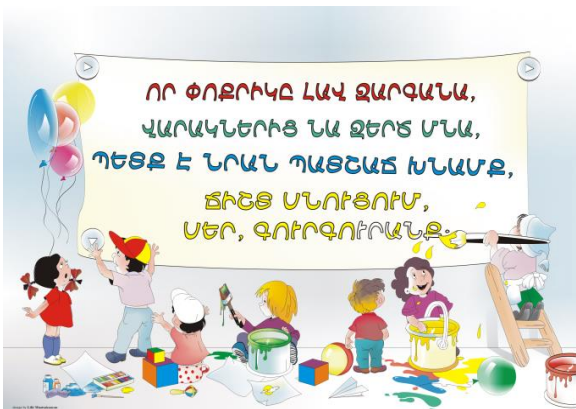
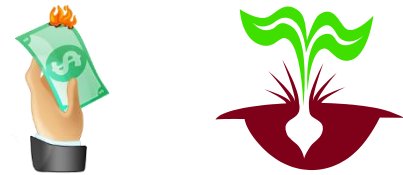
Nutrition Interventions

Specific

- Health/Nutrition training for PLW, other caregivers
- Mother Support Groups
- IEC materials
- “HEARTH” sessions;
- Capacity building for Primary HCPs

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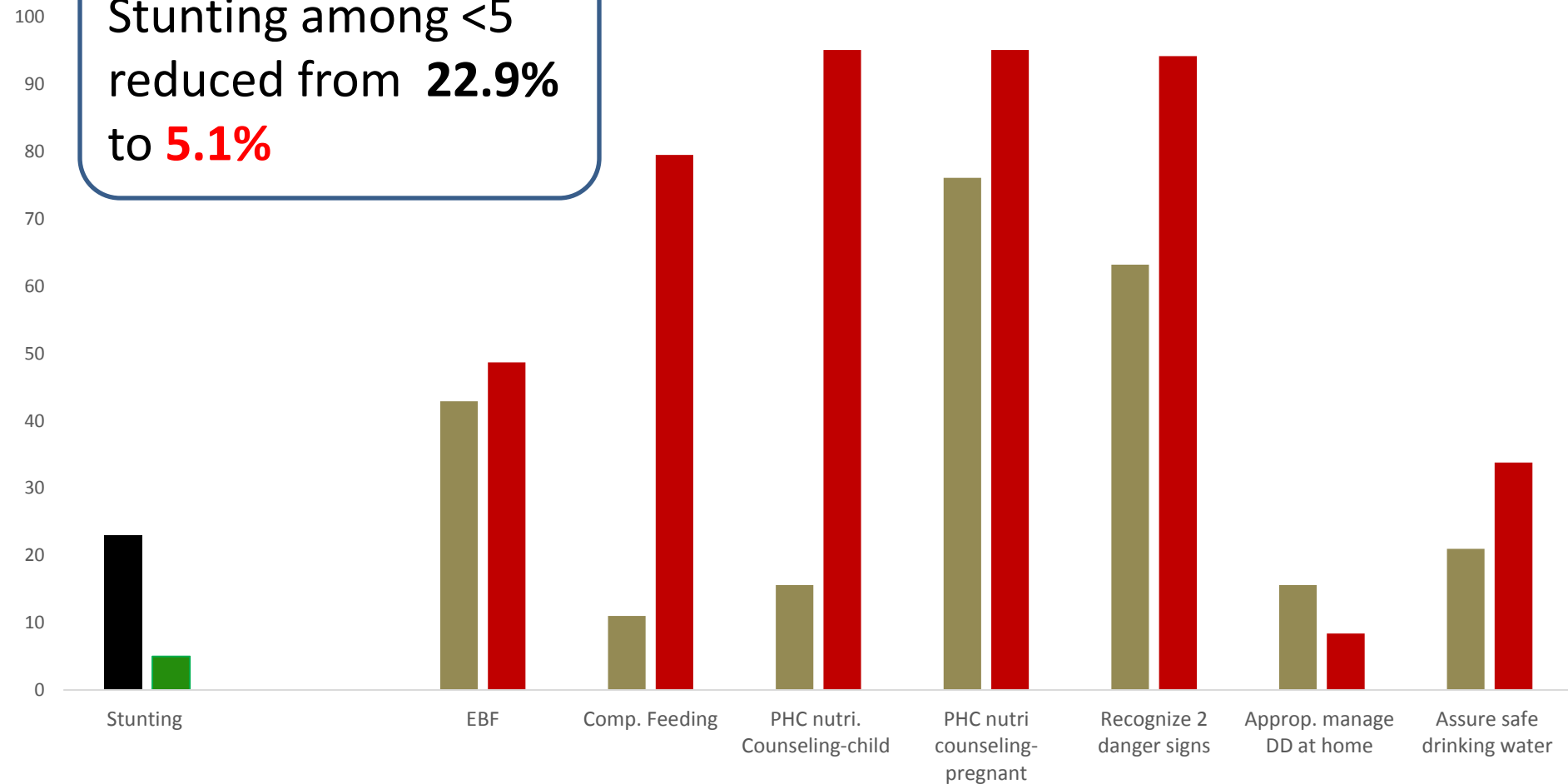
- Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH)
- Economic Development
- ECD interventions



TALIN ADP Results

IYCF and Care Practices

Stunting among <5
reduced from **22.9%**
to **5.1%**



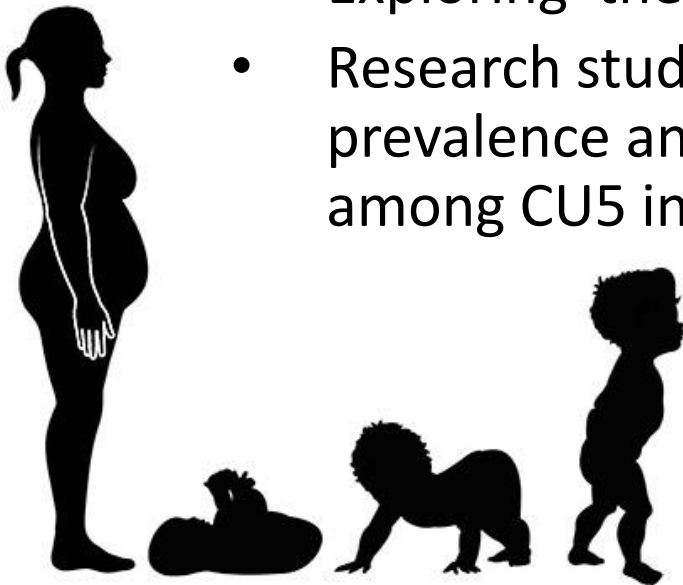
Developing Integrated Model for Stunting Reduction among < 5

WHY

- Stunting is a public health issue in Armenia, in MEER
- Nutrition prioritized by WVA 2014-2018 strategy, 6 national offices in MEER

HOW

- Exploring the reasons for stunting reduction
- Research study conducted by AUA to assess prevalence and predictors of stunting and anemia among CU5 in Talin region



WHAT is NEXT

- Qualitative research
- Model outline for validation