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Background

- **Conceived** at a joint WB-DFID South Asia Heads meeting in 2008
- **Established** with the recognition that ending the South Asian Enigma will take widespread reform and innovation in FNS policies and programs
- Builds on **commitments** by both DFID and WB
- Aligned to the principles agreed at the L’Aquila Summit
  - Support and encourage country and regional-led processes
  - Ensure comprehensive and integrated approaches to combating malnutrition
  - Strategically coordinate development Agencies support
Goal and Objective

- **GOAL:**
  - To foster cross-cutting interventions that will lead to measurable improvements in food and nutrition security

- **OBJECTIVE:**
  - To increase the commitment of governments and development partners to more effective and integrated food and nutrition-related policies and investments (programs)
Approach

- **Multi-Sectoral**
  - Promote an integrated, cross-sectoral (inter-ministerial) approach to cover critical issues for ensuring FNS

- **Actionable**
  - Support and enable (high level) national and/or regional platforms which can operationalize these multi-sectoral actions

- **Strategic Impact**
  - Transformational, and therefore long-term and inclusive
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Current Work Program: Analysis

- IFPRI Conference on: “Leveraging Agriculture for Improving Nutrition and Health”
- Learning from Global Success Stories: *Applicable Lessons for South Asia*
- Linking Nutritional Outcomes to Adequacy of Food, Health and Care
- Gender and Nutrition Mapping: *Focus on Adolescent Girls*
- Political Economy Analysis (PEA) of the FNS Agenda
- Assessment of Bangladesh Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) Pilot through Local Governments
Current Work Program: Advocacy

**Strengthening National Platforms for Nutrition:**
- Supporting Afghanistan’s High Level Task Force on FNS
- Supporting a High Level FNS Task Force within the National Planning Commission in Nepal
- Enhancing High Level Commitment for FNS Actions in Pakistan
Current Work Program: Capacity Building

- Technical support to the Grantees of the 2009 Development Marketplace for improving Infant and Young Child Nutrition
Building a Platform

Bridging the Gap Between Action and Results

Hunger Calls for Collective Action

Improving Agriculture for Food Security

Elevating Livelihoods to Ensure Basic Needs

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Innovating for Effective Solutions

Caring for Maternal & Child Health

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