GRAÇA MACHEL TRUST NUTRITION PROGRAMME AND NETWORKS

The focus of the Nutrition Programme is to place nutrition high on the agenda of governments and civil society as a key development issue, with the overall aim of ensuring improved nutrition outcomes for the continent. Our advocacy efforts are aimed at creating greater awareness and political commitment for effective food security and nutrition programmes in Southern Africa, with a special emphasis on Malawi, Mozambique and Tanzania.

HOW WE WORK

In-country, we work with local partners to increase their capacity and build institutional establishment of national civil society nutrition networks supporting them to advocate for key issues to their national governments. Strengthening these national civil society nutrition networks not only allows them to represent their members adequately in national forums, but also allows them to better support their members to conduct more effective nutrition advocacy. At a regional level, we work with civil society organizations on budget advocacy to influence nutrition financing in the member countries. A campaign that calls on national governments to increase their current budget allocation to nutrition by an additional 3% in 3 years was launched following the budget analysis report that was jointly conducted with the member countries.

Our Networks

Malawi Civil Society Organisation Nutrition Alliance (CSONA)

CSONA is a coalition of local and international non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and local civil society organisations (CSOs) working to ensure sustained improvements in nutrition in Malawi, and provide support to government’s effort to scale up nutrition.

Foundation for Community Development (FDC) Mozambique

The Foundation for Community Development (FDC) is a private, non-profit organisation that works to combine the efforts of all sectors in society to promote and advocate for development, democracy and social justice.

The Partnership for Nutrition in Tanzania (PANITA)

PANITA is a coalition of over 300 international and local CSOs across the country dedicated to building the political and public will to support as well as intervene to end malnutrition in Tanzania. The nutrition CSOs are work in the following sectors; Agriculture, Education, Health, Community Development, WASH, Livestock and Fisheries.

East and Southern Africa Civil Society Networks (ESA CSN)

The ESA CSN was established in June 2017 and it comprises of nine civil society nutrition alliances (CSAs) in East and Southern Africa, namely Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania, Zimbabwe and Zambia. The purpose is to work together on joint advocacy actions for investment in nutrition and coordinate efforts to support Scaling Up Nutrition and ultimately lead to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals in the region, particularly Goal 2.

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