

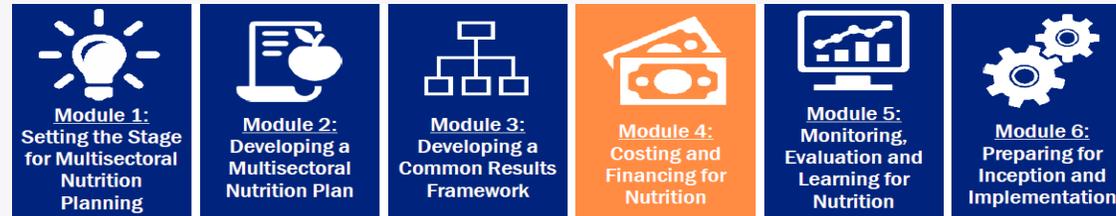
Scoping Phase for Future Development of a Costing Tool to Strengthen the MQSUN+ Toolkit

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Impetus for Scoping a Costing Tool for MSNPs

- MQSUN+ has developed a Toolkit on Multisectoral Planning for Nutrition
 - <https://mqsunplus.path.org/multisectoral-nutrition-planning-toolkit/>



- Module 4 of the Toolkit reviews methodologies for costing and financial tracking for nutrition
 - Several nutrition costing tools are referenced but none focus specifically on costing a Multisectoral Nutrition Plan (MSNP) or Common Results Framework (CRF)
- The experience of MQSUN+, and now TASC, has been that SUN countries often experience challenges when costing their MSNPs and may rely heavily on external technical assistance
- Through discussion with SMS, TASC, and several former MQSUN+ consultants, it was recognised that a user-friendly Excel tool would be beneficial for country level stakeholders and planners to help cost their MSNPs

Goal for the Costing Tool Scoping Phase

- During the scoping phase (June-Oct), the TASC team aims to:
 - Interview costing and nutrition experts and country level stakeholders to understand the challenges around costing MSNPs to better define the needs and requirements for a strong costing tool
 - Define the scope and specifications for a user-friendly, country-specific Excel based tool for costing MSNPs that provides clear objectives and definitions of terms, facilitates data collection, and has transparent assumptions and methods
 - Develop a draft proposal with workplan for the next step of development (building), testing, and roll-out of the costing tool – including activities, roles, timeline, and estimated LoE



How CoP Participants May Get Involved

- Please contact us if you are interested in being interviewed or providing input into the design of the tool. We would especially like to hear from country level stakeholders
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- We plan to build on existing tools (MQSUN+ Costing Readiness Assessment and Financial Gap Analysis, among others), and conduct a short desk review, but please reach out if you know of other costing tools that we should be aware of
- With the TAN Programme closing in November, this scoping proposal will suggest ways of developing a costing tool outside of the TASC Project. We welcome thoughts or suggestions on how best to support the SUN movement with the tool's future development (build, test, deliver).
- Questions

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The objective of the TASC Project is to provide:

- Technical assistance to Governments in the SUN Movement and to the SUN Movement secretariat (SMS) to catalyse country efforts to scale up nutrition impact (Component 1) in 60+ SUN Movement countries
- Technical assistance to the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) to maximise the quality and effectiveness of its nutrition-related policy and programmes, to support evidence generation and lesson learning and to develop nutrition capacity (Component 2).

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