

**Name of the project:** Integrated Multi-Sectoral Lifesaving Humanitarian Assistance.

**Date and duration:** 1 April, 2020- 31 March 2021

**Implementing partners & donor:** ACROSS (PMU)

**Introduction:**

ACROSS, in partnership with PMU, is implementing a Multi-Sectoral Lifesaving Humanitarian project funded by SIDA in Kapoeta East, Kapoeta North, Pibor (Kssingor) and Lainya Counties. The project focuses on integrating FSL, Wash and Nutrition. The project goal is to save lives by providing timely and integrated multi-sectoral assistance aimed at reducing acute humanitarian needs for the most vulnerable people and ensuring safe, equitable and dignified access to critical cross-sectoral basic services to enable populations to meet their basic needs.

**Main results:** Increased Head of Household income from vegetable selling. For example, majority of women residing near water points are actively involved in vegetable growing for home consumption and household income which supports their socio-economic needs such as paying for medical bills, buying home-based necessities, schools fees and scholastic materials for their school-going children, improved nutrition for children as well as pregnant and lactating mothers, and other household needs.

**Success:**

- Accessibility to water points (boreholes) has supported establishment of home gardening for the population and livestock.
- Proximity to water sources has helped pregnant women and lactating mothers easily access water.
- Production of vegetables has contributed to diet diversification, sufficient household foods and nutrition intake.
- Establishment of kitchen gardens, training on basic skills of agriculture to nutrition workers, volunteers, and mother support groups who in turn trained families of malnourished children in Lainya.

**Challenges**

- ACROSS is only implementing outreach and referral components of nutrition in Kapoeta East and there is limited capacity of the current nutrition partner to provide nutrition supplies and referral of the severe malnutrition cases with medical complication/s to Stabilization Centers.
- No harmonization of selection criteria for beneficiaries between FSL and nutrition partners in areas where ACROSS is not the direct implementer of all three sectors is.