Improving the nutritional status of children and women: What role for aid?

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Undernutrition is a leading risk factor for morbidity and mortality. It undermines economic performance and facilitates intergenerational poverty. Its invisibility, irreversibility and multi-sectorality are challenges for domestic public policy. Funding streams for nutrition are low, both domestically and from official development assistance (ODA). The World Bank estimates that annual spending on nutrition interventions needs to increase from about $750m to $15bn. Prospects for increased funding are tempered by the current global economic downturn.

Political commitment for doing something about undernutrition remains patchy and the evidence gaps to guide action are large. In this context, what is the best role for ODA? This seminar will explore the options and make some recommendations.

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