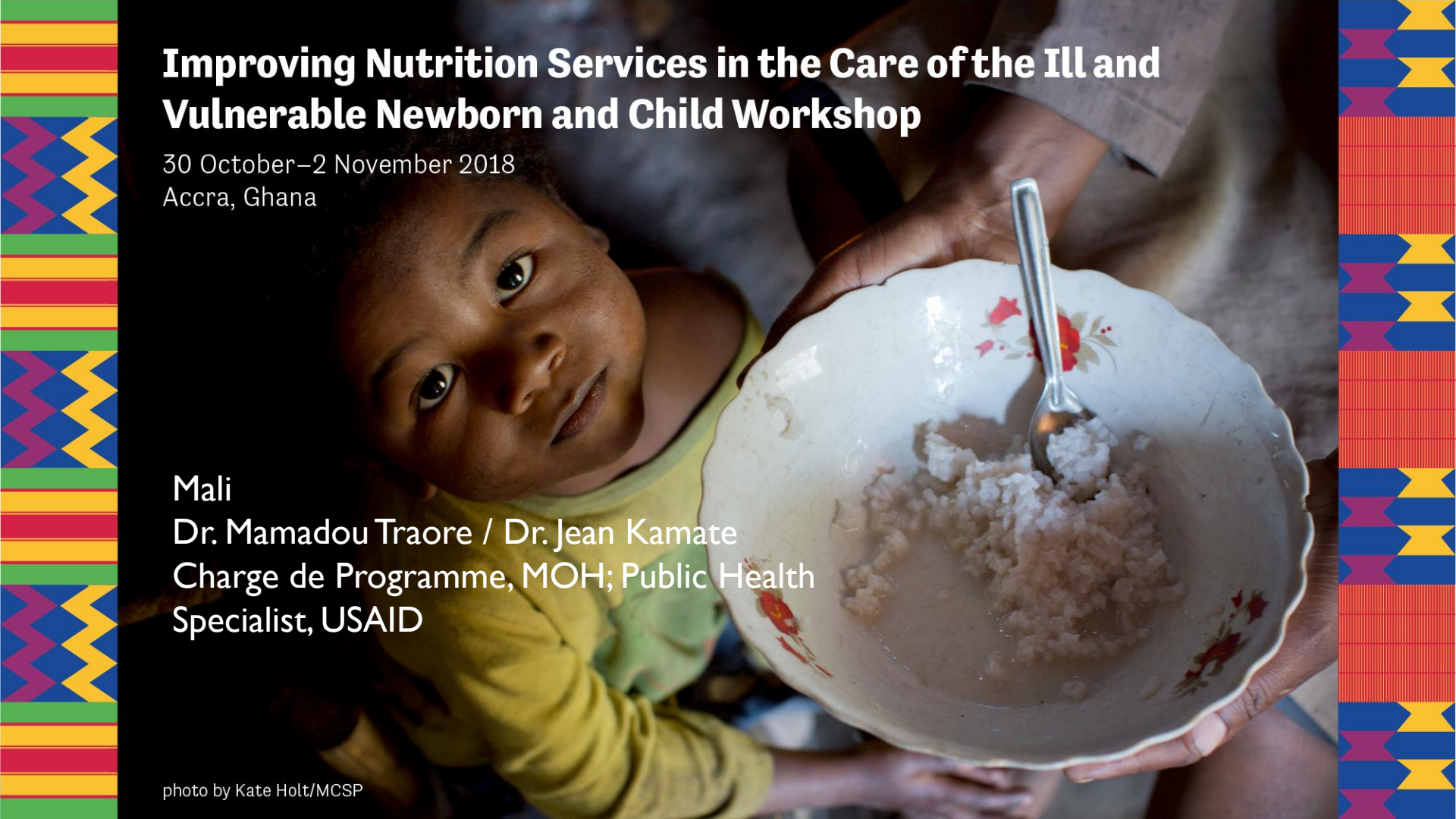


Improving Nutrition Services in the Care of the Ill and Vulnerable Newborn and Child Workshop

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Mali
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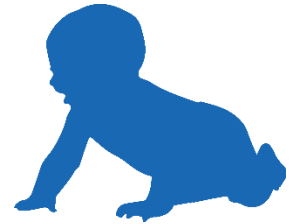


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INS Workshop Highlights

- Feasibility of simplified severe acute malnutrition treatment in the community by Community Health Workers (CHW)
- Psycho-social stimulation activities until 2 years of age
- Integration of CHW in the system is key for integration of services in the communities
- The Baby Friendly Community Initiative: mother groups, mother-to-mother household visits, referral, community dialogue



Strengthening Nutrition Services in Mali: Successes



- Leadership decided to integrate CHW into the system
- Government has made health care for ≤ 5 and pregnant and lactating women free
- Civil society organizations have formed a nutrition network led by an administrator advisor of the governor and a medical doctor involved in humanitarian assistance
- The government agreed to integrate early childhood development into safety net program

Strengthening Nutrition Services in Mali: Challenges

- Slow-down of the Integrated Management of Child Illness approach at facility and community levels
- Insufficient integration of CHW in the system
- Insufficient staff in facilities
- Harmonization and extension of the community mobilization groups (GSAN): many other platforms



Strengthening Nutrition Services in Mali: Country Action Plan

- **Community mobilization:**
 - Scale up community platforms as well GSAN in the communities
 - Integrate early childhood into safety net program
- **Comprehensive care for children:**
 - Reinvigorate the PCIME (Integrated Management of Childhood Illnesses) at facility and community levels

Strengthening Nutrition Services in Mali: Country Action Plan

- The Action Plan has not been formally approved; however, some activities implemented in country are aligned with interventions prioritized in the Action Plan
- Health sector reform with focus on community level
- National Nutrition Forum

Next Steps



- Advocate for government approval of the Action Plan



- Continue GSAN settlement



- Orient partner intervention toward prevention



- National forum on nutrition