

# Ethiopia Nutrition Financing Landscape Assessment

## Key findings

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FNS/Seqota Declaration & Nexus  
Integration

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# Purpose and Approach

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To better understand Ethiopia's evolving nutrition financing landscape.

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To identify opportunities, constraints, and priorities for achieving Seqota Declaration Scale up Phase and Nexus Approach

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One to one key informant interview and group discussion was held with participating partners.

# Seqota Declaration

- 15-years government of Ethiopia commitment.
- Goal: End stunting among children under 2 by 2030.
- Innovation Phase (2016–2020): implemented in 40 woredas and attained 3% annual stunting reduction.
- Expansion Phase (2021–2025): started in 240 woredas with gradual expansion to 520 woredas this year; targeted to reach 700 by mid-2026.
- Scale-Up Phase (2026–2030): National coverage; \$1.92B required.

*The Seqota Declaration has set a new benchmark for multisectoral leadership on nutrition in Africa. What is needed now is sustained investment and clear evidence of impact at scale.*

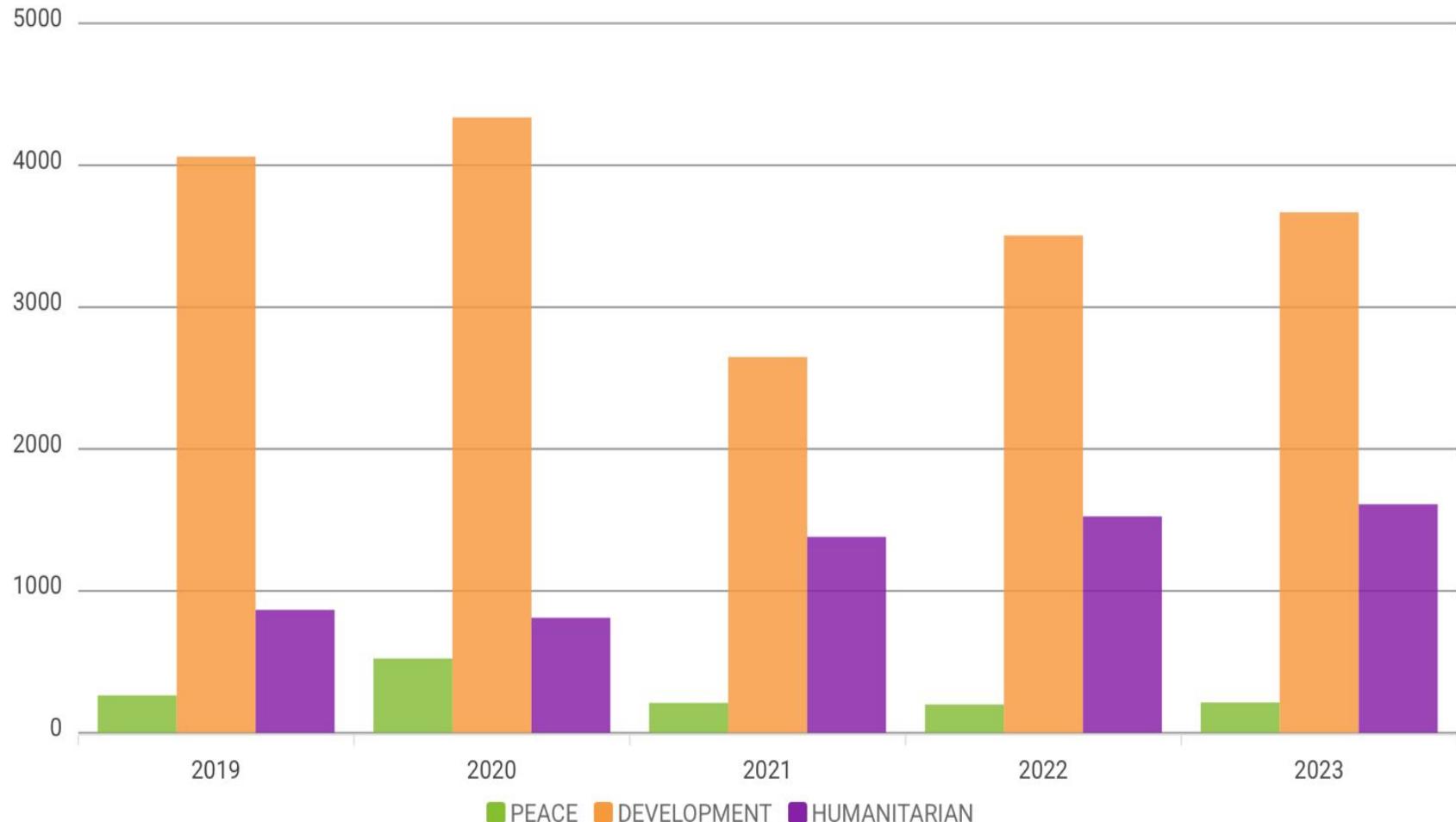
## Donor Environment

- Global aid budgets are tightening, influencing decision making and resource flows
- Growing focus on resilience, peacebuilding, and climate adaptation investments is needed.
- Recognition of the need to focus more on **prevention of malnutrition** and to sustainably prevent malnutrition.

# ODA disbursement 2019-2023 by HDP pillar

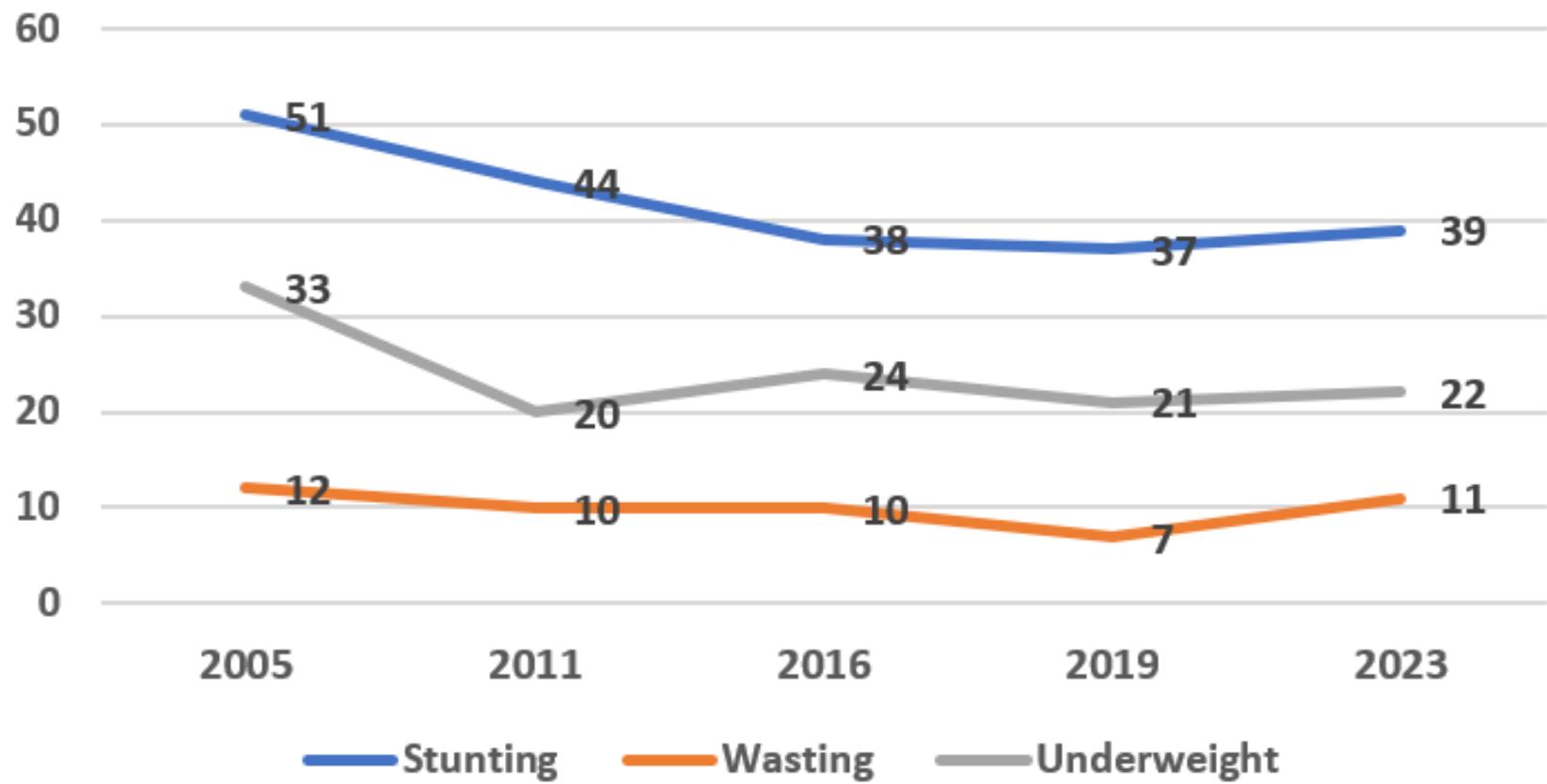
Ethiopia Official Development Assistance by HDP Nexus (2019-2023), US\$ millions (2021 prices)

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Source: States of Fragility

## Trend of Stunting, Wasting and Underweight



# Financing Modalities

- Pooled Funds – SDG Health Pooled Fund
- Direct Budget Support – Preferred by Development Banks
- Matched Funding
- Foundations & Private Sector
- Innovative Financing – Bonds, guarantees, impact-linked instruments

# SDG Health Pooled Fund

- Collective donor fund managed by FMoH with MoF oversight
- 2024/25: \$128.7M pledged from 13 donors
- Allocation for nutrition considered low versus national nutrition trends
- Needing to advocate for greater nutrition prioritization in SDG-HPF allocations

*The SD is well known but it needs to command more attention by being louder within the DPG (donor partner group)*

# Direct Budget Support

- Used by Development Banks to strengthen government systems
- Preferred for transparency, lower transaction costs, and capacity building
- Challenges: Not preferred by all donor policies; limited flexibility for the three HDP pillars

*It should not be the default position of donors to go off budget even where they are on-plan*

# Matched Funding

- Government model for the SD-Federal-Regional
- Also used effectively in PSNP
- Encourages donor-government partnership with shared financial commitment
- Enhances sustainability and ownership
- Potential for expansion to attract private and philanthropic funds

## Foundations and Private Sector Financing

- Foundations: interest in long-term impact, prevention, specific forms of malnutrition and governance
- Private Sector: Banks, National Government owned companies potential CSR engagement
- Need for government engagement framework and visible, trackable outcomes



## Innovative Financing Opportunities

### Less experience

- Impact Bonds, Social Bonds, Outcome Funding, Debt & Equity Instruments
- Currently limited use in Ethiopia's nutrition sector
- High potential if integrated through MoF-supported frameworks

# Nutrition-Centric Humanitarian–Development–Peace Nexus (NC-HDPTN)

Developed by government to bridge short-term humanitarian and long-term development efforts.

Protect gains and maximise efforts in SD crisis vulnerable woredas

Resilience, prevention, and sustainability in nutrition programming.

Technical Working Group (TWG) established; guidance and roadmap developed.

Officially launched July 2024. Huge collaborative effort.

## Operationalisation of the Nexus Approach

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Pilots already underway in  
two Regions in Seqota  
Declaration woredas

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Additional pilot studies  
planned; assessment and  
needs analysis tool in use

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Another initiative under UN  
leadership with testing a  
Nexus Approach to integrate  
EU supported programs

# Perspectives on the Nexus

Positive view: Nexus approach bridges silos between humanitarian, development, peace sectors

Opportunities: Leverage Team Europe and Nexus Accelerator Group (NAG) collaborations. Strengthened leadership and coordination

Challenges: Different donor mandates and funding cycles. Duplication of nexus efforts

*Getting the HDP partners to converge is critical given the current and projected resource gaps in Ethiopia. We need to make much better use of existing resources*

*The NC-HDPN turns the rhetoric of resilience into a real planning tool—if Ethiopia leads it clearly, partners will follow.*

# Financing the NC-HDPTN



INTEGRATED INTO SEQOTA  
DECLARATION; NO SEPARATE BUDGET  
LINE.



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES REQUIRED  
FOR CAPACITY BUILDING, LEARNING,  
MONITORING, AND ADVOCACY.

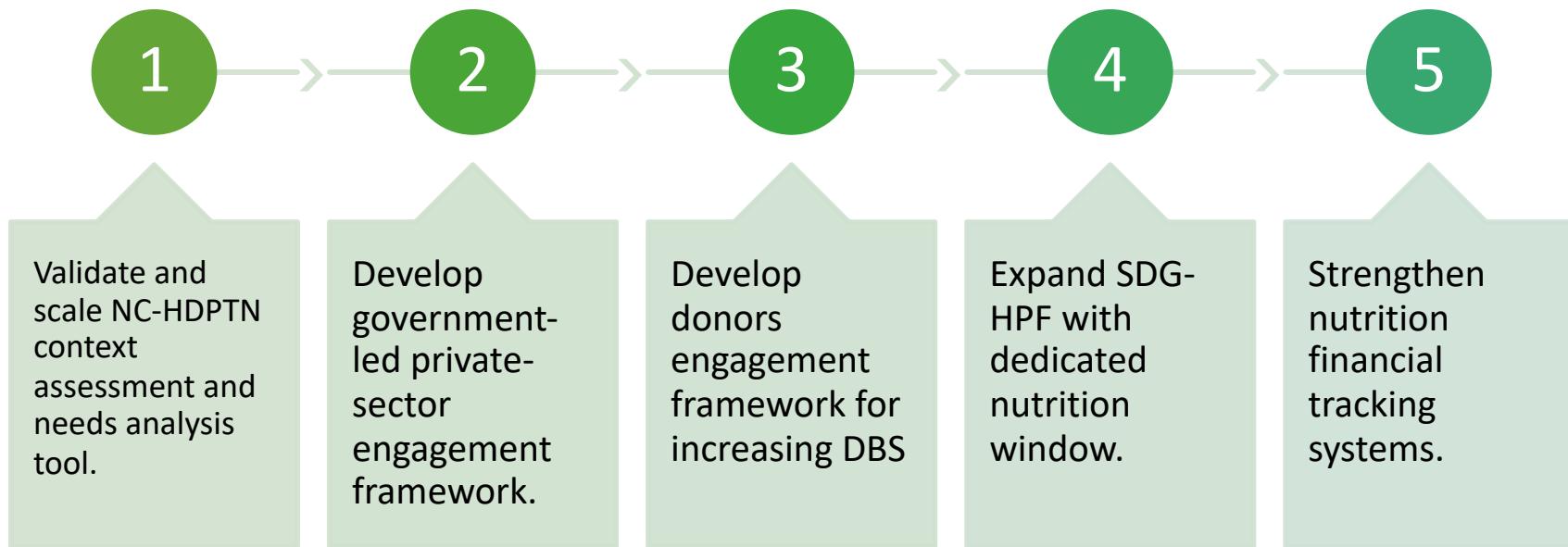


EMPHASIS ON FLEXIBLE, LONG-TERM  
FINANCING AND ANTICIPATORY  
ACTIONS.

# Shorter-Term Actions

Convene	Convene virtual roundtable to discuss financing findings and have follow up meetings.
Finalize and share	Finalize and share report among stakeholders.
Initiate	Initiate engagement with philanthropic and private actors.
Further evidence	Discuss policy relevant financing questions with NIPN
Engage	Explore SDG-HPF resourcing for SD with SAT

# Medium-Term Actions



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Prepare investment case for SD and NC-HDPTN advocacy

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Compile further evidence of effectiveness and impact of the SD Expansion Phase

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Invite donors to learning event for a follow up half day meeting on the Nexus Approach.

# Expected Outcomes

Continued partner engagement on national nutrition priorities

Stronger coordination between HDP actors

Improved tracking and visibility of nutrition financing flows

Scaled sustainable investment in the SD and NC-HDPTN

## Vision for 2030

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Ethiopia's Seqota Declaration represents a national commitment to end child stunting and malnutrition.

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Through sustained leadership, donor alignment, and a unified Nexus approach, Ethiopia is building a resilient, well-nourished generation.



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from you!

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*Nutrition is the bridge  
between peace and  
productivity—if it fails,  
everything else collapses*

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*Together, we can make  
Ethiopia's Nutrition for  
Growth commitments a  
reality*

# Q&A and Discussion

Opportunities for wider use of DBS

Pooled v Matched Funding Approach

Foundation nutrition priorities

SD Pooled Fund

Feasibility of direct decentralised funding

Tracking of partner financing