



# BETTER INVESTMENT FOR STUNTING ALLEVIATION

2019 - 2024

## Opportunity

Despite being the largest economy in southeast Asia, Indonesia still faces challenges when it comes to nutrition and child development outcomes. Thirty-one per cent of children under five are stunted, with wide variations across provinces.

The Government of Indonesia has demonstrated a commitment to reducing malnutrition and has been working to decrease undernutrition rates. Despite the progress that has been made there are still large gaps in the provision of basic nutrition services. In 2018 the government launched the National Strategy to Accelerate Stunting Prevention (2018 - 2024) to strengthen the execution of existing multi-sectoral policy frameworks and drive consolidation and convergence of national and sub-national programs.

## Investment

The Better Investment for Stunting Alleviation (BISA) program supports the government's national strategy to accelerate stunting prevention. Recognizing that stunting in Indonesia has significant gender dimensions, BISA has been designed to assist the Government of Indonesia in improving nutrition before pregnancy and the critical first 1,000 days of a child's life – from conception to age two. Nutrition International and Save the Children are uniquely positioned to deliver this program, building on existing networks and relationships in Indonesia, and leveraging global experience and expertise to deliver evidence-based, high-quality health and nutrition programs.

## Innovation

From caregivers to health workers and decision-makers at the village level and above, BISA will provide the training and support required to improve nutrition knowledge and practices as well as influence nutrition policies. This ensures that these changes will be sustainable and continue to contribute to the national government's goal of eliminating stunting in the country.

- At the household and community level, BISA will build targeted information and behaviour change campaigns to shift attitudes and norms around breastfeeding, water, sanitation and hygiene, and complementary feeding. BISA will also target school-going adolescent girls with nutrition education.
- At the system level, the priority will be to develop capacity to deliver quality nutrition services at the community level by increasing the knowledge and skills health workers. Support will be given through targeted trainings for health workers, supervisory staff and relevant stakeholders, as well as assistance to District and Provincial authorities to improve supply chain management so local facilities have the necessary supplies.

## AT A GLANCE



**Duration**  
2019-2024



**Partners**  
Save the Children  
Asia Philanthropy Circle  
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade,  
Government of Australia  
Government of Canada through  
Global Affairs Canada  
Power of Nutrition



**Funding (\$ CAD)**

**\$ 10 M**



**Reach**

**3.3M**

people including women, children under two and adolescent girls



**Geography**

12 districts in East Nusa Tenggara and West Java





- To support the implementation of national policies at lower levels of government, BISA focuses on developing the capacity of local leaders to plan and budget, strengthen stakeholder coordination, and generate evidence through implementation research.

## Objectives

**Improved maternal, infant and young child nutrition, and water, sanitation and hygiene practices in the first 1,000 days at the household level**

**Improved access to critical micronutrients for pregnant women, children and adolescent girls**

**Improved maternal, infant and young child feeding practices and counselling for pregnant and lactating women and caregivers**

**Additional, and more effective and efficient use of funding, policies and regulations, and human resources at provincial, district and village levels to prevent stunting**

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