



RESEARCH & INNOVATION

We innovate for action.

We generate robust evidence and effective solutions to save, protect and improve the lives of people and communities.



**VISION & MISSION
SUPPORT**



OUR OBJECTIVE

Through our research and innovation, we are developing better ways to anticipate, prevent, and treat malnutrition so that more children can lead healthy and productive lives and more communities can be free from hunger. We are also developing new ways to respond efficiently to new challenges appearing in the humanitarian, sector. Our approach marries science with practice – providing us with the nuts and bolts required to create tangible change, even in the most difficult contexts. Our aim is to bring applied research to our own organization, with a scientific, applied, participatory and ethical approach.



OUR AGENDA

We provide support in the identification and design of research aiming to provide proven solutions at the local level, prioritized by three work streams:

- 1. HEALTHY LIVES.** With a focus on optimizing and simplifying nutritional treatment, making it easier, shorter, less costly, and more effective.
- 2. SUSTAINABLE FUTURE.** With a focus on a) Natural resources management and climate change adaptation. Including greening our response. b) Improve and strengthen data and information for nutritional risk characterization, warning, and early action systems.
- 3. INCLUSION & EQUITY.** With a focus on developing gender equality and inclusion approaches as a transformative lever to reinforce inclusive economic growth and social development for food and nutrition security.



OUR APPROACH

While Action Against Hunger is an operational organization, we see the importance of improving our research & innovation capacity as a primary mean to assess and improve the effectiveness, scalability, and sustainability of our programs.

Our approach is structured in 4 levers that drive and structure the research strategy:

**OPERATIONAL
RESEARCH**

**RESEARCH
ECOSYSTEM**

**RESEARCH
CAPACITY**

**RESEARCH
UPTAKE**



EXPERTISE, CAPACITY & MISSION SUPPORT

1. OPERATIONAL RESEARCH

Effective responses to address humanitarian needs must be defined based on stronger evidence oriented to accelerate the delivery of essential actions to address needs and improve our ability to protect communities, households, and children.

- Formative research and literature review
- Mixed-methods research studies
- Impact studies and randomized controlled trials (RCTs)
- Costing, cost-efficiency and cost-effectiveness
- Comparative, multi-country | multi-locations studies
- Innovative pilots demonstrating the efficiency of the proposed model.

We can provide support to your mission through:

- Formulating strong research questions in collaboration with your Technical and Support Departments and translate ideas into action.
- Defining research protocols and studies with your teams
- Formulating research projects that will improve your response capacity, providing you with added value towards external donors and other stakeholders in country and globally.

2. RESEARCH ECOSYSTEM

We emphasize on the power of collaboration from, creating the idea to its implementation, promoting a vast networking, and engaging with communities, public entities, donors, private sector, implementing partners, and scientific organizations to bring expertise, research capacity, and resources to deliver quality research.

We can provide support to your mission through:

- Identifying international and national scientific partners to design and implement quality research projects: 1) Deciding on approach to collaboration; 2) Finding the right partner; 3) Scoping collaboration; 4) Formalizing collaboration; 5) Rounding up collaboration.
- Connecting the mission to the global research agenda, enhancing your leadership and positioning in country.
- Engaging with the private sector to expand for new opportunities and explore new collaboration models

3. RESEARCH CAPACITY

We provide systematized, manuals, tools, and training modules to conduct research effectively, efficiently, and sustainably.

We can provide support to your mission through:

- Systematizing the cycle of the research project: conceptualization, design, implementation, and learning. together with your teams
- Training your teams on how to formulate research questions and formulate research projects.
- Improving knowledge and developing your team capacity to integrate research and innovation into their programming.

4. RESEARCH UPTAKE

We maximize the use and appropriation of the evidence and knowledge generated bridging the gap between scientific research findings, policies, and practice. Doing a research study does not automatically lead to action. Throughout the research process, we keep scale in mind - thinking how we can shape policy and practice for the future.

We can provide support to your mission through:

- Influencing, connecting, and convening dialogues between practitioners, researchers, and others key stakeholders.
- Visualizing and disseminating the evidence and pilots carried out by your missions to promote our work and increase our added value.
- Making research findings an integral part of long-term operational activities.