

## Nutrition-sensitive social protection interventions increase the use of multiple-micronutrient powders and iron supplements in rural preschool Bangladeshi children

**Project Title:** P688 - 4.1.2 Improving Design and Delivery of Social protection for Nutrition and Other Outcomes

**Description of the innovation:** Cash/food transfers accompanied by nutrition counseling increased the likelihood that children aged 6-59 months had ever consumed multiple-micronutrient powders, had consumed multiple-micronutrient powders in the preceding week, and had consumed either multiple-micronutrient powders or an iron supplement in the preceding week. The combination of transfers and nutrition counseling also increased maternal knowledge of iron deficiency and awareness of multiple-micronutrient powders. These Impacts differed from those of transfers alone, highlighting the importance of complementary nutrition counseling.

**New Innovation:** No

**Stage of innovation:** Stage 1: discovery/proof of concept (PC - end of research phase)

**Innovation type:** Social Science

**Geographic Scope:** National

**Number of individual improved lines/varieties:** <Not Applicable>

**Country(ies):**

- Bangladesh

**Description of Stage reached:** A journal article has been published.

**Name of lead organization/entity to take innovation to this stage:** IFPRI - International Food Policy Research Institute

**Names of top five contributing organizations/entities to this stage:**

- DATA - Data Analysis and Technical Assistance Limited
- Cornell University

**Milestones:** No milestones associated

**Sub-IDOs:**

**Contributing Centers/PPA partners:**

**Evidence link:**

- <https://tinyurl.com/y5wvdvfa>

**Deliverables associated:**

- D5176 - Randomized control trials demonstrate that nutrition-sensitive social protection interventions increase the use of multiple-micronutrient powders and iron supplements in rural pre-school Bangladeshi children

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**Contributing CRPs/Platforms:**

- PIM - Policies, Institutions, and Markets