

## Community-based early childhood development centers as a platform to promote production and consumption diversity in Malawi

**Project Title:** P344 - Evidence of impacts, impact pathways, synergies and cost-effectiveness of nutrition-sensitive agricultural programs

**Description of the innovation:** The Nutrition Embedded Evaluation Program Impact Evaluation (NEEP-IE) used a cluster-RCT design to examine the effectiveness of using a community-based ECD center as a platform in Malawi to promote household production and consumption diversity, improve caregiver knowledge and practices of nutrition and infant and young child feeding (IYCF) practices, and improve diets and nutrition among preschoolers and their younger siblings

**New Innovation:** No

**Stage of innovation:** Stage 4: uptake by next user (USE)

**Innovation type:** Social Science

**Geographic Scope:** National

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

**Country(ies):**

- Malawi

**Outcome Impact Case Report:**

- 2768 - Impact evaluation of nutrition sensitive intervention scaled up through preschools (<https://tinyurl.com/2gc7mnbj>)

**Description of Stage reached:** The World Bank and the Government of Malawi agreed in June 2018 to scale-up a nutrition-sensitive intervention based on results from an IFPRI-led impact evaluation which showed that preschools can be an effective platform for delivering a nutrition-sensitive agricultural intervention. This will start in 2019.

**Name of lead organization/entity to take innovation to this stage:** <Not Defined>

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

- Save the Children
- The World Bank

**Milestones:** No milestones associated

**Sub-IDOs:**

- 16 - Optimized consumption of diverse nutrient-rich foods

**Contributing Centers/PPA partners:**

- IFPRI - International Food Policy Research Institute

**Evidence link:**

- <https://tinyurl.com/y5a2jrtd>
- <https://academic.oup.com/jn/article/148/10/1587/5094777>

**Deliverables associated:**

- D2308 - Malawi Child Centres - journal article manuscript on impact assessment (<http://cdm15738.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/ref/collection/p15738coll5/id/5872>)

**Contributing CRPs/Platforms:**

- A4NH - Agriculture for Nutrition and Health