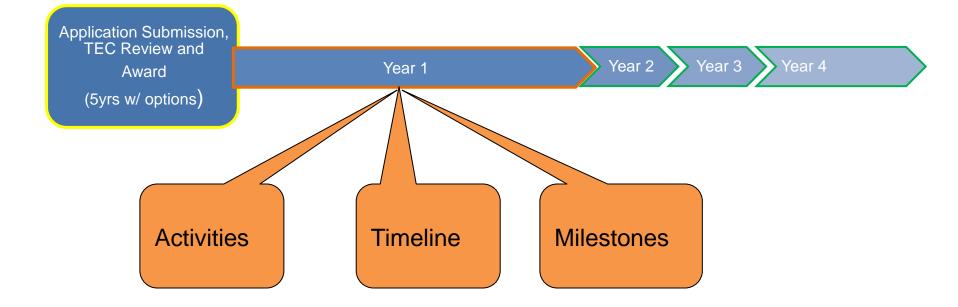




What should the refinement stage look like?



Refinement Stage





Activities (Awardee) – first six months

- Review and refine geographic targeting at the community level
- Provide a list of communities to FFP within the first three months
- Community consultations and validation of assumptions
 - Discuss priorities and needs, causes of food insecurity and under nutrition, vulnerability to food insecurity and malnutrition shocks, capacity and strengths to recover from food insecurity shocks
- Institutional analysis and validation of operating environment and policies
 - Institutional and policy environment
 - Governance issues
 - Synergies with other USG investments
 - Linkages to achieve broader resilience objectives



Activities (Awardee) – first six months, continued

- Formative research examples may include:
 - Barriers to optimum health/nutrition practices for pregnant/lactating mothers and children under two
 - Barriers to hygiene practices, sanitation practices and access to safe water
 - Barriers to improved agricultural practices, factors that limit access to increased income
 - Barriers to recovery from food insecurity shocks
 - Climate and water resources vulnerability analysis
- Gender analysis required
- Value chain analysis (for projects that promote value chain)
- Market analysis (for targeted commodities)
- Initial Environment Examination (IEE)- required
- Major shocks and stresses and how people are managing them



Activities (FFP) – first six months, continued

- AOR reviews and approves plans
- Scoping visit by the FFP technical team members with the awardee technical staff
- TEC team reviews and approves scopes of work for various studies and assessments (FFP will provide comments within approximately three weeks)
- AOR/ Activity Managers and TEC team members closely monitor activities
- Baseline study required (results should be available to the partner within nine to ten months of kick off date)
 - Baseline study collects data for high level outcome and impact indicators from FFP list and awardee's list
 - Note: Baseline data for lower level outcome indicators can be collected from beneficiaries as a part of annual monitoring.



Activities (Awardee) – months seven to twelve

- Review and possible refinement of theory of change and the project strategies in light of the baseline results and other studies
- Develop M&E plan, including Gender and Environment
- Finalize targets
- Establish partnerships with Feed the Future, Global Climate Change and other projects with benchmarks
- Staff training
- The Chief of Party/Head of the Project will make a presentation of the refined project design highlighting changes from original and reasons why



Activities (FFP) – months seven to twelve, continued

- Review reports of various studies
- Organize and facilitate M&E workshop to refine LogFrame and IPTT with Gender and Environment issues
- Review targets
- Review baseline study report
- Provide oversight to the baseline contractor



Milestones

- Scopes of work for various studies submitted.
- List of communities submitted to the baseline study contractor.
- Reports for different studies submitted to FFP.
- Refined theory of change and LogFrame submitted.
- Partnership plans with benchmarks submitted
- Targets revised and submitted
- Adjusted staffing plan submitted