



## Pillar 1: Livelihoods and food security

Securing access to safe, nutritious, and sufficient food all year round for everyone is a prerequisite to achieving sustainable livelihoods and breaking the cycle of poverty.

Under our 2017-20 strategy, United Purpose will work to:

### 1. Achieve greater food and nutrition security

This will be through promoting diversified agricultural production, irrigation farming, and the consumption of diverse, nutritious foods to reduce malnutrition rates. We will focus on promoting the adoption of sustainable and climate-smart agricultural practices, enhance access to agricultural inputs, and support improvements in post-harvest handling to minimise food loss.

### 2. Enable increased incomes and assets within our target communities

UP will encourage households to diversify their livelihood options, both on and off-farm, as a platform for growth. We will support the development of small and medium enterprises, through improving functional and financial literacy, enhancing access to information and technology, and linking VSLs to microfinance institutions. We will help to develop stronger pro-poor rural enterprises, value chains and markets. We will take a more comprehensive value chain approach, aiming to develop commercially viable, nutrition-sensitive value chains that work for small-scale farmers, particularly women.

### 3. Increase our own organisational and community capacity to prepare, mitigate and respond to shocks and disasters.

We will support targeted humanitarian responses (non-food items, food and cash transfers, WASH) in districts where we are operational, and when need be, where we have no prior presence. We will also strengthen district and community capacities, including supporting participatory contingency planning and the adoption of early warning systems.

### 4. Facilitate more sustainable land use and management in our target areas.

We will pursue cross-sectoral policy coherence (encompassing energy, land use, forest management, water and climate) through adopting an integrated watershed management approach, supporting land use planning, and enabling the formation of strong water users' associations.

#### Some of our achievements over the last five years:

- Supported 334,000 people with agricultural development programmes to increase their yields
- Irrigated 6,500 hectares of land and distributed 12,000 livestock to over 24,000 people
- 300,000 people are now using climate-smart agricultural methods.