### Research to Implementation: linking agriculture and nutrition for child health and development

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### Malnutrition Impacts

- Immune system function
- Child cognitive and physical development
- ♦ Work productivity
- ◆ Lifespan
- ◆ Quality of Life

Fogel estimates that half of the economic growth in the UK in the industrial revolution was due to increased capacity of people and explained by nutrition's impact on human health, productivity and life span.

- Individual >Lifetime productivity>national GDP
- Human productivity losses to malnutrition estimated at 10-15%/Year and GDP losses of 5-10%.
- For child disability adjusted life years 20-25%

## BUILDING HUMAN CAPACITY: Nutrition and Child Development: 30 years of commitment

- ◆ Nutrition CRSP Research 1980s: Kenya, Egypt and Mexico
- ◆ GL-CRSP Child Nutrition Project: Kenya (1996-2002)
- ◆ GL-CRSP Conference 2003: Journal of Nutrition Supplement
- ◆ GL-CRSP ENAM Project (2005-10): Ghana

### NUTRITION CRSP

- 1977 NRC conducts "World Food Study"
- Does moderate malnutrition have impact on human function?
- Energy thought to be main causal factor
- ◆ In response USAID funded the N-CRSP
- ◆ Observational, non-intervention study in Mexico, Kenya, Egypt

### Hypothesized Impacts

- ◆ growth
- psychological development and behavior
- immune function and morbidity
- reproductive outcomes including pregnancy and lactation
- ◆ social competence

### The most important findings were:



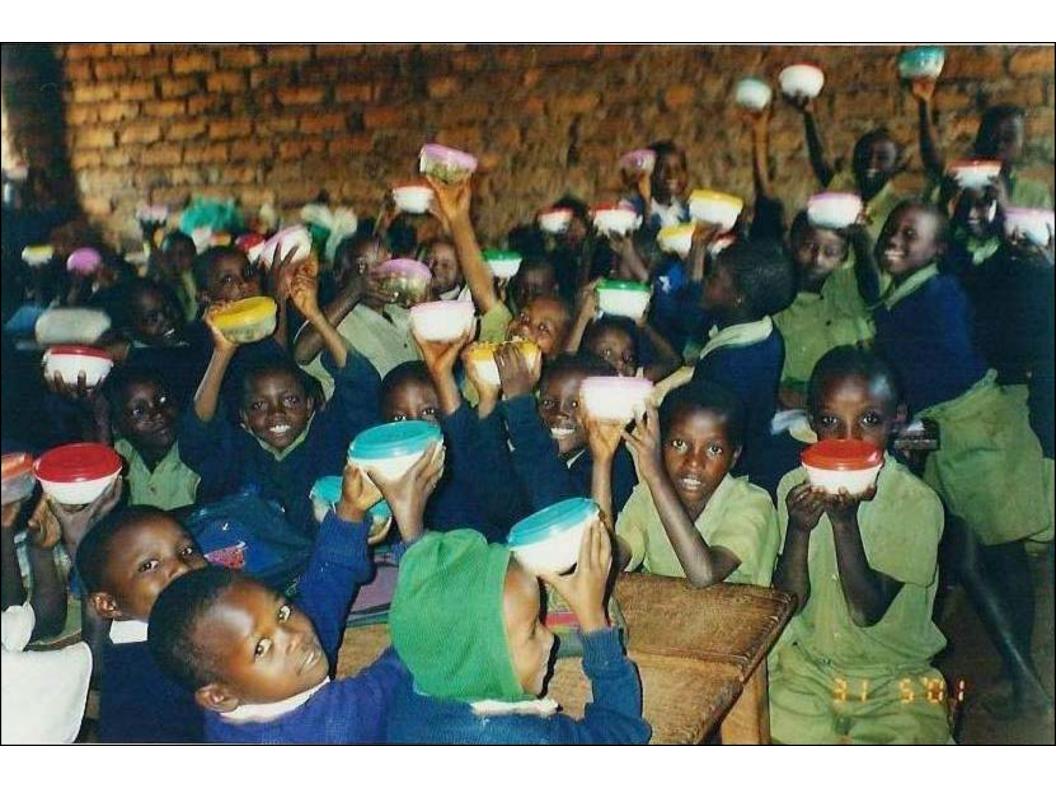
- faltering in height and weight of children occurs early and was not caught up later in life.
- quality was a much stronger determinant of nutritional status than was the quantity.
- ◆ ASF were predictor of cognitive function.
- at that time, the findings were "recognized as being on the cutting edge of modern nutrition science".
- Sadly ignored because not an intervention study.

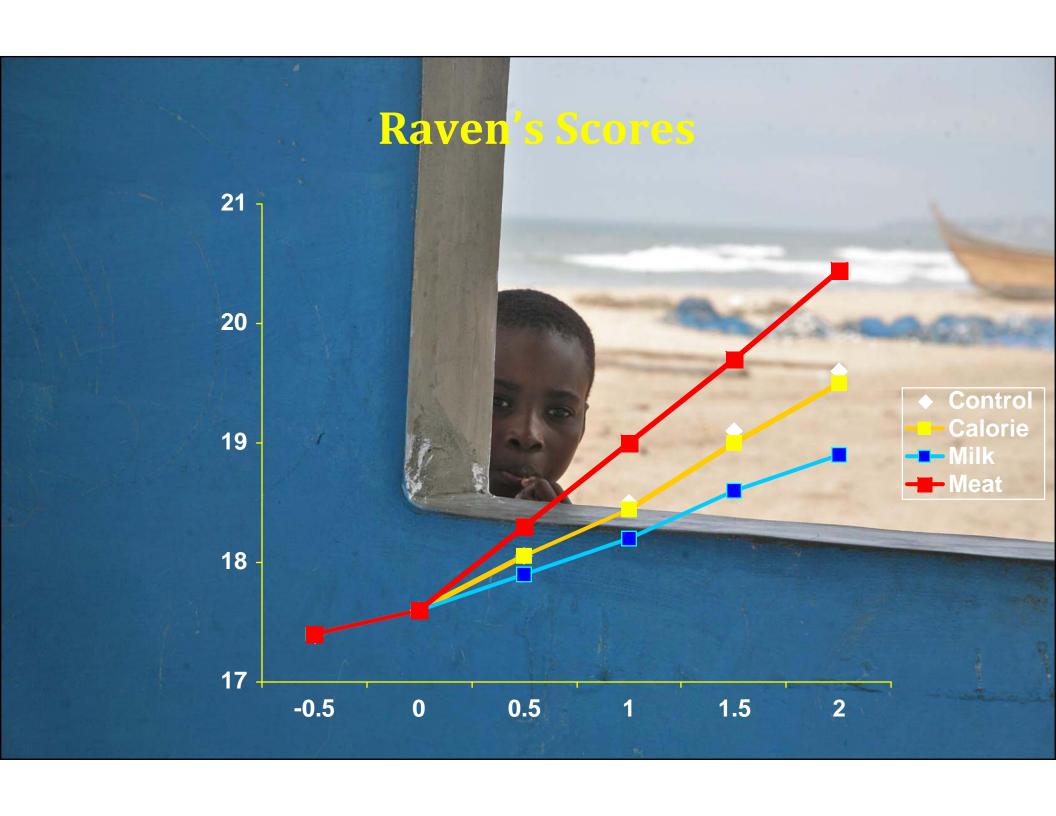
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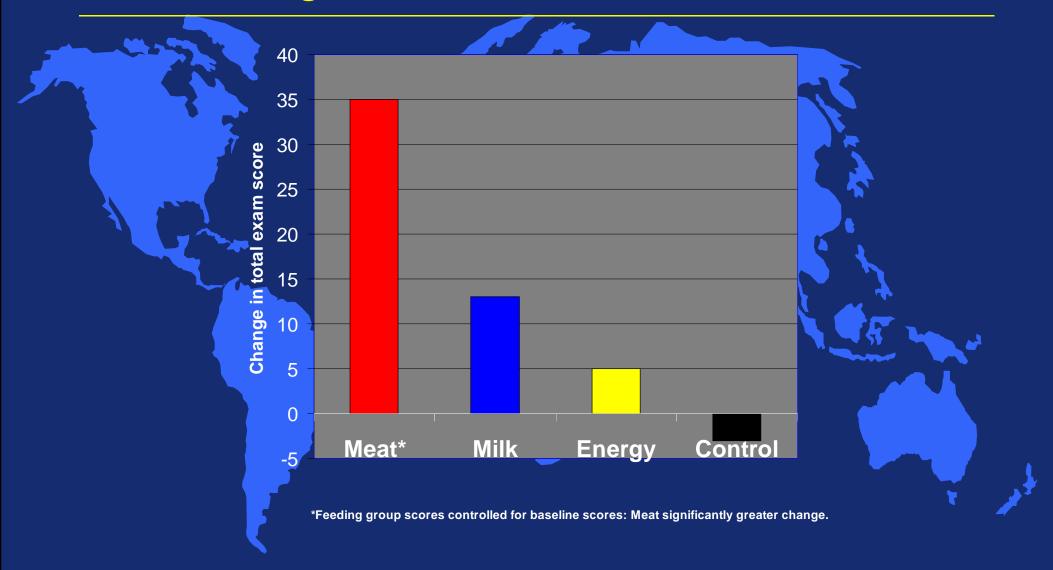
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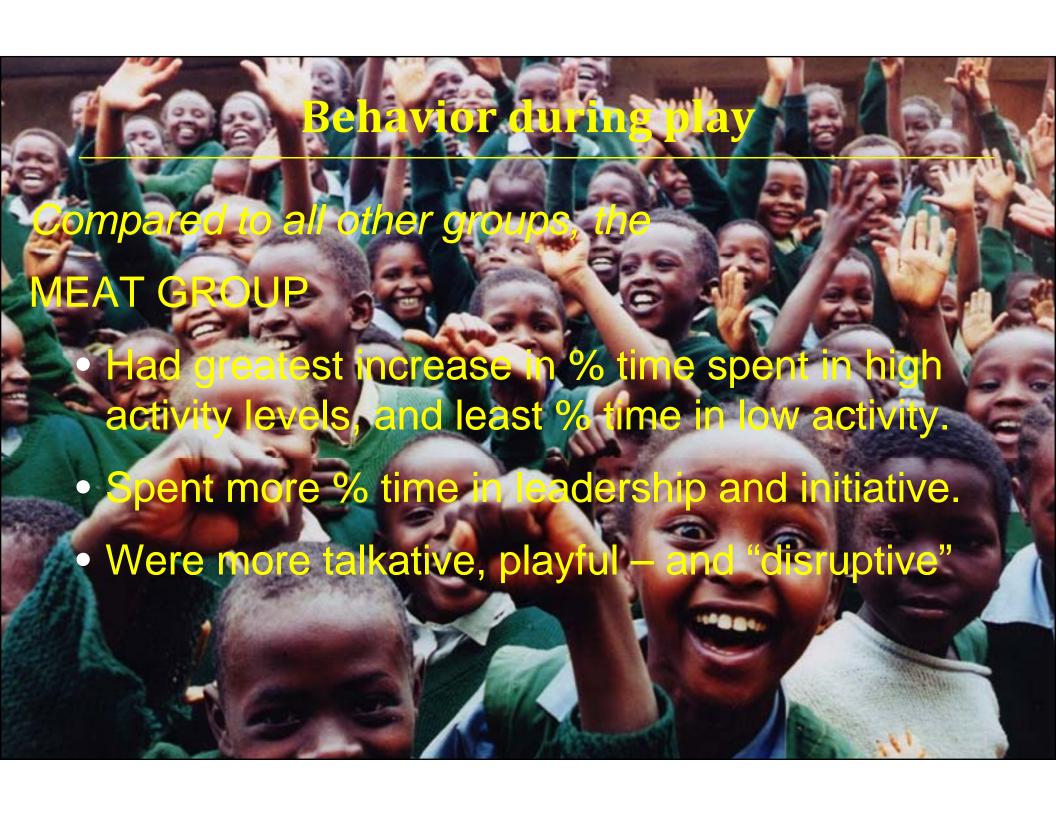
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### Change in end of term test scores



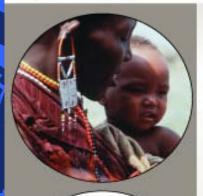


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# **Accumulate Resources: ENAM Enhancing child Nutrition through Animal Source Food Management**

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### ENAM

- Survey: What limits children's consumption of ASF?
- ◆Results:
  - Knowledge of nutritional impacts of food groups
  - -Income of household

### **ENAM**

- What income generating activities work best for women?
- ♦ What is necessary for success?
  - -Nutritional education
  - Microfinance
  - -Training in poultry raising and other IGAs

### **ENAM**



### ◆ Outcomes

- Increased income for women
- Increased consumption of ASF by children
- Increase in protein, calcium, iron and zinc in diet of children
- -Improved child nutrition status (wgt/age)
- Improved household food security
- ◆ Rural Banks now involved
  AIARD 2010

#### **Progress of the Partner Rural Banks (December 2007-March 2009) Indicators Partner Rural Bank Akyempi** Fiagya **Naara Total** (Techiman (Navrongo m (Winneba) Number of women\* 1157 318 2257 Number of credit 96 33 51 12 groups Number of N/A 12 communities 716,210 497,280 28,010 Loan portfolio (US\$) \$1,241,500 Loan recovery rate 100 100 100 (%) 6,025 42,626 N/A Cumulative savings 2 12 Number of 6 4 microfinance staff

<sup>\*</sup> Each bank inherited two women's groups from the ENAM project. A total of 184 women in six communities benefited from ENAM loans for a total of US\$12,000 (~ 1 USD: 1 new GH cedi).

### **Post-ENAM**

- Well over \$1 million has been loaned.
- ◆ The majority of the original women participants are now sending their kids to private school.
- ◆ Four of the ENAM field officers are now working for the rural banks.
- ◆ One ENAM traner alone is responsible for over 80 new groups in and around Accra.
- The education/microfinance model for ENAM is now the business model for loans through the Akuapem Rural Bank.
- ◆ New N-CRSP at USAID.

### Lessons learned

- Build human capacity at all levels with particular emphasis on women.
- Invest in research to improve the effectiveness of implementation.
- ◆ Multi-dimensional perspective is important.
- Good development takes time.
- Project leadership, strong and balanced, is essential to success.
- ◆ Continuity is critical.

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