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THE NEXT GENERATION PROGRAM TO TACKLE CHILD MALNUTRITION

A malnutrition success story in Mwakidiga, Tanzania



In the village of Mwakidiga, in rural Tanzania, a child was suffering from severe acute malnutrition. At first, despite the evident worsening of her condition and despite her family's relatively safe economic situation, the parents did not want to take her to the hospital.



After taking notice of the child case through its community activities, CUAMM Nutrition team visited the village in order to meet the family and provide vital education and information to all family members on the importance of good nutrition and about the urgency of sending the child to the hospital for treatment. It was not easy in the beginning: taking the child to the hospital was not part of their traditional behaviour, and changing behaviours is always difficult.

After additional explanations and clarifications, the family agreed to take the child to the nearest hospital of Maswa, where the nurses and other health workers received the mother and her child warmly.



Seven days later CUAMM team went back to Maswa hospital to visit the mother and see the progress of the baby, and they were happy to see that the mother was grateful and satisfied with the services provided by CUAMM and, more importantly, that the child was already in good conditions, and on his way to a prompt and full recovery!

