Putting Day 2 into Context
What is our focus – MAM or SAM?
MAM: moderate acute malnutrition
   - the 34 million children we identified on Tuesday

Focused but not blinkered...
MAM is not an isolated or discreet state
   - often co-exists with stunting
   - may deteriorate to SAM

There is no ‘silver bullet’ for MAM (or stunting)
   - need to understand the causes specific to the context
   - treat determinants not just the symptom
Special products have their place
- amongst other (many) response options
  – they are NOT a silver bullet for MAM
- Products have been designed for different purposes:
  RUTF (usually > 1000 kcal/day)
  RUSF (usually 250-500 kcal/day)
  small-quantity LNS (SQ-LNS, approx. 100 kcal/day)

MAM requires multiple responses
  - that link to multiple sectors – not just health
  - nutrition ‘products’ are amongst the (many) possible options
But have limited evidence about ‘what works’
- SAM successes can’t teach us everything we need to learn about what to do about MAM - SAM treatment experiences not necessarily applicable to MAM
- current paucity of evidence is a challenge not a barrier to nutrition-sensitive approaches
- and partnerships among academia, governments and operational practitioners from earliest stages of programme formulation may help us plug the evidence gap
We need a common language
- across practitioners, researchers and policy-makers
- that supports the efforts of governments to tackle and overcome MAM

We need a shared strategy
- that focuses on the prevention of MAM, not just its treatment
- that takes a systems approach
- and addressed current limitations of technical, structural and systems capacity to the forefront.
We’ve started a conversation
- and need to continue it
- and explore questions that remain unanswered
Your CAPACITY VOTES!

Capacity for training and education
- practical skills
- empowering mothers and skilling health workers (and CBOs)
- throughout health system about MAM
- mentoring for effective leadership as well as service delivery

Capacity for monitoring, evaluating, learning
- technical and research skills, including quality assurance of measurements

Capacity in understanding and addressing malnutrition
- in discerning relevance of policy options
- in advocacy
- in adopting a systems approach
  - across the various sectors
  - across the various actors
  - linking the levels from community to international
Capacity for positioning MAM within national policy context
  - in promoting health and development
  - in promoting links with agriculture and food security

Capacity for food technology
  - infrastructure
  - quality assurance of local production