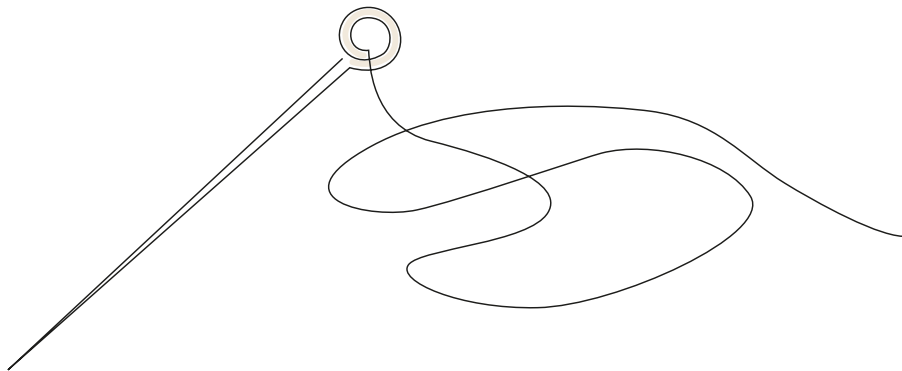






Therefore, anaemia reduced most significantly when the factory provided a freshly prepared, nutritionally enhanced diverse lunch with fortified rice combined with a weekly IFA tablet. But even among factories that do not regularly provide lunch, the provision of IFA and nutrition education was able to reduce anaemia significantly, but the rate of reduction was not as high as in lunch meal factories.

**Scaling of impacts:** Within Bangladesh, our workforce nutrition programmes are growing. Besides, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of the Netherlands, VF Corporation (from 2019) and the Auchan Foundation (from 2022) are supporting the scale-up within the readymade garment sector in Bangladesh. Bangladesh Government appreciates that a nutritious food system can play a vital role to ensure the health and wellbeing of the ready-made garment workers for sustainable growth of this sector. Following the ground-breaking approach of the Second National Plan of Action on Nutrition (NPAN2), the Workforce Nutrition model brings a collective action of ready-made garment factory owners, buyers, regulatory authorities, and development partners that is required to ensure access to nutritious and safe food. In collaboration with the Government of Bangladesh, GAIN will facilitate the scaling up of this model to workers in various workplaces by strengthening a Workforce Nutrition Alliance in Bangladesh led by the Government.



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