Country: Denmark

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Denmark is a Scandinavian country in Northern Europe. Denmark’s capital and the largest city is Kopenhag. Metropolitan Denmark is the southernmost of the Scandinavian countries, lying south-west and south of Sweden, south of Norway, and north of Germany. The population of Denmark, as registered by Statistics Denmark, was 5.825 million in April 2020. Denmark has one of the oldest populations in the world, with the average age of 41.9 years,with 0.97 males per female. Despite a low birth rate, the population is growing at an average annual rate of 0.59% because of net immigration and increasing longevity. The World Happiness Report frequently ranks Denmark's population as the happiest in the world. This has been attributed to the country's highly regarded education and health care systems. Some of the biggest industrial sectors in Denmark are energy, life sciences and agriculture. Denmark is the third largest oil producer in Western Europe, and one of the world's top producers of windmills.

In Denmark, the problem of malnutrition is becoming increasingly worrying even though very few children suffer from undernutrition. Problems related to an unhealthy diet can have major consequences on children’s health, especially when obesity is also involved. Childhood obesity is steadily increasing in this country. In FY22, USAID-supported nutrition programming reached over 32 million children with nutrition-specific interventions. During this same time, USAID’s nutrition programming reached over 11.6 million pregnant women and mothers with nutrition-specific interventions, including micronutrient supplementation and counseling on maternal and child nutrition.

As Denmark, we are aware of the malnutrition problem and we have been trying to minimize its outcome. We declared a week of awareness about malnutrition which is called " Danish malnutrition awareness week".The primary purpose is to create awareness and optimize the focus on nutritional risk. However, in addition, each country has its specific goals.

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