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Thanks to your generous support, combined with increasingly large orders from our humanitarian partners, in 2013, Edesia produced record supplies of ready-to-use foods to help treat and prevent malnutrition for children living in the following 26 countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Colombia, DR Congo, Ethiopia, The Gambia, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Malawi, Mexico, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Philippines, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Syria, Togo, Uganda, Vietnam, and Zimbabwe. Edesia supplied 10 organizations in 2013, including UNICEF, the World Food Programme, SCMS, USAID/USDA, and Action Against Hunger.

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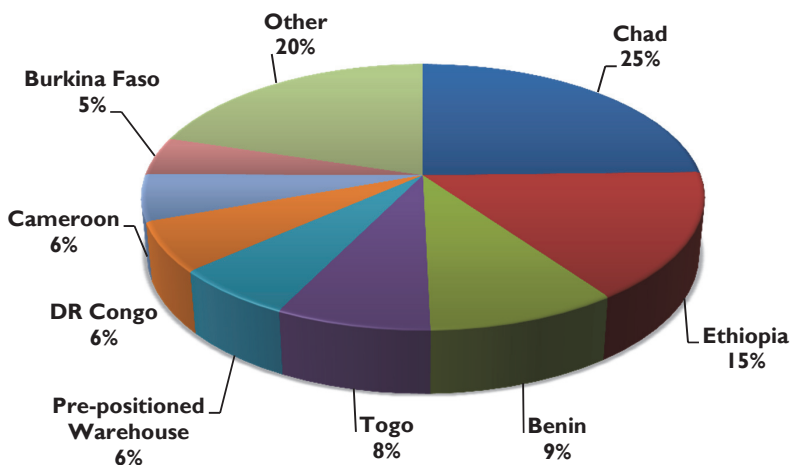
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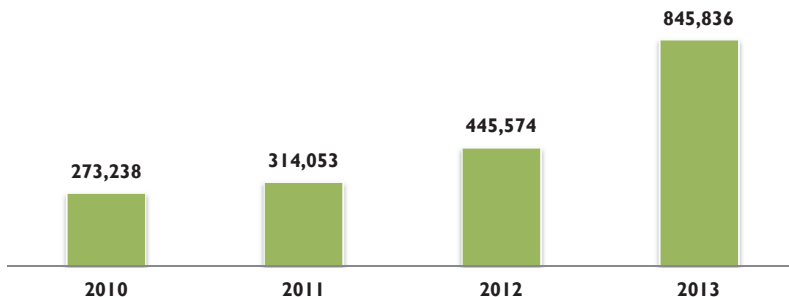
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Shipments by Country (2013)



Number of malnourished children reached

(Over 1.8 million between 2010-2013)





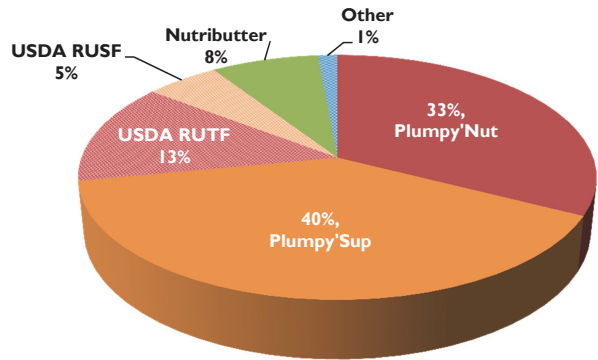
Our Mission

Edesia's mission is to treat and prevent malnutrition for the world's most vulnerable children; our vision is a world in which all people have access to the basic human right of food and nutrition. We are committed to assuring that vulnerable individuals no longer suffer and die needlessly from malnutrition – a completely preventable condition. We treat all children as our own, and produce for them the lifesaving tools they need to overcome malnutrition and thrive. We act now, because the cost of inaction is too great.

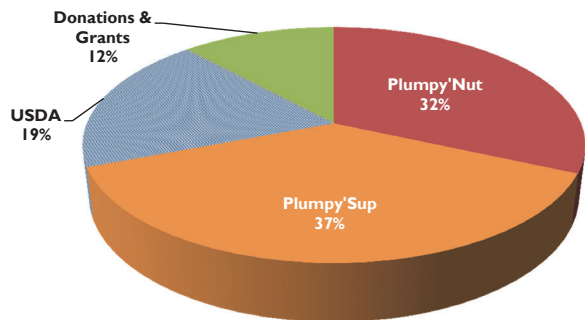
Our Mandates

- Produce high-quality peanut-based, ready-to-use foods for humanitarian organizations/NGOs.
- Collaborate on research and development to improve distribution systems and optimize the use of ready-to-use foods.
- Provide technical, logistical, and procurement support to local producers of ready-to-use foods in the PlumpyField Network.
- Engage in educational efforts and direct advocacy to raise the public profile of malnutrition affecting more than 220 million worldwide.

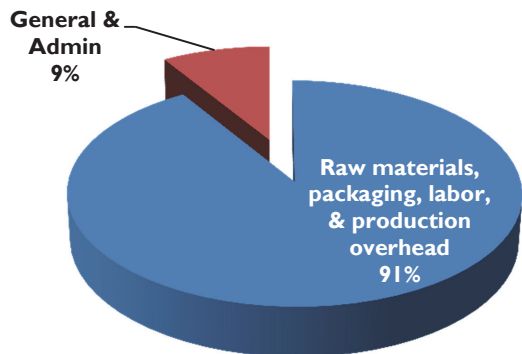
Shipments by Product (2013)



Funding Sources (2013)



Expenditures (2013)



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“THE LITTLEST THINGS” by Zara Salem

Navyn Salem, founder and Executive Director of Edesia, traveled to Cap-Haitien, Haiti in 2013 with Edesia's Nutrition Research & Policy Advisor, Nicole Henretty. The purpose of their trip was to visit a research project involving Mamba, a peanut-based Ready-to-Use school food snack, developed by Edesia, which was trialed at select elementary schools. Navyn's twin daughters, Halle and Zara, who were then in the sixth grade, also joined and became witnesses to what life is like for their counterparts in Haiti. They had a chance to visit a clinic that treats children with Severe Acute Malnutrition with Plumpy'Nut®. Below is a first-hand account of Zara Salem's experience, written in her own words.

As our dirty, off-white SUV rumbled down the bustling, trash-filled streets, I looked out my window watching school children and motorcycles whiz by. I wondered where this adventure in Cap Haitien on the north coast of Haiti would lead me.

We pulled into the small cement clinic that held school children on one side and babies on the other. They came dressed in their finest as if they knew we were coming and waited patiently to be checked for severe acute malnutrition with their mothers. The school children gathered around us wearing neatly pressed uniforms and matching big white bows in their hair staring in awe at us probably wondering where we came from and why.

The first baby entered the dark green room to be weighed and measured and given their weekly supply of Plumpy'Nut, a fortified peanut butter made from peanuts, milk powder, vegetable oil, sugar, vitamins and minerals, proven to treat the most severe cases of malnutrition. All of the babies there were severely malnourished and were very small and skinny. Here in Haiti most of the kids are very short and not healthy because they don't get enough food to eat.

I looked around the room stunned to see all the babies eating the Plumpy'Nut when I noticed one in particular

that seemed so weak she could not hold her head up and had many breaks in her skin. She was refusing to eat the Plumpy'Nut and turned her head whenever she was trying to be fed. We learned that the caregiver was not her mother but a cousin because the mother had recently died. She struggled to get tiny bites into her mouth but it wasn't working.

“I've seen this before. This little one is extremely thirsty.” My mom told me.

“Can we buy her some water?” I asked, hopefully.

“Sure, here are a few gourdes (Haitian money) to buy some water. Hopefully that will do the trick.” She said with encouragement.

After buying the baby a pouch of water from the vendor in front of the clinic, she gulped it down like she had never tasted it before. We tried again to feed the baby some Plumpy'Nut and this time she finally started to eat! In between food and water she finished the whole packet of Plumpy'Nut with the help of Nicole, a nutritionist who works with my mom.

Nicole picked up the baby and became instantly concerned because she felt a rattle in the little girl's chest. Without delay she went to find the nurse to see what was wrong. The nurse brought her into the office and soon realized she had pneumonia. They gave her some medicine to take home. They also checked her for HIV and fortunately she was negative. I was so relieved to hear the good news and so happy that Nicole was there to help.

The littlest things like picking up a baby can lead to potentially life-changing events. When a child is severely malnourished, complications can be life threatening. Without Nicole's small action this baby could have died. I realized how little it takes to save a life and it is hard to imagine what might have happened if we didn't wander into that clinic that day.