

# OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM

<b>DIALOGUE TITLE</b>	A joining plan to close the gap in nutrition between the mountainous and urban areas in Vietnam
<b>DIALOGUE DATE</b>	Monday, 5 August 2024 09:00 GMT +07:00
<b>CONVENED BY</b>	Dr. Nguyen Anh Vu, Health and Nutrition Technical Program Manager - World Vision International in Vietnam Event announced on behalf of the Convenor by: Nguyen Van Thanh. Organizer and event running
<b>EVENT LANGUAGE</b>	Vietnamese and English
<b>HOST LOCATION</b>	Hanoi, Vietnam
<b>GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE</b>	National level
<b>AFFILIATIONS</b>	World Vision International - ENOUGH campaign
<b>DIALOGUE EVENT PAGE</b>	<a href="https://nutritiondialogues.org/dialogue/54823/">https://nutritiondialogues.org/dialogue/54823/</a>



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# SECTION ONE: PARTICIPATION

## TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

50

## PARTICIPATION BY AGE RANGE

0	0-11	7	12-18	0	19-29
27	30-49	16	50-74	0	75+

## PARTICIPATION BY GENDER

27	Female	23	Male	0	Other/Prefer not to say
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## NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH STAKEHOLDER GROUP

7	Children, Youth Groups and Students	13	Civil Society Organisations (including consumer groups and environmental organisations)
0	Educators and Teachers	0	Faith Leaders/Faith Communities
0	Financial Institutions and Technical Partners	0	Food Producers (including farmers)
6	Healthcare Professionals	0	Indigenous Peoples
0	Information and Technology Providers	2	Large Business and Food Retailers
0	Marketing and Advertising Experts	5	National/Federal Government Officials and Representatives
5	News and Media (e.g. Journalists)	4	Parents and Caregivers
0	Science and Academia	0	Small/Medium Enterprises
5	Sub-National/Local Government Officials and Representatives	3	United Nations
0	Women's Groups	0	Other (please state)

## OTHER STAKEHOLDER GROUPS

## ADDITIONAL DETAIL ON PARTICIPANT DIVERSITY

# SECTION TWO: FRAMING AND DISCUSSION

## FRAMING

Vietnam, like any other developing country in Asia Pacific, also faces the triple burden of malnutrition. The first is 'undernutrition', which includes stunting (someone being short for their age), wasting (someone being underweight for their height), and being underweight (someone being underweight for their age). The second is micronutrient deficiencies (a lack of important vitamins and minerals). The third is overweight or obesity, which also increases the risk for micronutrient deficiencies. In general, the prevalence of undernutrition among children under five has steadily decreased over the years at a national level. However, However, the child stunting rate in Vietnam is still at the medium level (19.3%) compared to the WHO threshold, especially in mountainous areas and among some ethnic groups where this rate is much higher than the country level. Accordingly, the prevalence of stunting in the Central Highlands and Northern Midland & Mountainous areas is 29.8% and 27.1%, respectively. The stunting rate in the ethnic minorities groups also higher than majority groups, such as H'Mong - 43.9%; Bru-Van Kieu - 43.1%, and; H're 31.1% while the majority this prevalence is 16%

## DISCUSSION

• What are the challenges in addressing child malnutrition in Vietnam, especially in mountainous areas and ethnic minorities? • Status of implementing feasible solutions to end child malnutrition, especially in mountainous areas and ethnic minorities? • What are the experiences of international organizations and the SUN CSA in accompanying the Vietnamese government in addressing child malnutrition? • Please share about the nutritional status of children in your locality? What has your family done to better care for your child's nutrition? (asked representative of child caregiver) • Question for Influencer: To end malnutrition in children, we need the cooperation of the entire community. In your opinion, As an influencer what message do you have for everyone and how can we spread that message further to end malnutrition among children?

# SECTION THREE: DIALOGUE OUTCOMES

## CHALLENGES

Children group:

- Fast food, unhealthy for children, are being sold widely around schools
- Meals are not nutritiously ensured when a disaster occurs,
- Malnourished children in their village
- Early married parents caused to malnourished children
- Meals for children at schools not ensure the quality and portion

Adult:

- High rate of stunting, underweight, wasting and micronutrient deficiency in mountainous areas
- Overweight in urban areas are increasing
- Food safety and healthy food for children
- Limited food availability for children in the mountainous areas

## URGENT ACTIONS

- 1) All participant signed the pledging Commitment to End Malnutrition Among Children
- 2) At the dialogue, World Vision Viet Nam and National Institute of Nutrition (NIN) had been signed the MOU to implement ENOUGH campaign in 3 years from 2024 - 2026 which can help to address the nutrition challenges listed in the context
- 3) An ac action plan for FY24 (August and September 2024) had been signed at the launching event between World Vision Viet Nam and National Institute of Nutrition which invested 16,805 USD for ENOUGH campaign in FY24
- 4) Media shared more about the ENOUGH campaign to engage public for action on ending malnutrition among children

## AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

## OVERALL SUMMARY

The dialogue in the launching event of ENOUGH campaign have main focus on addressing child malnutrition in Vietnam, especially in mountainous areas and ethnic minorities. Accordingly, there are 2 key objectives for this dialogue, including 1) Raise awareness and secure commitments from individuals, organisations, and government agencies and 2) Mobilize stakeholders to address malnutrition and fostering collaborative actions.

During this dialogue, a panel discussion session discussed on nutritional status of Vietnamese children, especially in ethnic minority & mountainous areas; Policies on nutrition and challenges in implementing policies to improve children's nutritional status; efforts and contributions of relevant stakeholders, including UN agencies, NGO, CSOs and influencers; sharing of representatives of child care giver and voices of the community. The panel discussion included participant from National Institute of Nutrition, UNICEF Viet Nam, Ministry of Agriculture; World Vision – Representative of SUN CSA Viet Nam; influencer and representative of the child caregiver

The dialogue also open the chance for representatives of children in 2 provinces presented messages and recommendations on child nutrition to the government agencies.

Furthermore, an MOU agreed between World Vision Vietnam and the National Institute of Nutrition - Ministry of Health, outlines a three-year partnership that includes providing local-level support and promoting nutrition dialogues. These efforts highlight Vietnam's strong commitment to improving children's nutrition, particularly in ethnic minority areas. The launching event engaged about 100 partners from Ministries, Provincial and district partners; community members and children; UNs, Embassies, CSOs, Corporates, Celebrities to participate and share their commitment by signing a pledge to end malnutrition among children. 21 media partners participated in the event with 24 published articles/ reports on ENOUGH campaign

# SECTION FOUR: PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT & METHOD

## PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT

World Vision Viet Nam prepared the question for discussion in the dialogue and invite the person in charge who can give the most suitable answer for the prepared question. Together with National Institute of Nutrition, World Vision Viet Nam also contacted with the invited list to make sure that they can participate in the dialogue. The list of participant was shared to the facilitator (an MC and also an influencer) before the dialogue. A rehearsal event also conducted one day before the dialogue which involved the organizer, supporter for the even and facilitator

## METHOD AND SETTING

A formal meeting room have been selected to organize this dialogue. World Vision collaborated with National Institute of Nutrition to send invitation to all participants to join the dialogue. The main methodology was panel discussion with the adult combine with the presentation from the children

## ADVICE FOR OTHER CONVENORS

To have a successful nutrition dialogue at national level, we should involve different stakeholder from government agencies (MOH, National Institute of Nutrition, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development) and development actors (International Organization, iNGO, local NGO....)

# FEEDBACK FORM: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

1) World Vision Viet Nam 2) Viet Nam Ministry of Health 3) Viet Nam National Institute of Nutrition 4) Singer/Musician - Ta Quang Thang

## ATTACHMENTS

- **The panel discussion session discussed on nutritional status of Vietnamese children, especially in ethnic minority & mountainous areas**  
[https://nutritiondialogues.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Photo-3\\_ENOUGH-Viet-Nam-scaled.jpg](https://nutritiondialogues.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Photo-3_ENOUGH-Viet-Nam-scaled.jpg)
- **World Vision Viet Nam and National Institute of Nutrition (NIN) signing the MOU to implement ENOUGH campaign in 3 years from 2024 - 2026**  
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- **The Director of National Institute of Nutrition and World Vision Viet Nam director signing the pledging Commitment to End Malnutrition Among Children**  
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- **A communication corner of World Vision Viet Nam as an effort to reduce malnutrition among children**  
[https://nutritiondialogues.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/A\\_206207-scaled.jpg](https://nutritiondialogues.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/A_206207-scaled.jpg)
- **Group photo of key member for the dialogue**  
[https://nutritiondialogues.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/A\\_206812-Enhanced-NR-scaled.jpg](https://nutritiondialogues.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/A_206812-Enhanced-NR-scaled.jpg)