

OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM

DIALOGUE TITLE	The Kingdom of God and Hunger: Realizing God's Vision of Justice and Social Compassion
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- Synthesised into reports that cover which nutrition challenges are faced, what actions are urgently needed and how should these be taken forward - particular, in advance of the Nutrition for Growth Summit in Paris, March 2025.

SECTION ONE: PARTICIPATION

TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

1

PARTICIPATION BY AGE RANGE

0	0-11	0	12-18	13	19-29
49	30-49	17	50-74	0	75+

PARTICIPATION BY GENDER

47	Female	32	Male	0	Other/Prefer not to say
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NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH STAKEHOLDER GROUP

0	Children, Youth Groups and Students	28	Civil Society Organisations (including consumer groups and environmental organisations)
0	Educators and Teachers	46	Faith Leaders/Faith Communities
0	Financial Institutions and Technical Partners	1	Food Producers (including farmers)
0	Healthcare Professionals	0	Indigenous Peoples
0	Information and Technology Providers	0	Large Business and Food Retailers
0	Marketing and Advertising Experts	3	National/Federal Government Officials and Representatives
0	News and Media (e.g. Journalists)	0	Parents and Caregivers
1	Science and Academia	0	Small/Medium Enterprises
0	Sub-National/Local Government Officials and Representatives	0	United Nations
0	Women's Groups	1	Other (please state)

OTHER STAKEHOLDER GROUPS

ADDITIONAL DETAIL ON PARTICIPANT DIVERSITY

This dialogue involved partners from various church denominations representing urban and rural areas with various professions. The majority of those present were Christian and Catholic faith leaders, but there were also government representatives from the Ministry of Religious Affairs and the National Food Agency. Social activists and educators were also present. The diversity of the participants gave richness to the discussion based on their respective experiences.

SECTION TWO: FRAMING AND DISCUSSION

FRAMING

This dialogue builds on shared concerns about the context of high rates of stunting and undernutrition, environmental imbalances caused by both a general lack of knowledge and awareness about the importance of responding to the need for sustainable nutrition. WVIDN has conducted Child-Lead Research that corroborates global figures on stunting and undernutrition that further raise local concerns about sustainable food security.

DISCUSSION

Sharing from Catholic community faith leader regarding the context of the area that is lack of access to food availability and high rates of malnourished and stunted children, impacted many children in the Posyandu have low birth weight. He mobilized community to initiate a home garden in order to fulfill the children's nutritional needs. This yard garden later developed into a nutrition and livestock garden. The results have resulted in a decrease in the number of malnourished and stunted children. They have developed a hydroponic garden now. The development of this faith community effort has even been beneficial for household economic strengthening through ASCA groups. Walking humble and focus for the best interest of children and families are the strong message he wanted to share through all the initiatives. Dialogue among the participants is about the limited land in urban area but interestingly, almost all had their own experiences of caring for the environment and impacting others. They also actively teach children to eat vegetables and implement zero waste. Theological frame is about the antithesis of the Kingdom of God. Hunger is a multi-dimensional reality that requires the participation of various parties (communiopati). At the same time it is also an opportunity. Hunger is a reality that gives us the opportunity to encounter God directly; especially for those who are hungry (distinguish hunger from the hungry). One person who is not hungry can be a sign of "May Your Will be done on earth as it is in heaven".

SECTION THREE: DIALOGUE OUTCOMES

CHALLENGES

How to manage assets to build sustainable nutrition systems that ensure no future hunger?

How to reduce stunting and malnutrition by involving parents, government and religious leaders in community empowerment efforts?

How to build nutrition security and sustainable nutrition in an urban context?

URGENT ACTIONS

Working with faith community is not as easy as it seen. The community have to see the result first before they decide to support and involve. During mutual corporation, community members are never complete especially men that used to be busy. But they never give up. Now many things grow, such as: (1) The men are involved with making hydroponics, the women are taking care of it. (2) Hydroponics is also practiced at the school, and the yield is shared with the teachers and students. (3) Hydroponics is also practiced at the Integrated Service Post (Posyandu) and the yields are used to fulfill children's nutrition. (4) In addition to fulfilling nutrition, the results are also for the family economy and then they are established ASCA groups.

AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

The different views are only related to the lack of knowledge regarding methods to develop in urban contexts.

OVERALL SUMMARY

The 'Faith Community Nutrition Dialogues,' aligning with global hunger and nutrition advocacy efforts. This partnership supports the ENOUGH campaign, offering faith communities a meaningful way to participate.

The event featured activities such as theological framing, prayer, worship, group discussions, and networking, where participants shared their experiences and challenges in addressing hunger and nutrition. A key initiative was led by Alexius Darman from the Melawi Sintang Area Program, who tackled child malnutrition and stunting by promoting home and nutrition gardens, which expanded into livestock farming and hydroponics, significantly improving nutrition and reducing malnutrition rates. These efforts also strengthened local economies through ASCA groups. Urban participants shared practices like home gardening, waste segregation, and composting, while religious leaders encouraged parents to model healthy diets and involve children in gardening. Group discussions highlighted challenges like raising awareness, encouraging participation, and addressing food security. The theological framing underscored the Kingdom of God and the ethical responsibility to combat hunger, emphasizing the crucial role of faith communities in fostering a just and compassionate world.

SECTION FOUR: PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT & METHOD

PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT

In ensuring the balance and inclusive approach, we were intentionally engaging in pre-event briefings with facilitators, managing expectations, and emphasizing the importance of transparency and respect for diverse perspectives, the dialogue finally reflected the principles of engagement while effectively managing competing interests. The principles of engagement that identified as important to manage such as Inclusivity and Participation, Transparency and Accountability, Respect for Diversity and Local Context, Collaboration and Partnership.

METHOD AND SETTING

We use the method of hearing - sharing - learning which consists of several sessions, including sharing, group discussion, prayer & worship, practical theological and ethical dialog, and networking. We partner with the Synod to share resources in the form of meeting halls and technical teams. We conduct activities in a hybrid manner to embrace various partners from different contexts of area in Indonesia.

ADVICE FOR OTHER CONVENORS

Be inclusive and relevant.

FEEDBACK FORM: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

RELEVANT LINKS

- **WoPAH and Nutrition Dialogue Report**
https://wvi365.sharepoint.com/:b:/r/sites/FaithDevelopment_WVI/Shared%20Documents/FnD%20dan%20HNC/WoPAH%20and%20Nutrition%20Dialogue%20Report.pdf?csf=1&web=1&e=KOnUu9