

# OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM

<b>DIALOGUE TITLE</b>	One Table, One World: Shaping the future of nutrition
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<b>CONVENED BY</b>	Edgar Onyango, National coordinator, SUN CSA Kenya Event announced on behalf of the Convenor by: Charlyne kirui. To provide professional expertise, technical support, and logistical assistance to ensure the nutrition dialogue is well-organized, inclusive and impactful. Feedback published on behalf of Convenor by: Charlyne Kirui. Providing technical support for nutrition discussions
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<b>GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE</b>	National Level
<b>AFFILIATIONS</b>	SUN CSA
<b>DIALOGUE EVENT PAGE</b>	<a href="https://nutritiondialogues.org/dialogue/55608/">https://nutritiondialogues.org/dialogue/55608/</a>



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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

25

## PARTICIPATION BY AGE RANGE

0	0-11	0	12-18	8	19-29
12	30-49	5	50-74	0	75+

## PARTICIPATION BY GENDER

11	Female	14	Male	0	Other/Prefer not to say
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## NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH STAKEHOLDER GROUP

0	Children, Youth Groups and Students	4	Civil Society Organisations (including consumer groups and environmental organisations)
2	Educators and Teachers	0	Faith Leaders/Faith Communities
1	Financial Institutions and Technical Partners	1	Food Producers (including farmers)
2	Healthcare Professionals	0	Indigenous Peoples
0	Information and Technology Providers	0	Large Business and Food Retailers
1	Marketing and Advertising Experts	2	National/Federal Government Officials and Representatives
1	News and Media (e.g. Journalists)	2	Parents and Caregivers
1	Science and Academia	1	Small/Medium Enterprises
2	Sub-National/Local Government Officials and Representatives	0	United Nations
2	Women's Groups	3	Other (please state)

## OTHER STAKEHOLDER GROUPS

N/A

## ADDITIONAL DETAIL ON PARTICIPANT DIVERSITY

The event was diverse, engaging participants from various regions, sectors, and disciplines. It included representatives from government, academia, civil society, and the private sector, ensuring a multi-stakeholder approach. Discussions incorporated perspectives from urban and rural communities, addressing unique challenges faced by marginalized groups. This diversity enriched the discussions, ensuring solutions were equitable, inclusive, and reflective of the nation's varied realities.

# SECTION TWO: FRAMING AND DISCUSSION

## FRAMING

The Stakeholder Dialogue event was framed by addressing the pressing nutrition challenges within the national context, including the impacts of climate change, regional conflict, and persistent poverty on food security and malnutrition. The introduction highlighted specific local anxieties, such as the seasonal scarcity of nutritious food, pollution affecting food systems, and widespread micronutrient deficiencies. By presenting data on these issues, the dialogue emphasized the importance of multi-sector collaboration to mitigate malnutrition risks. The framing also acknowledged the diverse cultural and geographical realities, ensuring inclusivity and contextual relevance to the discussions.

## DISCUSSION

The discussion focused on exploring sustainable strategies to address malnutrition, enhance food security, and improve dietary diversity. Open-ended questions included: "What are the key barriers to accessing nutritious food in your region?", "How can multi-sector partnerships drive solutions to local nutrition challenges?", and "What innovative approaches can promote sustainable nutrition practices in vulnerable communities?" These questions encouraged participants to share insights, experiences, and actionable recommendations to address systemic issues effectively.

# SECTION THREE: DIALOGUE OUTCOMES

## CHALLENGES

The participants in the dialogue faced numerous nutrition challenges, reflecting the complexity of food systems in diverse contexts. Key issues included limited access to affordable, nutritious food due to economic constraints and systemic inequalities. Seasonal food scarcity, exacerbated by climate change, was highlighted as a critical barrier, especially in rural areas. Micronutrient deficiencies, such as iron and vitamin A, were prevalent, affecting children and women disproportionately. Additionally, the rise of ultra-processed foods and unhealthy dietary habits contributed to the double burden of malnutrition, with co-existing undernutrition and obesity. Participants also noted inadequate nutrition education, poor healthcare infrastructure, and insufficient governmental support for nutrition-sensitive programs as significant obstacles. These challenges underscore the need for holistic, community-driven, and multi-sectoral strategies to achieve sustainable nutrition outcomes.

## URGENT ACTIONS

Participants identified several urgent actions to address nutrition challenges. First, improving access to affordable and diverse nutritious foods was emphasized, with proposals for strengthening local food systems and subsidizing healthy foods for vulnerable populations. Education campaigns were recommended to raise awareness about balanced diets, targeting schools, communities, and workplaces.

Second, participants called for enhanced investment in nutrition-sensitive agriculture, such as promoting climate-resilient crops and local production to mitigate seasonal shortages. They also stressed the importance of reducing food waste and improving supply chain efficiency.

Third, addressing micronutrient deficiencies through fortification programs and supplementation was prioritized, alongside expanding healthcare access to ensure regular monitoring and support for at-risk groups. Advocacy for increased government funding and multi-sector collaboration was suggested to scale these efforts.

To take these actions forward, participants proposed forming task forces comprising government, civil society, private sector, and local leaders to coordinate implementation. Strengthening policy frameworks and securing long-term financial commitments were also recommended to ensure sustainability.

## AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

Participants expressed a range of views, reflecting the diverse backgrounds and experiences represented in the dialogue. While there was consensus on the urgency of addressing malnutrition, opinions diverged on the most effective strategies. Some participants prioritized improving food accessibility through subsidies and local markets, while others emphasized the need for education and behavior change to encourage healthier eating habits.

Differences also arose regarding the role of the private sector. While some advocated for partnerships with businesses to enhance food fortification and distribution, others raised concerns about potential conflicts of interest and the promotion of ultra-processed foods. Similarly, views on the use of genetically modified crops varied, with some seeing them as a solution to food scarcity, while others raised environmental and health concerns.

There were also differing opinions on resource allocation. Urban participants tended to focus on obesity and unhealthy diets, while rural representatives emphasized undernutrition and seasonal food insecurity. These varied perspectives highlighted the need for tailored, context-specific interventions.

Despite these divergences, participants agreed on the importance of multi-sector collaboration and inclusive policymaking to address nutrition challenges comprehensively. The dialogue fostered constructive debate, ultimately leading to a shared commitment to work toward equitable and sustainable solutions.

## OVERALL SUMMARY

The national nutrition dialogue brought together a diverse group of stakeholders, fostering rich discussions around pressing nutrition challenges and actionable solutions. Participants included representatives from government, civil society, academia, private sector, and local communities, creating an inclusive platform for sharing insights and expertise. The event was framed within the context of persistent malnutrition, the impacts of climate change, food insecurity, and socioeconomic inequalities, ensuring discussions were grounded in the realities faced by various populations.

Discussions revolved around key themes, including improving access to affordable nutritious foods, addressing micronutrient deficiencies, promoting sustainable food systems, and integrating nutrition-sensitive approaches into agriculture, education, and healthcare. Open-ended questions encouraged participants to share innovative solutions, such as promoting climate-resilient crops, scaling food fortification programs, and advocating for increased government funding for nutrition initiatives. Education and awareness campaigns were widely proposed as crucial for shifting behaviors and fostering healthier diets.

The dialogue revealed both common ground and divergences in opinions. There was strong agreement on the urgency of addressing malnutrition and the need for multi-sector collaboration. However, differences arose on strategies like the role of the private sector, the use of genetically modified crops, and prioritizing resources for urban versus rural areas. These divergences highlighted the complexity of addressing nutrition challenges but also demonstrated the value of inclusive dialogue in fostering understanding and consensus.

From an experiential perspective, the event felt dynamic and collaborative, with participants deeply engaged in finding equitable and sustainable solutions. The atmosphere was marked by a sense of urgency but also optimism, as diverse voices were heard and respected. Breakout sessions facilitated deeper exploration of specific topics, allowing for meaningful exchanges and actionable recommendations.

The dialogue concluded with a collective commitment to advancing nutrition priorities through coordinated action. Participants emphasized the importance of accountability, continuous monitoring, and inclusive policymaking to ensure progress. The event underscored the need for context-specific solutions that address the unique challenges of different populations while leveraging shared resources and knowledge. Overall, the dialogue was a significant step toward strengthening national efforts to achieve nutrition goals and contribute meaningfully to the global Nutrition for Growth agenda in 2025.

# SECTION FOUR: PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT & METHOD

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## PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT

The dialogue adhered to the principles of engagement by fostering inclusivity, transparency, and collaboration. Efforts were made to ensure diverse representation from government, civil society, private sector, and local communities, reflecting a wide range of perspectives. Prior to the event, facilitators were briefed on the participant list and potential areas of competing interests to promote balanced discussions and mitigate conflicts. This included identifying topics such as the role of private sector involvement and the prioritization of resources for urban versus rural challenges. Participants were encouraged to disclose any financial or organizational affiliations that could influence their positions, ensuring transparency throughout the dialogue. Facilitators actively managed discussions to maintain neutrality, allowing for constructive debate while preventing dominance by any single interest group.

## METHOD AND SETTING

The dialogue was convened using an informal conversational methodology, focusing on direct engagement, real-time problem solving, and personalized interaction. Key aspects included flexibility and adaptability, allowing for dynamic adjustments based on user requests. The setting was a conference room at Heron Hotel, providing a quiet and professional atmosphere, conducive to focused discussions and collaborative brainstorming.

## ADVICE FOR OTHER CONVENORS

For successful dialogue events, prioritize inclusivity by inviting diverse stakeholders from various sectors and communities. Thoroughly plan the agenda, ensuring a balance of plenary and breakout sessions to promote meaningful engagement. Brief facilitators in advance to manage discussions effectively and address potential competing interests. Choose a comfortable, accessible venue that fosters collaboration, and provide clear objectives to guide the dialogue.

# FEEDBACK FORM: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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