

OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM

DIALOGUE TITLE	Nutritional Dialogue on most urgent and powerful ways to improve nutrition for all and World Vision Tanzania Enough Campaign contribution
DIALOGUE DATE	Wednesday, 16 October 2024 14:00 GMT +03:00
CONVENED BY	Stanford Kaserwa, REACTS-IN Project Manager, World Vision
EVENT LANGUAGE	ENGLISH
HOST LOCATION	Dodoma, Tanzania
GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE	National level
AFFILIATIONS	World Vision Tanzania, REACTS - IN project
DIALOGUE EVENT PAGE	https://nutritiondialogues.org/dialogue/56078/

The outcomes from Nutrition Dialogues will contribute to developing and identifying the most urgent and powerful ways to improve nutrition for all, with a focus on women and children and young people. Each Dialogue contributes in four distinct ways:

- Published as publicly available PDFs on the Nutrition Dialogues Portal
- Available as public data on the Nutrition Dialogues Portal "Explore Feedback" page
- Available publicly within a .xls file alongside all Feedback Form data for advanced analysis
- 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

23

PARTICIPATION BY AGE RANGE

0	0-11	0	12-18	23	19-29
1	30-49	0	50-74	0	75+

PARTICIPATION BY GENDER

13	Female	10	Male	0	Other/Prefer not to say
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NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH STAKEHOLDER GROUP

0	Children, Youth Groups and Students	1	Civil Society Organisations (including consumer groups and environmental organisations)
0	Educators and Teachers	0	Faith Leaders/Faith Communities
1	Financial Institutions and Technical Partners	0	Food Producers (including farmers)
1	Healthcare Professionals	0	Indigenous Peoples
0	Information and Technology Providers	1	Large Business and Food Retailers
0	Marketing and Advertising Experts	6	National/Federal Government Officials and Representatives
1	News and Media (e.g. Journalists)	0	Parents and Caregivers
1	Science and Academia	0	Small/Medium Enterprises
4	Sub-National/Local Government Officials and Representatives	0	United Nations
0	Women's Groups	7	Other (please state)

OTHER STAKEHOLDER GROUPS

Non Governmental organization - World Vision Tanzania Staff

ADDITIONAL DETAIL ON PARTICIPANT DIVERSITY

The Event included diverse groups of people, Government officials, technical specialists, community development both at sub national and National levels.

SECTION TWO: FRAMING AND DISCUSSION

FRAMING

The curator with the plenum discussed on the Nutrition status especially existing challenges in the REACTS - IN project area i.e., Simiyu Region, whereby it was stressed on the importance of Nutrition Data to inform major way fowards towards ending all forms of Malnutrition and how the project would be of paramount importance to set the basement of National interventions by generating evidence based data. Apart from the plenum going through the Project's Goals, theory of change and interventions, the discussions were structured around the existing challenges affecting Nutrition in Simiyu region in Tanzania. These factors set the platform for all the discussions around improving Nutrition within the Project area and Tanzania in General. The Project successes and evidence generated would form as learning place for the whole country and ensure cascading of the best practices and fast cost effective ways to improve nutrition and end all forms of malnutrition.

DISCUSSION

1. What are the major challenges in Nutrition in Simiyu region 2. What are the underlying causes that the project seeks to adress 3. What interventions are the most urgent and powerful ways to improve nutrition 4. How can WV Enough Campaign and REACTS-IN project contribute towards ending Malnutrition

SECTION THREE: DIALOGUE OUTCOMES

CHALLENGES

Major challenges mentioned to set the discussions on included:

- i. Inadequate facilities and equipments for provision of essential nutrition services.
- ii. Lack of expertise with enough knowledge on essential Nutrition
- iii. Delay in Submitting Data and Poor Quality of Data
- iv. Dependence on Survey data & poor routine monitoring
- v. The use outdated Technology

URGENT ACTIONS

- Nutrition intervention to focus more on prevention of severe wasting & nutrition oedema: Emphasis was stressed on ensuring all interventions are very cost effective and target prevention more than Management of Malnutrition. Emphasis and support should be directed towards surveillance, screening and community sensitization on consumption of locally available nutritious foods.
- Regions & Councils to conduct routine assesment of nutrition status rather than depending on 4 year gaps surveys: Enhanced routine monitoring will ensure tackling Malnutrition instantly and hence ensure better results with surveys. It also helps us with evidence based decision making instantly and ending Malnutrition early. All stakeholders including WV should assist with availability of equipments and technical support in their catchment areas.
- Support National efforts towards consumption of biofortified and fortified foods. The district councils to come up with CMV (Complex of Minerals & Vitamins) needs per their area and work together with the partners World Vision but espeially Harvest Plus and Sanku to emphasize the community in the consumption of fortified foods and crops.
- Need to scale up PDHearth in project areas and the Government to include PDHearth in National guidelines, Plans & Agendas: WV has done well with PDHearth model its time for scale up of this evidence based community management of severe wasting & nutrition oedema.
- spots implementations of interventions needs to stop: All Nutrtrion interventions should rather target a small geographical area in totality than spreading out and cover small areas (spots)

AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

Views and opinions did diverge mostly on the resources direction towards suggested initiatives with most resource dependent on the partners and stakeholders however the agreement is resources will never be enough so upon availability it's of paramount importance to target highly effective interventions and ensure are well allocated.

OVERALL SUMMARY

Overall, ahead of the N4G summit and all platforms aimed at accelerating improvement of Nutrition globally, The plenum emphasizes on focusing to improve the quality, reliability and effective utilization of Nutrition Data to inform our decisions. Quality Data requires strengthening of Health and Nutrition systems especially in low income and middle income countries where resources are scarce. For this we need to unite governments, non governmental organisations and all other stake holders and ensure effective allocation of resources.

With the limited resources and the greatest gaps still existing focus should be directed to low - and cost- effective interventions that targets prevention more than management of Malnutrition. Community engagement with interventions such as care groups, other peer networks, and village-level activities such as cooking demonstrations and health days, awareness campaigns on fortification, biofortified crops, and climate-smart agricultural practices are all scalable low cost interventions that when done well may result to significant changes in the community.

Dialogues such as these are very crucial to advocate to the government, policy makers and major decision makers to ensure prioritization of nutrition in all sectors.

SECTION FOUR: PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT & METHOD

PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT

The dialogue was planned earlier and information shared with the participants that a side dialogue event will be carried out after discussions of the project. The curator was identified and requested to be the curator after being appraised of the task ahead. We had the note taker selected for record keeping. Together with the curator and the chairperson of the meeting, a range of diverse participants were selected prior to invitations and agendas shared. During and prior the meeting all privacy protocols were followed as per guidance.

METHOD AND SETTING

The setting of the dialogue was a formal meeting in a predefined conference room. Discussions were introduced by the convenor and facilitated by the curator in a mutual way allowing and respecting each others ideas. Discussions followed the run of the show guidance.

ADVICE FOR OTHER CONVENORS

Sometimes its improtant to have the plenum focusing back on the key tasks if you notice the discussion drifting away especially if the dialogue has been conducted as part of another related event.

FEEDBACK FORM: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS