

OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM

DIALOGUE TITLE	Empowering Community Nutrition with Faith Leaders and Female Farmers
DIALOGUE DATE	Monday, 4 November 2024 09:00 GMT +03:00
CONVENED BY	Maryan Musse - Project Coordinator REACTS-IN Project, Event announced on behalf of the Convenor by: Ahmed Omar. My role was to introduce the Nutrition Dialogue to the team. I have also oriented them with the important documents for the exercise. Feedback published on behalf of Convenor by: Ahmed Omar. As the National Office's Advocacy Lead, I had oriented the team about the dialogue and introduced the key guiding documents for them to understand and conduct the dialogue.
EVENT LANGUAGE	Somali
HOST LOCATION	Baidoa, Somalia
GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE	Baidoa, capital of the Southwest State of Somalia
AFFILIATIONS	It was part of the National Nutrition Dialogues led by the Advocacy department who also lead our Enough Campaign
DIALOGUE EVENT PAGE	https://nutritiondialogues.org/dialogue/57280/



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

1

PARTICIPATION BY AGE RANGE

0	0-11	0	12-18	5	19-29
10	30-49	15	50-74	0	75+

PARTICIPATION BY GENDER

0	Female	1	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	20	Faith Leaders/Faith Communities
0	Financial Institutions and Technical Partners	10	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	0	National/Federal Government Officials and Representatives
0	News and Media (e.g. Journalists)	0	Parents and Caregivers
0	Science and Academia	0	Small/Medium Enterprises
0	Sub-National/Local Government Officials and Representatives	0	United Nations
0	Women's Groups	0	Other (please state)

OTHER STAKEHOLDER GROUPS

ADDITIONAL DETAIL ON PARTICIPANT DIVERSITY

SECTION TWO: FRAMING AND DISCUSSION

FRAMING

The Stakeholder Dialogue event was framed with an introductory presentation that provided an overview of key nutrition terms and the local context. We highlighted the significant impact of climate change, conflict, and poverty on the community's nutrition status. Participants were informed about the prevalent nutrition challenges, including widespread malnutrition.

DISCUSSION

This discussion focused on improving community-based nutrition interventions. The open-ended questions explored key aspects of this topic, including but not limited to: 1. What are the main barriers of effective nutrition programs at the community level? 2. How can faith leaders and farmers be engaged in promoting better nutrition practices within their communities? 3. What role do faith leaders and farmers play in supporting nutrition interventions? 4. How can we ensure that nutrition programs are inclusive and address the needs of all community members? 5. What strategies can be used to improve the availability and accessibility of nutritious food?

SECTION THREE: DIALOGUE OUTCOMES

CHALLENGES

Inadequate Knowledge of Nutrition and Feeding Practices: Limited awareness about proper nutrition and feeding practices for mothers and children. Lack of Access to Nutritious Food: Difficulty in accessing affordable, diverse, and nutrient-rich food in the markets. Frequent Disease Outbreaks: Regular occurrences of diseases, such as cholera and diarrhea, which worsen nutritional status, especially in children recovering from malnutrition.

URGENT ACTIONS

- 1: Implement educational programs and workshops in the IDPs to teach mothers about proper child feeding practices, including the benefits of breastfeeding and essential nutrition.
- 2: Establish and expand feeding programs focused on children, especially those who are sick or recovering from malnutrition, to ensure proper nutrition and support their recovery.
- 3: Support local food production through expanded kitchen gardening services to increase the availability of affordable, healthy foods in markets and assist families in need.

AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

There were no significant differences in views among the participants.

OVERALL SUMMARY

The community identified five main nutrition challenges: inadequate knowledge of nutrition and feeding Practices in the IDPs communities, lack of access to nutritious food, frequent disease outbreaks, poor water and sanitation, and high rates of malnutrition among children.

To address these, the community suggests urgent actions, including increasing nutrition education, improving access to nutritious food, strengthening healthcare services and disease prevention, and improving water and sanitation infrastructure.

SECTION FOUR: PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT & METHOD

PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT

During Stakeholders Nutrition Dialogue, key engagement principles were followed to keep conversations open, respectful, and fair. These principles helped manage disagreements and ensured productive discussions. One of the dialogue's strengths was having participants from different areas, such as faith leaders and farmers. This variety made sure that no single voice dominated.

METHOD AND SETTING

we used an inclusive and participatory approach to promote active engagement and collaboration among diverse stakeholders. The event featured presentations that encouraged open discussion and sharing of ideas. Seating was arranged to create a cooperative environment and maximize interaction among participants. This setup allowed everyone to feel included and contributed to productive and meaningful conversations.

ADVICE FOR OTHER CONVENORS

1. involving a variety of stakeholders is essential for meaningful discussions. Including groups such as faith leaders, farmers and individuals directly affected by nutrition challenges ensures a broad range of perspectives. Encourage participants to openly share their experiences and viewpoints to enrich the dialogue. Facilitating conversations with open-ended questions helps create an inclusive atmosphere where everyone can contribute. Additionally, using factual and reliable information to gu

FEEDBACK FORM: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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