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CONVENED BY	Convenor: Office of Deputy Director General for Health, State Dept of Public Health Professional Standards, Ministry of Health (Kenya) ; Co-convenors: Edgar Okoth (SUN CSA Kenya) ; From GAIN Kenya -- Siamola Murundo, Shiela Ohiambo, Ruth Okowa Event announced on behalf of the Convenor by: Siamola Murundo (Sr. Associate, Policy & Advocacy, GAIN Kenya). Technical planning and leadership support Feedback published on behalf of Convenor by: Siamola Murundo (Sr. Associate, Policy & Advocacy, GAIN Kenya). Co-convenor supporting the technical planning and implementation
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AFFILIATIONS	GAIN and partners` global nutrition dialogues in the run up to N4G Summit 2025
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SECTION ONE: PARTICIPATION

TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

17

PARTICIPATION BY AGE RANGE

0	0-11	0	12-18	2	19-29
15	30-49	0	50-74	0	75+

PARTICIPATION BY GENDER

8	Female	9	Male	0	Other/Prefer not to say
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NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH STAKEHOLDER GROUP

0	Children, Youth Groups and Students	12	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)
0	Healthcare Professionals	0	Indigenous Peoples
0	Information and Technology Providers	0	Large Business and Food Retailers
0	Marketing and Advertising Experts	4	National/Federal Government Officials and Representatives
1	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

NA

ADDITIONAL DETAIL ON PARTICIPANT DIVERSITY

The roundtable dialogue ensured participation of senior representatives from leading research organizations, government representatives, development sector, civil society partners and media as well, reflecting the diversity of reach for the dialogue. The diversity also emerged with the thematic areas addressed during the discussion i.e. encompassing nutrition, climate change, primary healthcare, multi sectoral coordination, Universal Health Coverage for all in Kenya.

SECTION TWO: FRAMING AND DISCUSSION

FRAMING

Ahead of the 2025 Nutrition for Growth (N4G) Summit in Paris, GAIN with partners from the public and private sector and development sector partners plays a key role in supporting global, country planning and raising awareness for government and private sectors to engage in the summit. Kenya had made its commitments to the N4G summit in 2021, which helped drive discussions on increasing investments in nutrition and implementing nutrition interventions in the country. For the 2025 N4G summit GAIN is one of the leading organizations, playing a major role in ensuring national and global-level engagements, as co-convenor. The leading engagement of SUN movement in this process provided an opportunity for GAIN to have a conversation with other stakeholders to carry forward this initiative. This involved some level of co-planning and merging of cohesive interest areas of the varied partners while preparing for this specific event. The preparation also started from our engagement in the East, Central & S.Africa Health Community 73rd Health Ministers Conference (July 2024, Tanzania) where we mobilized stakeholder's actions towards N4G. Thereafter we held preparation meetings with the government and held the 1st consultative meeting on October 2024, in partnership with SUN CSA, GAIN, and supported by development partners to raise awareness on N4G and develop an engagement roadmap. The 2nd meeting convened by Ministry of Health (MoH) focused on creating strategies to integrate nutrition into public health programs and planning for Kenya's participation in the N4G summit. Stakeholders were briefed on the N4G and opportunities for engagement. Stakeholders proposed that MoH lead the Kenya delegation and oversee consultations for the country's N4G commitments. The SUN movement will assist in planning and facilitating consultations on nutrition ahead of the summit in March 2025. Stakeholders were encouraged to hold dialogues and create awareness on N4G commitments.

DISCUSSION

The stakeholders were taken through Key Focus Areas for the Ministry of Health, highlighting the following as critical agenda of the meeting : 1. Enhancing resilient nutrition discussions 2. Stakeholder engagements and collaborations and 3. Nutrition for Growth Summit and Universal Health Coverage (UHC)

SECTION THREE: DIALOGUE OUTCOMES

CHALLENGES

1. Inadequate resources to support nutrition initiatives especially advocacy and communication on N4G Commitments.
2. Siloed implementation of programs among diverse partners.

URGENT ACTIONS

1. Multi sectoral Communication & Advocacy Taskforce on Health & Nutrition : Development of a comprehensive communication package for integrating the N4G Roadmap.
2. Resource Mobilization: Integrate a comprehensive budget that's inclusive of commitment development during and post N4G Summit and learning meetings.
3. Public Health Initiatives : Stakeholders proposed to have a public health learning forum to showcase evidence-based progress on health and nutrition, across all levels.
4. Consultative meeting : Conducting a Consultative meeting to initiate Kenya's 2025 N4G commitment development progress, to present the stakeholders findings on the recommendations.

AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

The stakeholders shared a common perspective during the discussions and reached a consensus on the actions moving forward. The participants were largely in agreement with the challenges discussed, the draft roadmap developed and the general way forward decided.

OVERALL SUMMARY

The second Nutrition for Growth (N4G) Kenya Country Consultation Meeting, held in Nairobi on November 5th, 2024, brought together a diverse group of stakeholders, ahead of the N4G Summit in Paris in 2025. The event was an important milestone in Kenya's commitment to addressing malnutrition and healthcare challenges, providing a platform for key partners across all sectors, to discuss strategies, share insights, and align on actions for the upcoming N4G summit.

As the co-convenor, it was clear that the overall atmosphere was collaborative and purpose-driven, with a collective sense of responsibility and accountability to ensure that Kenya's participation in the N4G Summit would reflect the country's commitment to advancing Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and priority nutrition outcomes. The stakeholders, including representatives from the Ministry of Health (MoH), SUN CSA, HENNET, researchers, civil society organizations, and key development partners, engaged in thoughtful discussions about mainstreaming nutrition into health programs, fostering multi-stakeholder collaborations, and strengthening resource mobilization efforts.

The event underscored the need for coordinated action, particularly for overcoming challenges, like siloed efforts, need for seamless integration of food systems initiatives, and the improved optimization of resource utilization. It was heartening to see a strong consensus emerge especially around the importance of strengthen multi sectoral stakeholder engagement to facilitate ongoing dialogue and enhance advocacy efforts. The discussions on improving Kenya's health systems and nutrition interventions, particularly in the context of the key pillars of UHC, were constructive and forward-looking.

A key outcome of the meeting was the development of a draft roadmap for Kenya's engagement in the N4G Summit in 2025, with an emphasis being laid on capacity building, communication & advocacy, community dialogue, resource mobilization, and government-led consultations. The proposal for the Ministry of Health to lead the Kenya Country delegation and coordinate the development of the country's commitments was widely supported, with the SUN movement playing a crucial role in facilitating consultations and ensuring alignment among the diverse set of stakeholders.

From the convenor's perspective, the event was a success, especially in fostering a shared vision among stakeholders and for laying the groundwork for continued collaboration. The commitment to improving nutrition and health outcomes for Kenyans through the N4G process is stronger than ever, and the path forward is one of collective effort, shared responsibility, and sustained action to achieve better health for all Kenyans.

SECTION FOUR: PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT & METHOD

PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT

GAIN is one of the leading organizations for this roundtable discussion, playing a major role in ensuring national and global-level engagement, as co-convenor. The leading engagement of SUN movement in this process provided an opportunity for GAIN to have a conversation with other stakeholders and carry forward this initiative. This involved some level of co-planning and merging of cohesive interest areas of the varied partners while preparing for this specific event. Planning of this dialogue was participatory and it was informed from the previous meetings with key stakeholders from the govt and other key partners. Its preparations was inclusive as it involved participation of both state and non-state actors. The government led in planning and convening the meeting where partners were also given an opportunity to showcase their project implementation progress and preparation to participate in N4G.

METHOD AND SETTING

The meeting was convened in a formal arrangement at a hotel in a conference room-setting, with organized roundtable discussions being facilitated. There was a plenary discussion on the thematic areas identified, followed by presentations and group discussions thereafter.

ADVICE FOR OTHER CONVENORS

1. Early mobilization of stakeholders is key to ensure broad representation and diverse perspectives in the dialogue. 2. The government's role, especially MoH is key in coordinating efforts and ensuring effective management of the country's commitments to N4G, fostering collaboration and strengthening implementation that are inclusive of relevant actors i.e private sector, PWDs and communities. 3. Co-plan and develop a clear and inclusive Commitment, Development and Engagement roadmap.

FEEDBACK FORM: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Ministry of Health (MoH), State Dept of Public Health & Professional Standards; Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition; Scaling Up Nutrition Civil Society Alliance-Kenya; Voluntary Service Overseas; Health NGOs Network (HENNET); Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI); Talk Africa; Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung (DSW); Feed The Future; World Vision; Action Against Hunger, Other CSOs

ATTACHMENTS

- **Kenya Stakeholder Dialogue_Group Photo 2**
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- **2nd National consultation_ GAIN SUN CSA MoH**
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