

OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM

DIALOGUE TITLE	Community and local government authorities
DIALOGUE DATE	Monday, 30 December 2024 13:15 GMT +02:00
CONVENED BY	Moruti Pitso Event announced on behalf of the Convenor by: moruti Pitso. Enough Campaign lead
EVENT LANGUAGE	English
HOST LOCATION	Maseru, Lesotho
GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE	community level
AFFILIATIONS	District level government ministries: Health, Education, Social development and Agriculture
DIALOGUE EVENT PAGE	https://nutritiondialogues.org/dialogue/58166/



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

37

PARTICIPATION BY AGE RANGE

0	0-11	2	12-18	0	19-29
33	30-49	2	50-74	0	75+

PARTICIPATION BY GENDER

25	Female	12	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
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	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

N/A

ADDITIONAL DETAIL ON PARTICIPANT DIVERSITY

The dialogue had a mix of different people in terms of age group and gender. All respondents were black as Lesotho is dominated by black people. There were different age groups including the age group for youth and children. The respondents were from various sectors of services including local council representatives, chiefs, counsellors, teachers and youth

SECTION TWO: FRAMING AND DISCUSSION

FRAMING

The dialogue started by greeting all respondents and introduction was made, the facilitator then explained the purpose of the dialogue and that the results of the will be used to inform either planning, policy and even resource mobilisation. The facilitator then assures respondents that they are free to give their views and opinions. Different questions were posed before the respondents and discussion started flowing smoothly. The discussion took 20 minutes in total and all respondents were free to give opinions

DISCUSSION

The respondents raised issues such as uncontrolled climate change which impact negatively on food production thus leading to food insecurity and malnutrition among children. In addition, lack of employment put communities and families to vulnerability. They also mentioned that some communities and members lack necessary information and knowledge regarding good nutrition for pregnant women, lactating women as well as children thus putting them at risk of developing malnutrition coupled with food insecurity and hunger. They also mentioned agricultural input to assist with food productions they mentioned lack of seeds, fertilizers etc which are most not available when they are needed Respondents also mentioned lack of political will towards food security and good nutrition, delay in government to procure seeds and manure, lack of agricultural expertise within communities to assist and provide communities with agricultural knowledge

SECTION THREE: DIALOGUE OUTCOMES

CHALLENGES

1. Uncontrollable climate change
2. Lack of resources (agricultural inputs)
3. Lack of expertise in agriculture and food production
4. Lack of knowledge
5. Some communities are far from resources

URGENT ACTIONS

1. Need for capacity building for farmers, families, households
2. Subsidy on agricultural inputs
3. Timely procurement of agricultural inputs by the government
4. Establishment of farmers groups, Nutrition Clubs so that they work together to assist each other

AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

We have been promoting involving of men in nutrition clubs to participate in nutrition interventions that improves the nutritional status of families and households, to increase knowledge on nutrition among a diverse range of community members including people living with disabilities, youth, and other marginalised groups.

OVERALL SUMMARY

The dialogue was a success because different stakeholders were able to share their experiences and views in regard to food insecurity and malnutrition in the country. They were also sharing different actions to be considered to fight hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition

SECTION FOUR: PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT & METHOD

PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT

All respondents were asked to sit in a circle so that they can see each other and the facilitator, this also improves rapport and no one should feel inferior during the discussion.

METHOD AND SETTING

Open-ended questions were asked to guide the discussion and each respondent gave their views. Audio recording of the discussion was done with verbal consent from the respondents. The discussion was held in a community where everyone was free. During the discussion, probing was used to encourage respondents to explain more.

ADVICE FOR OTHER CONVENORS

During group discussion, it is important that we ensure that one person does not lead the whole conversation. Facilitators should create a space for everybody to express their opinions and views. For an in-depth discussion, convenors need to allocate enough time but ensure that the respondents do not derail from the subject being discussed.

FEEDBACK FORM: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS