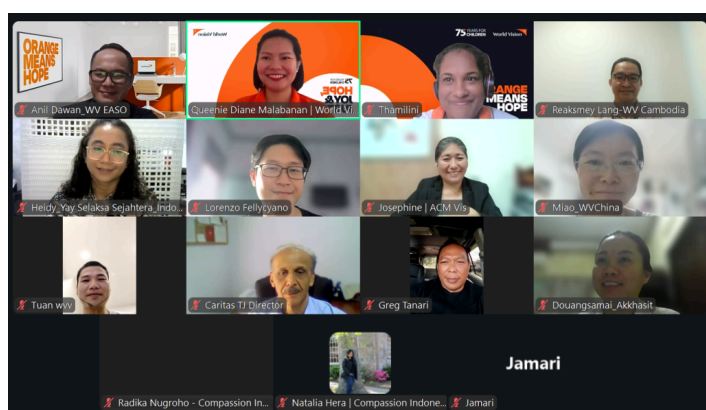


OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM

DIALOGUE TITLE	Faith in Action for Child Nutrition: A Nutrition Dialogue with Faith Actors in Asia
DIALOGUE DATE	Wednesday, 27 August 2025 10:00 GMT +07:00
CONVENED BY	World Vision East Asia Regional Office
EVENT LANGUAGE	English
HOST LOCATION	Bangkok, Thailand
GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE	Regional - Asia
DIALOGUE EVENT PAGE	https://nutritiondialogues.org/dialogue/59341/



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	14
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PARTICIPATION BY AGE RANGE

0	0-11	0	12-18	4	19-29
5	30-49	5	50-74	0	75+

PARTICIPATION BY GENDER

8	Female	6	Male	0	Other/Prefer not to say
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NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH STAKEHOLDER GROUP

0	Children, Youth Groups and Students	6	Civil Society Organisations (including consumer groups and environmental organisations)
0	Educators and Teachers	8	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

ADDITIONAL DETAIL ON PARTICIPANT DIVERSITY

The Nutrition Dialogue organized by World Vision East Asia brought together about 15 participants from faith actors such as World Vision offices, Caritas Asia, Compassion Indonesia, Asian Center for Missions, Yayasan Selaksa Sejahtera (YASERA), etc. Note: Organizers did not collect data on the ages of participants. The age range figures are only estimates.

SECTION TWO: FRAMING AND DISCUSSION

FRAMING

Introduction and Background of World Vision's ENOUGH Campaign: Queenie Diane Malabanan, Regional Policy and Advocacy Advisor of World Vision East Asia, opened the session by welcoming participants and outlining the objectives of the dialogue. She also introduced the Enough Campaign, World Vision's a global initiative to end child hunger and malnutrition through systemic change, policy advocacy, and community engagement. Nutrition Challenges in East Asia: Thamilini, Regional Health and Nutrition Advisor of World Vision East Asia, shared an overview of child nutrition challenges in the region. She highlighted the triple burden of malnutrition—undernutrition, overnutrition, and micronutrient deficiencies—affecting millions of children. She presented data showing high prevalence of stunting, wasting, and overweight among children in Asia and emphasized the urgent need for targeted interventions at individual, household, community, and policy levels. Role of Faith Actors: Anil Dawan, Regional Faith and Development Advisor of World Vision East Asia, addressed the role of faith actors in responding to nutrition challenges. He underscored the importance of theological reflections on nutrition, citing biblical references of compassion and justice. He also shared examples of church partnerships and faith-based initiatives across East Asia, including collaborations in Myanmar and Vietnam. In addition, Anil facilitated a group discussion on theological perspectives, where participants reflected on themes of justice, shalom, and the role of faith communities in improving child nutrition.

DISCUSSION

The dialogue featured rich contributions from participants through both live discussions and interactive Mentimeter activities. The participants answered the following questions: A. Grounding in Faith • What are your theological reflections on nutrition? Why should we be involved in addressing nutrition, hunger, and food security for people on Earth, especially children? B. Challenges • What are the most pressing child nutrition challenges your communities are facing? C. Opportunities and Actions • In what ways can faith leaders and faith-based organizations contribute more to improving nutrition? • What urgent actions or initiatives should be prioritized to address malnutrition in your context? D. Commitments and Collaboration • What concrete actions are your organizations already doing in support of child nutrition? • How can we strengthen collaboration among faith leaders across the region to support nutrition efforts?

SECTION THREE: DIALOGUE OUTCOMES

CHALLENGES

- Participants highlighted a triple burden of malnutrition in the region: undernutrition (stunting, wasting), overnutrition (obesity), and micronutrient deficiencies: alongside several underlying challenges
- Poor environmental hygiene and lack of access to clean water
- Low parental awareness and education on nutrition
- Food insecurity and poverty, especially in rural and disaster-prone areas
- Unhealthy dietary habits, including reliance on processed and fast food
- Climate change impacts affecting local food production
- Inequitable food distribution within households and communities

URGENT ACTIONS

- Participants proposed following priority actions:
- **Policy Change:** Advocate for national and local policies that support child nutrition, including school feeding programs and food regulation.
 - **Funding:** Mobilize resources from governments, donors, and faith communities to support nutrition interventions.
 - **Education and Awareness:** Training of parents, caregivers, and faith leaders on nutrition, hygiene, and childcare.
 - **Capacity Building:** Strengthening the ability of churches and faith-based organizations to implement effective nutrition initiatives.
 - **Cross-Sector Collaboration:** Build partnerships among faith actors, governments, NGOs, and communities.
 - **Community Mapping and Response Teams:** Identification of vulnerable population and coordination of targeted interventions.
 - **Climate-Smart Agriculture:** Promotion of sustainable farming practices to strengthen food security and resilience.
- These actions can be advanced through joint advocacy, contextualized resources, and shared learning platforms.

AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

- Convergence:
- Strong agreement on the role of faith leaders in raising awareness and mobilizing communities.
 - Shared theological conviction to address child hunger.
 - Common interest in partnering with World Vision and other organizations.
- Divergence:
- Varying levels of organizational capacity and prioritization of nutrition work.
 - Differences in local contexts (e.g., regulatory environments, cultural norms) affecting implementation.
 - Some organizations are ready to scale up, while others are just beginning to explore engagement.

OVERALL SUMMARY

The dialogue revealed a high level of commitment among faith actors to address child nutrition. key findings include:

- Strong theological foundation, rooted in compassion, justice, and holistic well-being.
- Practical understanding of community needs and barriers to nutrition.
- Willingness to collaborate and co-create solutions with World Vision and other stakeholders.
- Recognition of the need for systemic change alongside grassroots action.

The event successfully fostered a sense of shared purpose and opened pathways for future partnerships.

SECTION FOUR: PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT & METHOD

PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT

Presentations started with an evidence-based approach; showcasing available data on nutrition challenges in Asia. Facilitators used interactive ways of engaging participants and even provided the option of anonymous inputs for questions asked through Mentimeter. The discussions were focused on children's nutrition and meant to explore shared interests and potential partnership in line with the topic. There are no major competing interests highlighted in the dialogue.

METHOD AND SETTING

The dialogue is conducted virtually via Zoom to make it accessible for participants within the region. The organizers facilitated live group discussions and Mentimeter activities to get inputs from the participants.

ADVICE FOR OTHER CONVENORS

Engaging with faith actors for child nutrition advocacy is important due to their community reach and the alignment of this work with their theology.

FEEDBACK FORM: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS