

OFFICIAL FEEDBACK FORM

DIALOGUE TITLE	Nutrition Dialogue with Faith Leaders
DIALOGUE DATE	Monday, 4 August 2025 15:15 GMT +07:00
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EVENT LANGUAGE	Khmer
HOST LOCATION	Krong Kampong Chhnang, Cambodia
GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE	Chrey Bak commune
DIALOGUE EVENT PAGE	https://nutritiondialogues.org/dialogue/59347/



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- 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	72
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PARTICIPATION BY AGE RANGE

0	0-11	0	12-18	0	19-29
40	30-49	32	50-74	0	75+

PARTICIPATION BY GENDER

25	Female	47	Male	0	Other/Prefer not to say
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NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH STAKEHOLDER GROUP

0	Children, Youth Groups and Students	4	Civil Society Organisations (including consumer groups and environmental organisations)
2	Educators and Teachers	15	Faith Leaders/Faith Communities
0	Financial Institutions and Technical Partners	5	Food Producers (including farmers)
1	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)	12	Parents and Caregivers
0	Science and Academia	0	Small/Medium Enterprises
33	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

Cambodia conducted the 2021-2022 Cambodia Demographic and Health Survey (2021-22 CDHS) is the fifth survey and according to the CDHS indicated that 22% of children under age 5 are stunted, 10% are wasted, 16% are underweight, and 4% are overweight. 4% of women age 20-49 and 14% of young women age 15-19 are of short stature. The prevalence of overweight or obesity is 33% among women age 20-49 and 6% among women age 15-19. Kampong Chhnang is around 15% of children under age 5 are stunted.

DISCUSSION

What are the challenges in addressing child malnutrition in Kampong Chhnang, particularly in Chrey Bak and Rolea Bier communes? How do faith leaders contribute to solving these issues? What practices are adopted by community members to improve children's nutrition and food intake behaviours?

SECTION THREE: DIALOGUE OUTCOMES

CHALLENGES

- Limited knowledge on proper food and beverage consumption.
- Preference for purchasing food from unknown sources, often lacking nutritional value.
- Caregivers express concerns about unhealthy and overly sweetened foods and drinks.
- Inadequate food safety measures in schools.
- Excessive use of chemical fertilizers in food production.

URGENT ACTIONS

1. Enhance participants' understanding of nutritious food and dietary diversity.
2. Encourage faith leaders to actively promote nutrition awareness among citizens and faith communities.
3. Engage Commune Agriculture Officers (CAOs) in agricultural training and food safety promotion within the community

AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

OVERALL SUMMARY

The dialogue with faith leaders centered on addressing key findings from the child and youth research team. The two main objectives were:

- To share research findings on food security in the local community.
- To mobilize stakeholders—especially faith leaders—to improve food safety and promote nutritious diets in the commune.

A plenary discussion was held focusing on food security and safety in Chrey Bak and Rolea Bier Commune. Stakeholders, including Commune Councils, faith leaders, and youth, participated to raise public awareness. Key findings emphasized reducing reliance on unknown food sources, understanding fertilizer use, and promoting dietary diversity for children and families.

SECTION FOUR: PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT & METHOD

PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT

World Vision Cambodia developed reflection questions to assess food security in Chrey Bak and Rolea Bier communes. The youth research team prepared findings aimed at influencing local government and faith leaders. They conducted a preparatory session one day before the dialogue to ensure readiness.

METHOD AND SETTING

An interactive meeting was organized, empowering youth researchers to present their findings and encourage stakeholder contributions. The goal was to influence behavior change and advocate for increased investment in local government budgets for nutrition.

ADVICE FOR OTHER CONVENORS

To ensure a successful nutrition dialogue at the commune level, it is essential to involve a diverse group of stakeholders, including faith leaders, CAOs, agricultural cooperatives, children, and youth.

FEEDBACK FORM: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

- <https://nutritiondialogues.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/shared-image-2.jpg>
- <https://nutritiondialogues.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/shared-image-1.jpg>