

OFFICIAL FORM OF FEEDBACK

TITLE OF THE DIALOGUE	Let's talk about nutrition in the Villa Selene neighborhood
DATE OF THE DIALOGUE	Sunday, 29 December 2024 11:00 GMT -05:00
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EVENT LANGUAGE	Spanish
LOCATION OF THE HOST	Solitude, Colombia
GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE	Community level
AFFILIATIONS	World Vision
EVENT PAGE OF DIALOGUE	https://nutritiondialogues.org/es/dialogue/55524/



SECTION ONE: PARTICIPATION

TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

18

PARTICIPATION BY AGE RANGE

0 0-11

0 12-18

6 19-29

9 30-49

3 50-74

0 75+

PARTICIPATION BY GENDER

10 Female

8 Male

0 Other/Prefer not to say

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH STAKEHOLDER GROUP

0 Children, youth groups and students

0 Educators and Teachers

0 Financial institutions and technical partners

0 Health professionals

0 Information and technology providers

0 Marketing and advertising experts

0 News and Media (e.g. journalists)

0 Science and Academia

0 Government officials and representatives
local/subnational

0 Women's groups

1 Civil society organizations (including groups
of consumers and environmental organizations)

18 Religious leaders/Religious communities

0 Food producers (including farmers)

0 Indigenous peoples

0 Large food companies and retailers

0 Government officials and representatives
national/federal

0 Parents and Caregivers

0 Small/Medium Enterprises

0 United Nations

0 Other (please specify)

OTHER STAKEHOLDER GROUPS

ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON THE DIVERSITY OF PARTICIPANTS

The participants were of Colombian nationality who live in a low socioeconomic stratum in an urban area, They congregate in an evangelical Christian church, none of them have a disability. They do not identify with a group ethnic.

SECTION TWO: FRAMING AND DISCUSSION

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Villa Selene is a neighborhood located in the municipality of Soledad-Atlantico, a municipality that faces significant challenges particularly in terms of nutrition and public health due to socioeconomic and environmental characteristics. Poverty is one of the most visible problems in Villa Selene. The lack of formal employment and the limited economic conditions of families affect access to quality food and adequate health services. Often, most people in the community are forced to consume low-cost and low-nutritional value foods, which increases the risk of malnutrition, especially in children and the elderly. Climate change also has a direct impact on local agriculture, with periods of drought followed by heavy rains that hinder food production and generate food insecurity. In addition, environmental pollution, especially that coming from proximity to industrial areas and poor waste management, affects water and air quality, which worsens the health conditions of the inhabitants. During the rainy season, agricultural production can improve, but flooding and lack of adequate infrastructure make access to these foods difficult. During the dry season, the scarcity of local products and the lack of economic resources further limit food options, leading to periods of nutritional deprivation. Malnutrition is therefore a major concern in Villa Selene, with high rates of child malnutrition, especially in children under 5 years of age. The main anxieties arise from the lack of access to healthy and affordable food, especially in low-income families. There is also a fear of diseases related to water and air pollution, which aggravate health problems such as diarrhea, dengue and respiratory infections, which mainly affect children.

PRESENTATION OF THE NUTRITIONAL SITUATION

<https://nutritiondialogues.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Material-PPT-Partes-interesadas-1.pptx>

DISCUSSION

What are our feelings or concerns about nutrition in our community? How do we ensure good nutrition for everyone in our community? What measures might be needed to ensure good nutrition for everyone in our community? Who needs to be involved in order for us to achieve good nutrition for everyone in our community?

SECTION THREE: RESULTS OF THE DIALOGUE

CHALLENGES

Economic difficulties and high cost of food.
Shortages of healthy foods Lack of
information about good nutrition Neglect by some families
to provide healthy foods (they prefer quick and easy - processed foods)

URGENT ACTIONS

Training spaces for the community, families and children on good nutrition
Ensuring that sufficient food is available for vulnerable communities
Aid and support with markets for families in need
Lower the cost of the family basket

AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

None

GENERAL SUMMARY

As part of the debate agenda, participants were able to recognize the importance of addressing nutrition issues at home, in the community, and at school.

Some participants stated that nutritional education is necessary, since many vulnerable families do not have easy access to nutritional education programs or to receive guidance from health professionals that would empower them to make informed decisions about a balanced diet.

Additionally, they discussed the challenges faced by vulnerable communities in accessing fresh, varied and nutritious food and reviewed community opportunities such as vegetable gardens, which help improve the quality of food without depending on the cost of some products.

At the end of the space, it was recognized that these debates allow for increasing awareness and co-responsibility of everyone regarding the importance of having adequate nutrition, promoting changes in eating habits that prevent all types of chronic diseases derived from poor nutrition (obesity, diabetes, hypertension, among others).

SECTION FOUR: PRINCIPLES OF COMMITMENT AND METHOD

PRINCIPLES OF COMMITMENT

Before the space, the participation commitments were socialized: 1. Commit to improving nutrition for all, especially for women and children 2. Recognize that the nutritional status of each person has multiple determinants 3. Welcome the diversity and inclusiveness of multiple stakeholders, including young people 4. Respect different perspectives while fostering trust among stakeholders 5. Be open to sharing and learning from others 6. Act with integrity and in an ethical manner 7. Act with the commitment to defend the equity and rights of all women, men and children 8. Act with urgency 9. Protect the Nutrition Dialogues events from any form of marketing and product promotion

METHOD AND SCENARIO

The group of adults who belong to the religious community Christian Church Camino de Dios was called together and the purpose of the workshop was explained to them. The discussion space was held inside the church temple with the support of leaders. It is a large space with good ventilation.

ADVICE FOR OTHER CONVENTORS

None

FEEDBACK FORM: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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