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DIALOGUE TITLE	Nutritional dialogue with religious leaders in the city of Beni in North Kivu in RDC
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HOST PLACE	Beni, Democratic Republic of the Congo
GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE Beni	North Kivu RDC
AFFILIATIONS	World Vision
EVENT PAGE OF DIALOGUE	https://nutritiondialogues.org/fr/dialogue/59509/



SECTION ONE: PARTICIPATION

TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

30

PARTICIPATION BY AGE GROUP

0 0-11

0 12-18

2 19-29

15 30-49

13 50-74

0 75+

PARTICIPATION BY SEX

8 Female

22 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 Universities

0 Government officials and representatives
local/sous-national

0 Women's Groups

0 Civil society organizations (including
consumer groups and organizations
environmental)

30 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 Businesses

0 United Nations

1 Other (please specify)

OTHER STAKEHOLDER GROUPS

This session was dedicated to leaders of religious denominations based in the city of Beni in the Northern Province Kivu .

ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON PARTICIPANT DIVERSITY

The participants were mainly pastors of the different religious denominations of the city of BENI, women of pastors (ECC, =CBCE, CE 39, CECA 20, Revival Church=AEPU, CHRISCO, EED, MENAR, SENEVE, AUDACIOUS FAITH)

SECTION TWO: FRAMING AND DISCUSSION

MANAGEMENT

The meeting took place at the premises of World Vision Ville de Beni. In eet . the city of Beni, in the province of North Kivu (DRC), is facing a nutritional crisis aggravated by the massive displacement of populations fleeing the clashes between the armed forces and the armed groups M23 and ADF. These movements have caused pressure extreme on urban infrastructure, social services and food resources, exposing children, pregnant and breastfeeding women to severe acute malnutrition.

DISCUSSION

The discussion turned to the question of nutrition. After the introduction of the participants and the prayer, As usual, the speaker of the day presented the problem of malnutrition. This presentation was followed by questions from clarifications to which he responded as well as enrichments given by certain informed participants on this subject This opened the way for crossroads work where the participants, divided into two groups, discussed the plans and actions. urgent in relation to the thorny issue of malnutrition. Towards the end a pooling was made where each group clarified its answers.

SECTION THREE: DIALOGUE RESULTS

CHALLENGES

The dice duly identified by the participants are as follows:

- 1) Saturation of urban health structures: Health centers are overwhelmed and lack trained personnel and nutritional products.
- 2) Persistent insecurity: ADF attacks around Beni are hampering humanitarian access and field work.
- 3) Mass displacement and humanitarian instability - The M23's offensives have caused the displacement of people, a significant number of whom have moved to Beni.
-ADF attacks in Ituri province intensified the crisis, with more than 100 deaths in July followed by a movement of the population towards OICHA.
-These population movements create extreme pressure on urban infrastructure, particularly health centers and social services.
- 5) Disruption of food supply chains: Conflicts have disrupted local markets, blocked roads, and limited access to agricultural areas.

URGENT ACTIONS

In the register of urgent actions to be carried out 1) . Participants identified two main actions:

Strengthening nutritional care - Equipping Outpatient

Nutritional Units - Training health personnel in the early detection and treatment of acute malnutrition.

-Provide essential nutritional inputs: Plumpy'Nut, therapeutic milk F-75/F-100, micronutrients.

2) Targeted food support -

Distribute food to vulnerable households, particularly those with children under 5, pregnant and breastfeeding women.

-Set up school canteens to improve children's nutrition and encourage their education.

-Promote local food crops rich in nutrients (beans, peanuts, sweet potatoes, leafy vegetables).

AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

The divergences were noted on these two reflections:

- Existing structures are already saturated and lack human and material resources.
- Funding is often insufficient or not aligned with local priorities.

GENERAL SUMMARY

The Nutrition Dialogue in Beni, North Kivu, took place within the World Vision office. It is a framework that is familiar to the leaders of religious denominations who gather there sometimes for routine meetings. This time, religious leaders have focused their attention on the issue of malnutrition. In this session of 30 people, this presentation, in addition to the definitional questions of the fight against malnutrition. The context of Beni being both humanitarian and that of development, were more active in this context of blockage due to the activism of the terrorist group ADF which limits access to fields and to other agricultural opportunities and the fight against hunger. This specificity of Beni corroborated the results of the group discussions followed by presentations. Participants noted in conclusion that malnutrition in the city of Beni is a silent emergency that requires a strategic, multi-sectoral and coordinated response. Hence the need to act urgently without waiting for an irreversible deterioration of the nutritional situation in general within the population, and in particular among children and pregnant women.

SECTION FOUR: PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT AND METHOD

PRINCIPLES OF COMMITMENT

As for the principles of engagement, the participants fell back on humanitarian principles to better fit into this theme (humanity, impartiality, neutrality and independence). For them, any engagement based on these principles will have the chance to bear good fruit in a context where the interactions of the actors are often taken at face value.

METHOD AND FRAMEWORK

The methodological approach adopted for this strategy is based on the following principles: Participatory needs analysis: Collection of qualitative and quantitative data from local communities, health structures and humanitarian actors.

TIPS FOR OTHER CONVENERS

Clarify roles and responsibilities • Clearly define who does what in the nutrition response. • Avoid duplication of activities between partners.

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THANKS

Nothing to report

ATTACHMENTS

- Attendance list
<https://nutritiondialogues.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/PRESENCE-DIALOGUE-NUT.pdf>
- Consent Form <https://nutritiondialogues.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/FORMULAIRE-DE-CONSENTEMENT.pdf>