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DIALOGUE TITLE	Zero malnourished children in our community for a better future
DATE OF DIALOGUE	Thursday, September 4, 2025 11:00 GMT +01:00
SUMMONED BY	Other CHIMPINDE Event announced on behalf of the organizer by: {advertiser_name}. {explanation} Feedback posted on behalf of the organizer by: Andre KIMPINDE. Health & Nutrition Specialist
LANGUAGE OF THE EVENT	Lingala, French
HOST PLACE	Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo
GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE	City of Kinshasa, AP of Ngandu
AFFILIATIONS	Representatives of different religious denominations
EVENT PAGE OF DIALOGUE	https://nutritiondialogues.org/fr/dialogue/59823/



SECTION ONE: PARTICIPATION

TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	1
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PARTICIPATION BY AGE GROUP		
0 0-11	0 12-18	8 19-29
14 30-49	8 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 Civil society organizations (including consumer groups and organizations environmental)
1 Educators and Teachers	30 Religious Leaders/Religious Communities
0 Financial institutions and technical partners	0 Food producers (including farmers)
0 Health professionals	0 Indigenous peoples
0 Information and Technology Providers	0 Large food companies and retailers
0 Marketing and Advertising Experts	0 Government officials and representatives national/federal
0 News and Media (e.g. journalists)	0 Parents and Caregivers
0 Science and Universities	0 Small/Medium Businesses
0 Government officials and representatives local/sous-national	0 United Nations
0 Women's Groups	0 Other (please specify)

OTHER STAKEHOLDER GROUPS
This session of nutrition dialogues had as participants only the leaders of religious denominations of the community of Ngandu to discuss with them about malnutrition among children in their community where they live

ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON PARTICIPANT DIVERSITY
With the method of open questions administered to the participants, we gave them an opportunity to speak freely on the problem of child malnutrition in the Ngandu community.

SECTION TWO: FRAMING AND DISCUSSION

MANAGEMENT

It all began with a short prayer, followed by an introduction of all the participants already present, as well as the facilitator. The objective of this dialogue was to discuss with religious leaders before moving on to a definition of key concepts such as nutrition, hunger, good nutrition, and poor nutrition. Participants were also given an overview of malnutrition and hunger in the world, with a much greater emphasis on the context of Menkao. Participants discussed the true realities of this nutrition problem in Menkao, emphasizing that this disease does indeed exist, and many children have even died from it.

PRESENTATION OF THE NUTRITIONAL SITUATION

https://nutritiondialogues.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/FR_Introduction_Nutrition_Slideset_Dr_Ph_2024-5-2.pptx

DISCUSSION

The topic was to identify the real causes of malnutrition in Ngandu but also to present some possible solutions that members of the community can use to stop this disease.

SECTION THREE: DIALOGUE RESULTS

CHALLENGES

Several have been identified, such as unemployment in the community which makes it difficult for heads of households to take care of their children during all months with regard to balanced food, also the lack of certain foods in the markets of the place because the road coming from the shopping centers is no longer in good condition and this leads to an increase in the prices of foods such as flour, oil and fish.

Other causes such as children's illnesses which are poorly treated due to lack of good health centers containing medicines and well-trained staff and these children end up having diarrhea and vomiting, malnutrition

URGENT ACTIONS

As an action to take, the state can take its responsibilities to arrange a good road that will allow food to be transported to the local markets and thus lower prices. It should also invest in the fight against childhood diseases, including malnutrition, especially among children. Also, members of the community should take charge of themselves by raising small livestock or plots of land to have balanced meals in their households.

AREAS OF DIVERGENCE

There were no elements of divergence during the exchanges due to the fact that all the participants reside in the same environment and all experience the same reality of this disease and its causes. All mentioned the same problems and causes for malnutrition not only in children but also in pregnant / breastfeeding women.

GENERAL SUMMARY

Overall, this session went well with open questions to get a general idea of the context of malnutrition within the Ngandu community. And the participants recognized that this disease affects much more children in Ngandu, even leading to death. And this is a major health problem within this community, hence it is very important that each sector of the community can wake up to fight against this childhood disease. And the message is to protect our children against all forms of disease.

SECTION FOUR: PRINCIPLES OF ENGAGEMENT AND METHOD

PRINCIPLES OF COMMITMENT

At the end of this session on nutrition dialogues, all participants committed themselves in spirit and conscience to a single fight from now on: to fight together with their dear ones against all childhood diseases, but much more so against malnutrition. And this through their own means, such as raising awareness about good eating habits, but also about the practice of small-scale livestock farming and plot gardens.

METHOD AND FRAMEWORK

After presenting the causes and a brief overview of malnutrition in the world and in the Nyanu community in the room, all participants were divided into 3 groups to hold focus groups outside the room for 45 minutes. Each group had a rapporteur. The latter, in the room, presented the group's work for amendment.

TIPS FOR OTHER CONVENERS

Our participants mentioned the choice to organize this type of dialogue often because it allows members of my community to identify their own real problems and solutions regarding the malnutrition of their own children.

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THANKS

All participants thanked the organizers of this dialogue, which was very beneficial for religious leaders because it was an opportunity for them to express themselves on the problem of malnutrition in their community.

ATTACHMENTS

- focus group
<https://nutritiondialogues.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/dialogue-2-ngandu.jpeg>