

## Work Programme for the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition 2016-2025

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Question	Response
<p>Does the work programme present a compelling vision for enabling strategic interaction and mutual support across existing initiatives, platforms, forums and programmes, given the stipulation of Res 70/259 that the Decade should be organized with existing institutions and available resources?</p>	<p>There is sufficient overview of the coordination on food systems platforms. However health, sanitation and early child development all of which are essential for improving nutrition outcomes are not sufficiently included in this draft.</p> <p>The nexus between humanitarian and development is also absent and should be better covered.</p>
<p>What are your general comments to help strengthen the presented elements of the first draft work programme of the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition? &amp; How could this draft work programme be improved to promote collective action to achieve the transformational change called for by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the ICN2 outcomes? What is missing?</p>	<p>The current focus of the document is too focused on improving food systems as the solution for improving nutrition outcomes globally. The document would be strengthened by improving its focus on other essential sectors for improving nutrition outcomes including early childhood development, WASH and health.</p> <p>In particular with regards to health there is no mention in this document of the 13 high impact nutrition interventions highlighted by the Lancet 2013 maternal and child nutrition series.</p> <p>Gender vulnerabilities to malnutrition are not highlighted in the document and it would be strengthened by including the impact of gender and gender norms on improving malnutrition.</p> <p>Action 4: trade and investment only focuses on the food system. However trade in other areas is essential for improved nutrition, including health commodities, WASH infrastructure etc. This section is too narrow and should be broadened beyond food commodity.</p> <p>Action 5: could be strengthened by specifying promotion of adoption of the WHO code and baby friendly hospitals initiative.</p> <p>Action 6: Focuses on commitment to funding rather than putting actual budgets in place. This would be improved by being more solid rather than 'commitment' as we have seen examples under the SUN where country nutrition action plans are put in place but not financed at a decentralised level. Also this could link to the World Bank lives saved tool (LiST) which is useful for countries in costing intervention to improve nutrition outcomes.</p>
<p>Do you feel you can contribute to the success of the Nutrition Decade or align yourself with the proposed range of action areas?</p>	<p>Yes, this aligns with GOAL's areas of intervention in nutrition and we would be in a position to support actions as a result of this work programme in our areas of intervention.</p>
<p>Do you have specific comments on the section on accountability and shared learning?</p>	<p>No</p>