

SE02: Diving to the heart of nutrition – The case for integrated public policies

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Description

Tackling malnutrition in its various forms requires interventions across different sectors and systems. Integrating a focus on nutrition outcomes into policy and programmes on other issues, such as health, gender, poverty reduction, agriculture or climate, allows countries to achieve multiple, often interdependent objectives and make the most of limited resources. Increasing access to healthy diets by including a greater focus on nutrition is a priority area of concern for the CFS and its stakeholders. An efficient approach to addressing malnutrition requires comprehensive programmes and coherent public policies that address the different causes of malnutrition. Food systems including supply and demand sides dynamics, as well as the food environment play an important role in this regard, as are other systems and sectors. Taking gender into account is crucial to tackle gender inequalities fuelled by malnutrition.

This complexity can be overwhelming for policymakers and practitioners alike. Both groups look for guidance and recommendations on evidence-based interventions, yet a consensus on what constitutes 'best buys' for nutrition is missing, particularly within agriculture and food systems.

The objective of the event will be to generate a shared understanding of the evidence base of nutrition integration, success stories, identify gaps, and seek to guide CFS member states and other stakeholders in targeting the best approaches to integrate nutrition at the heart of policy and programmes. Synergies of efforts and commitments (such as the G20 Hunger and Poverty Alliance and previous N4G commitments) will be explored.

