

Compact2025 Newsflash

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SOUTH-SOUTH LEARNING TO ACCELERATE PROGRESS

Compact2025 and Mahidol University hosted a South-South learning event in Bangkok, Thailand on June 20-21 to share lessons from the Thai experience in nearly eliminating hunger and undernutrition. The workshop brought together more than 50 stakeholders from government, the private sector, academia, and civil society from Africa and Asia—including from Compact2025 focal countries Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Malawi, and Rwanda. The event was developed in partnership with the Food Security Portal project, and with support of Nourishing Millions and the Asia Roundtable on Food Innovation for Improved Nutrition (AROFIIN).



Multisectoral panel discusses how to accelerate progress

The discussions focused on how to mobilize communities and work together across multiple sectors to for large-scale progress in nutrition. Among the key messages from the workshop were:

- 1. Nutrition efforts must be country-driven
- 2. Research is critical for producing knowledge, research, and policy advice for government
- 3. Community-led mobilization with monitoring and evaluation (M&E), supported by modern and innovative technologies, can improve tracking at all levels
- 4. The private sector can play a key role in supporting nutrition efforts, given the right policy environment
- 5. Mutual learning by bringing together different countries and stakeholders is critical

A meeting synopsis, a case study on Thailand's successes and remaining challenges, and presentations on the current food security and nutrition situation in each country are available on the website.

GLOBAL KNOWLEDGE AND INNOVATION HUB



We launched our <u>News in Brief</u>, a biweekly newsletter on cutting-edge research and innovation, developments in global, regional, and national policies and programs, and timely news and events. Through our continually updated <u>resources hub</u>, we provide curated knowledge on how to accelerate progress toward ending hunger and undernutrition. We are also pleased to announce our <u>Nourishing Millions podcast series</u> of weekly, 11 minute episodes featuring the groundbreaking thinking about nutrition from top policymakers, researchers, and practitioners.

COMING UP: 2017 COUNTRY FORUMS AND 2018 GLOBAL EVENT

To follow up on the Roundtable Discussions held in Focal Countries last year, Compact2025 will hold Forums in Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Malawi and Rwanda in 2017. The meetings will review progress on implementing recommendations emerging from the Roundtable Discussions, discuss new evidence to tackle key problems each country faces, and build momentum for accelerating progress.

Compact2025 is also organizing a global event, proposed to be held in Bangkok in late 2018. We will update you with more information in due course.