

# Voice for Change, Strengthening Food Security through better Evidence and Advocacy





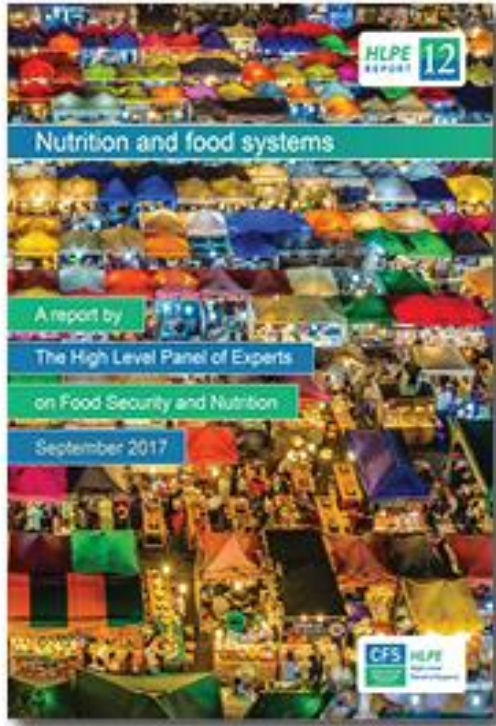
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**Innovative market-based solutions**  
**Bring solutions to scale**  
**Support advocacy for favorable policies**

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# NUTRITION AND FOOD SYSTEMS

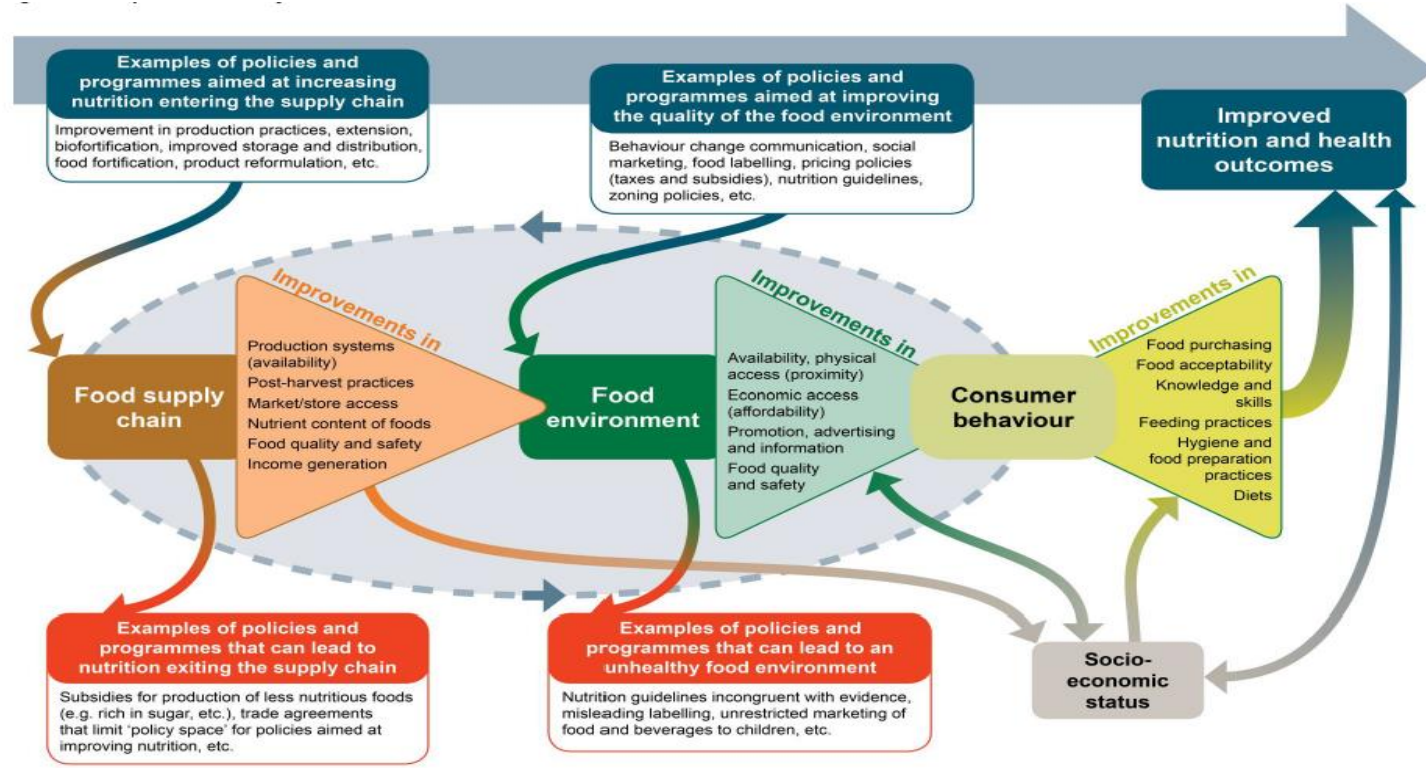


## Radical Transformation Food Systems

- Improve physical and economic access to healthy and sustainable diets
- Strengthen consumers' information and education to enable healthier food choices



# NUTRITION AND FOOD SYSTEMS



Source: HLPE Report 2017 on Nutrition and Food Systems<sup>5</sup>



## Drivers of malnutrition

1. Healthy diverse diets
2. Clean toilets and hand washing
3. Safe child care: breast feeding

## Rwanda status

1. 78% low dietary diversity
2. 23% unimproved facilities
3. 85% breastfed for 6 mnths

# VOICE FOR CHANGE PARTNERSHIP IN A NUTSHELL



- Evidence-based Advocacy -> Enabling Environment
- 4 themes: FNS, RE, WASH & Resilience
- 5 Capabilities
- €35 million for 2016 - 2020
- 6 countries: Burkina Faso, Ghana, Kenya, Rwanda, Indonesia and Honduras

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- Partnership between DGIS, SNV, IFPRI and 50 Civil Society Organisations



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# WHAT WE DO



We strengthen 50 CSOs to:

- voice their views (*by joining meetings, creating alliances, and taking part in negotiations*)
- advocate for changes in the enabling environment (*pro-poor policies, regulations, laws, better services*)



# APPROACH: WHAT IS ON OFFER?

## **Capacity development**



- Training
- On-the-job support and coaching

## **Evidence creation and dissemination**



- (Tailor made) evidence and solutions
- Access to portals and networks

## **Evidence based advocacy**



- Support in design and implementation of CSOs advocacy plans

## 5 CAPABILITIES

THEMATIC  
KNOWLEDGE

USE OF EVIDENCE

ADVOCACY

LEADERSHIP

ORGANISATIONAL  
SUSTAINABILITY

# KEY ELEMENTS ADVOCACY APPROACH

Solution oriented:

- address concrete problems

- propose feasible improvements

Evidence-based:

- both evidence based on practical experience and literature

- sharing access to data and evidence in a transparent way

Collaborative:

- Partnering with Public, Private, CSOs, Research Institutes and other Development Organizations

# RWANDA ADVOCACY FOCUS



## Food Supply Chain

- Promoting investments in fortified food and products
- Nutrition sensitive agricultural value chains

## Food Environment

- Improved coordination and service delivery
- Effective allocation of nutrition resources
- Tracking public expenditure in food and nutrition

## Consumer Behaviour

- Behavior change communication and campaigns on healthy diets, WASH and early child care
- Triggering demand for household dietary diversity

# EXAMPLE BUDGET ALLOCATION AND TRACKING

## The issue

Tracking budget allocations and expenditures towards planned food and nutrition security activities is critical for monitoring government commitments. This provides input for advocacy and accountability (RDO).

## Evidence Work in Progress

Food and Nutrition Sector Budget Allocation and Expenditure Analysis: The case study of MINAGRI, MINISANTE, MINALOC and 6 selected districts (Kamonyi, Huye, Nyamagabe, Nyabihu, Rutsiro and Kicukiro)



# EXAMPLE FORTIFICATION

## The issue

To reduce the prevalence of anaemia, strategies that fill micronutrient gaps such as the use of bio fortified iron beans, micronutrient fortified staple food products or provision of multiple micronutrient supplements are needed (ADECOR, DUHAMIC Adri)

## Evidence Work in Progress

Round table discussion on Food fortification in Rwanda; National Food Fortification Alliance in the process getting an official status and increasing the involvement of the private sector. Review of Micronutrient Fortification and Supplementation Strategies in Rwanda and other Countries.

# EXAMPLE COORDINATION

## The issue

Rwanda has done well in establishing coordination mechanisms and national and district-level plans, however the effective use of these mechanisms and implementation of the plans needs to be improved to optimize the delivery and effectiveness of strategies and combinations of strategies to improve FNS ( Sun alliance, RDO)

## Evidence Work in Progress

Stories of Change-Rwanda: Understanding enabling policy environments for improvements in nutrition . Increased commitment/ political will to address the issue of malnutrition by prioritizing nutrition in district plans and performance contracts.

# KEY ROLES PARTNERS

Partner	Key Roles
Private Sector	Invest and develop innovative business models
Public Sector	Set the rules of the game, the enabling environment
Research and Knowledge	Investigate, develop and disseminate knowledge, availability and use of evidence
Civil Society Organisations	Safeguard inclusion and sustainability, advocacy for inclusive policies, pro poor service delivery and investment by public and private sector

# PRIORITIES COMPACT 2025

- Improve coordination
- Fill data and knowledge gaps
- Strengthen capacity
- Communicate and advocate for better nutrition outcomes
- Enhance successful policies and programs

# CONCLUDING REMARKS

- High level of (global) political will to address nutrition
- Evidence based advocacy key ingredient to achieve FNS, important role of CSOs
- Food supply, food environment and **food consumption**
- Capacity development both technical and non-technical
- Emerging evidence, expand and build on this to advance agenda
- Critical Success Factors for leveraging investment and achieving scale
- Multi-actor collaboration, implementation mechanisms including DPEM





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