Food Systems Dialogues In Yemen

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Culmination of the government’s commitment to the 2021 United Nations Food Systems Summit.

A result of a combination of research, strategies and policies review and the outputs of the national dialogues for the United Nations Food Systems Summit in Yemen held during 2021 and 2022.

The national dialogues focused on the most vital sectors of agriculture, fisheries, industry, education, social protection, water, environment, health and finance.

More focus on the Game-Changers that target a wide scope of the most vulnerable communities.
Food Systems Pathways: Focus

- Rehabilitating/building national systems, by strengthening infrastructure, information, communication, coordination and learning;
- Eradicating hunger in Yemen;
- Raising the demand for healthy and nutritious food, and changing behavior and practices that promote healthy diet;
- Promoting access to nutritious and healthy food, especially for the most vulnerable groups such as women (mothers and adolescents), children and the elderly;
- Promoting food safety, along the value chains of food systems (from seed to fork);
- Increasing the agricultural and fisheries investments: focus on improving the accessibility and availability and reducing food insecurity;
- Empowering the most vulnerable (women and children): demonstrating the long-term impact of improving women’s and children’s health, education, and participation in the economy and society;
- The resilience of food systems in the face of crises;
- Promoting effective integration and coordination through Strategic Development Partnerships between government, local communities and international partners;
- Sustainable funding mechanisms from local and innovative resources.
Health Sector

- Expanding the scope of nutrition interventions in the health sector to include all vulnerable groups;
- Strengthening nutrition interventions in hospitals;
- Building the capacity of the health staff to link nutrition with therapeutic protocols;
- Strengthening food safety interventions, controlling children's food; and
- Promoting environment health interventions.

Fisheries Sector

- A promising sector that can be relied upon to contribute to the revival of the national economy, enhancing food security and raising the level of nutrition in Yemen.
- The government is seeking to implement a package of priorities to increase local production and ensure sustainable livelihoods for fishermen and coastal communities that enable them to recover and be more resilient to resist future economic shocks.
Social Protection Sector

- It pursues policies aimed at integrating a range of nutrition-sensitive programs: enhancing healthy diet practices;
- Review social protection mechanisms;
- To expand the scope of nutrition in schools by expanding the provision of school meals in addition to distributing biscuits to students and providing nutritional supplements for adolescent girls.
- To rehabilitate health facilities in schools, providing safe water and a healthy environment to limit the spread of diseases.

Agricultural Sector

- Increase agricultural growth rates to achieve food and nutritional security;
- Combat poverty through increasing the local production of food commodities for consumption and marketing;
- Ensure sustainable livelihoods for farmers and rural communities with a focus on women;
- Improve and diversify sources of nutrition, increase dependency on natural micronutrients, access to food, and improve the relationship between consumers and food sources;
- Reduce food waste and promote Circular Food Systems for regenerative production.
Sustainable funding for sustainable development

- Review the **current funding mechanisms** and explore options for improving the government entities’ capacities;
- Exploring the **local innovative financing** resources;
- Expand/explore **partnerships** with financial instruments and mechanisms.

- Funding and financing green and circular economy solutions
- Financing for Development
- Regional initiatives
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National Pathways: Transforming Food Systems in Yemen by 2030
Yemen National Food Systems Pathways

**Priority topic 1: Expanding social protection**
1.1 - National Working Group on Social Protection Mechanisms and Zero Hunger
1.2 - National Working Group on Subsidized Bread
1.3 - National Working Group on Domestic Food Industries
1.4 - National Working Group on Home Economics (family and consumer Sciences)

**Priority topic 2: Expanding the scale and quality of agricultural and fishery products**
2.1 - National Working Group to achieve food self-sufficiency
2.2 - National Working Group to Increase Domestic Agricultural Production
2.3 - National Working Group to Support the Agricultural and Fisheries Investment Environment
2.4 - National Working Group for Government Support to Fishermen
2.5 - National Working Group to Support Aquaculture
2.6 - National Working Group for the Protection from Qat’s Effects
2.7 - National Water and Environment Working Group
2.8 - National Working Group on Innovation for Food
**Priority Theme 3:** Providing lifelong nutrition, health education and awareness raising
3.1 - National School Meals Working Group
3.2 - National Hospital Nutrition Working Group
3.3 - The Higher National Committee for Awareness of Healthy Diet
3.4 - National Working Group on Healthy Diet for Children and All

**Priority Theme 4:** Ensuring food safety from a multisectoral perspective
4.1 - National Food Safety Regulatory Committee;
4.2 - National Working Group for the Control and Use of Agricultural Pesticides and fertilizers

**Priority Theme 5:** Building strategic collaboration and partnerships across sectors and multiple stakeholders
5.1 - Food Policies Dialogue Forums (Food Security Secretariat)

**Priority Theme 6:** Scaling up the National Readiness for Positive Transformations and Responding to Emergencies and Shocks
6.1 Working Group on Building National Capacity to Respond to Emergencies and Shocks

**Priority Theme 7:** Sustainable financing for comprehensive and sustainable development
7.1 - National Working Group to Ensure Sustainable Financing Mechanisms for Comprehensive Development
Taking The National Pathways Forward

**Ambitions**

- Operationalize the National Working Groups;
- Develop action plans to realize the strategic objectives of the National Working Groups;
- Embed the outputs into the national and sectoral plans;
- Create linkages with the humanitarian-development-peace nexus;
- Resource mobilization efforts.

**Required Support by Donors**

- Support the operationalization process of the National Working Groups;
- Align support with the national action plans to realize the strategic objectives of the National Working Groups;
- Support the linkages between the national pathways and the humanitarian-development-peace nexus efforts;
- Support joint initiatives relevant to the national pathways;
- Link the Food Systems Pathways to the **Global Framework For Financing Sustainable Development**;
- Support peer-to-peer learning.
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Opportunities

▪ The existence of the national pathways;
▪ The political support at national levels;
▪ The strong relevance of these pathways to people’s needs and aspirations;
▪ National pathways are part of the global momentum which gives them acceptance among the different stakeholders;
▪ The global initiatives linked to the food systems pathways...

Challenges

▪ Competing national pathways for limited resources;
▪ Ambitious pathways;
▪ Limited buy-in by stakeholders – requires more sectoral advocacy at the national level.
Thank you ☺