



2024 GLOBAL FOOD POLICY REPORT

Improving Food Systems for Healthy Diets and Nutrition in Nigeria: *Policies and Actions*

JULY 25, 2024 / 10:00AM - 1:30PM WAT



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Special Event

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The Nigeria presentation of IFPRI's 2024 Global Food Policy Report

Thursday, July 25, 2024 / 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM Nigeria Time

*In person participation: Ballroom, Fraser Suites, 294 Leventis Close, CBD, Abuja, Nigeria
Livestreaming will be available on this page on the day of the event.*

Despite significant progress in addressing hunger, malnutrition remains a major challenge in all regions of the world. Unhealthy diets are a major driver of all forms of malnutrition, including undernutrition, overweight and obesity, and micronutrient deficiencies, as well as diet-related noncommunicable diseases. Worldwide, as many as 3 billion people cannot afford a healthy diet. The imperative to transform our food systems to ensure sustainable healthy diets for all has never been stronger; meaningful change will require that we deploy high-impact, evidence-based solutions in context-specific ways that are adaptable, dynamic, and equitable.

In Nigeria, the complexities of food and nutrition security are further heightened by economic conditions, food systems, climate variability, and societal norms that influence diets. While Nigeria has abundant agricultural resources, it still faces challenges in ensuring food and nutrition security for its population. Many Nigerians, across income groups and in both rural and urban areas, do not consume an adequate and nutritious diet.

[IFPRI's 2024 Global Food Policy Report on Food Systems for Healthy Diets and Nutrition](#) presents policy and governance solutions to strengthen diet quality and nutrition in low- and middle-income countries and examines priorities for future research on food systems for better nutrition. Drawing on a substantial body of research on diets, agriculture, and food systems from IFPRI and CGIAR, in partnership with colleagues around the world, the report emphasizes the critical need to focus on diets that benefit both people and the planet. It explores how demand-side approaches can support healthy dietary choices, the need to invest in improving affordability, and ways to strengthen food environments to support healthy diets. The report also highlights supply-side ways to improve diets, including increasing consumption of fruits and vegetables and assessing the role of animal-source foods, and discusses how effective governance can help achieve change. For each of the world's major regions, the report identifies critical challenges and opportunities for contextually relevant actions to deliver healthy diets and nutrition for all.

Please join us for the Nigeria presentation of the Report jointly organized by IFPRI-Nigeria and the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) on July 25, 2024, in Abuja, Nigeria, in person or virtually!

To register for in-person participation, please contact Omobolanle Onilogbo (o.onilogbo@cgiar.org) and Olutayo Toromade (otoromade@gainhealth.org)

AGENDA

Event Moderators:

Omobolanle Onilogbo, Communications Specialist, IFPRI-Nigeria
&
Joyce Akpata, Head, Policy, Advocacy and Communications, GAIN, Nigeria

9:00 – 9:50 am

Arrival & Coffee

OPENING

9:50 – 10:00 AM Introduction **Joyce Akpata and Omobolanle Onilogbo**
10:00 – 10:10 am Welcome Remarks **Kwaw Andam**, Country Program Leader, IFPRI-Nigeria
Michael Ojo, Country Director, GAIN, Nigeria

PRE-LAUNCH PRESENTATIONS

10:10 – 10:25 am Data to Promote Improved Food Systems in Nigeria **Michael Ojo**, Country Director, GAIN, Nigeria
10:25 – 10:35 am Agrifood System Diagnostic Studies in Delta and Kano States, Nigeria **Timothy Oni**, NISER, Ibadan
10:35 – 10:45 am Impacts of fuel subsidy reform in Nigeria **Kwaw Andam**, Country Program Leader, IFPRI-Nigeria

2024 GLOBAL FOOD POLICY REPORT (GFPR) LAUNCH

10:45 – 11:00 am Report Introduction and High-level Overview **Purnima Menon**, Senior Director, Food and Nutrition Policy, IFPRI

IFPRI'S 2024 GLOBAL FOOD POLICY REPORT (GFPR) – A Synopsis

11:00 – 11:10 am Africa Chapter Presentations **Hyacinth Edeh**, Country Program Manager, IFPRI-Nigeria
11:10 – 11:20 am on Report Chapters **Purnima Menon**, Senior Director, Food and Nutrition Policy, IFPRI

REMARKS

11:20 am – 11:50 am **Uche Amaonwu**, Country Director, BMGF, Nigeria (*tbc*)
Dr. Kingsley Chinyere Uzoma, Senior Special Assistant to President on Agribusiness and Productivity Enhancement
Mr. Temitope Fashedemi, Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (*tbc*)
Distinguished Senator Mustapha Salihu, Chairman, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Production Services and Rural Development, Nigeria (*tbc*)
Senator Dr. Aliyu Sabi Abdullahi, Honourable Minister of State, Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security
Executive Governor, Adamawa State, His Excellency, Ahmadu Umaru Fintiri

GROUP PHOTO

PANEL DISCUSSION & Q&A: Improving Diets and Nutrition in Nigeria

12:10 – 12:25 pm **Setting the Scene: Nutritional Status in Nigeria: Regional Disparities, Government Investment Impact, and Comparative Insights with Bangladesh (2008-2018)**
Presenter: **Mulubrhan Amare**, Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI
Panel Session and Open Discussion with Participants
Nuhu Kilishi, Director, Nutrition and Food Safety Department, Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (FMAFS)
12:25 – 1:20 pm **Ladi Bako Aiyegbusi**, Director, Nutrition Department, Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare (FMHSW)
Mercy Lungaho, Lead – Food Security, Nutrition and Health Program, IITA, Nigeria
Abass Yusuf, Deputy Country Director, GAIN, Nigeria
Moderator: **Temi Adegoroye**, Managing Partner, Sahel Consulting

CLOSING

1:20 – 1:30pm **Michael Ojo**, Country Director, GAIN, Nigeria
Aline Mugisho, CGIAR Country Convener, IITA

1:30pm **Lunch and Departure**