



Regional conference on Home-Grown School Feeding (HGSF)

Summary Agenda

May 21-23, 2024

Success Outcomes aligned with the HGSF Conference Objectives:

1. Ensure Financing for HGSF Initiatives:

- **Concrete Outcome:** Each participating country should develop a clear plan for accurate costing and financing mechanisms for their national commitments to HGSF initiatives.
- **Expected Result:** A commitment from governments to develop funding strategies based on available financing opportunities from International Financial Institutions (IFIs) and other donors.

2. Showcase Best Practices and models:

- **Concrete Outcome:** Identification and dissemination of successful examples and experiences on strengthened policy and institutional framework for school feeding, and improved programme design quality for HGSF initiatives.
- **Expected Result:** Governments should adopt or adapt best practices and models shared during the conference, with plans for implementation evident in their action plans.

3. Support Knowledge Exchange and Monitoring:

- **Concrete Outcome:** Establishment of knowledge-sharing platforms and robust monitoring mechanisms.
- **Expected Result:** Clear plans and commitments from governments to foster knowledge exchange through CERFAM platform and in coordination with ECOWAS and CERFAM; establish monitoring mechanisms, with identified responsible parties and timelines for implementation.

Synthesis of countries' national commitments:

- **Financial commitments:** 55% of countries have committed to increasing financial resources or creating a budget line for a school feeding programmes.



- **Coverage commitments:** 90% of countries have committed to significantly increasing the coverage of their school feeding programs by 2030.
- **Programme Design commitments:** All countries have committed to improving the quality and effectiveness of their school feeding programmes by scaling up Home-grown school feeding, to promote school canteens using locally produced food. They also aim to optimize the quality of menus and to provide schoolchildren with an integrated package of nutrition, health, and hygiene services.
- **Policy commitments:** 9 of the 11 countries (82%) that have made commitments aim to strengthen the legal framework around school feeding by adopting, revising, or implementing a school feeding law, policy, or strategy.
- **Advocacy commitments:** 4 countries highlighted in their commitments, advocacy efforts toward communities, municipalities, civil society, and donors to promote and ensure strong ownership of school feeding programmes.
- **Institutional commitments:** 7 countries (64%) are willing to reinforce the institutional and governance framework around school feeding programmes, by strengthening the capacities of relevant stakeholders that oversee the programme implementation and by setting up/ revitalizing multi sectoral coordination mechanisms.

Summary of the agenda for Day 1 to Day 3: This summary-level agenda outlines the main themes and activities for each day of the conference.

Day 1: May 21, 2024 - Financing National Commitments to HGSF Initiatives

- Morning: Opening remarks, Presentation of evidence from publications and panel discussions on HGSF landscape analysis and financing mechanisms.
- Afternoon: Panel Discussions on role and strategies of multi-partners in financing school meals, and another on financing tools and mechanisms available to governments.
- Evening: Networking reception.

Day 2: May 22, 2024 - Strengthening the policy and institutional framework and improving quality programming of HGSF initiatives.

- Morning: Panel discussions “Moving from policy to laws and national budget allocations”, followed by country working sessions on coordination mechanisms for HGSF: Multi sectoral coordination mechanism, coordination between government and partners.



- Afternoon: Panel discussions and working sessions on Programme design: Showcasing Best Practices, models, and Innovation.
- Evening: Free

Day 3: May 23, 2024 - Knowledge Exchange and Support offerings to governments

- Morning: Workshops on knowledge exchange platforms and support offerings to governments.
- Afternoon: Closing session with summaries of conference proceedings, interactive discussions, adoption of conference declaration, and vote of thanks.



ECOWAS HGSF Detailed Agenda – May 21-23, 2024

Detailed Agenda for Day 1 to Day 3

Day 1: May 21, 2024 - Financing Costed Commitments to HGSF Initiatives

- **Registration and Breakfast (8:00 AM - 9:00 AM):**
 - Format: Informal Networking
 - Activity: Participants arrive, register, and network over breakfast.
- **Opening Remarks and Speeches (9:00 AM – 10:00 AM):**
 - Format: Speeches
 - Activity: Welcome address and keynote speeches by ECOWAS Commissioners, WFP representatives and African Union, host government (Senegal). Announcement of National Commitments by a Commissioner.
- **Coffee break & Photos (10:00 AM - 10:30 AM):**
 - Format: Informal Networking
 - Activity: Refreshments and networking opportunity.
- **Presentation of Evidence from Publications (10:30 AM - 12:00 PM):**
 - Format: Presentations followed by Q&A
 - Activity:
 - Presentation on HGSF and Q&A
 - Presentation on Financing and Q&A
- **Lunch Break (12:00 PM - 1:30 PM):**
 - Format: Informal Networking
 - Activity: Lunch and networking opportunity.
- **Panel Discussion on the Role of IFIs and Other Financing Mechanisms (1:30 PM - 3:00 PM):**
 - Format: Panel Discussion on role and strategies of multi-partners in Financing (Govts., IFIs, Donors, Sustainable Financing Initiative)
 - Activity:
 - Moderated panel discussion on the role and strategies of IFIs and other financing partners.
 - Q&A



- **Coffee break (3:00 PM – 3:30 PM):**
 - Format: Informal Networking
 - Activity: Refreshments and networking opportunity.
- **Afternoon Session: Financing Mechanisms and Alignment (3:30 PM - 5:00 PM):**
 - Format: Panel Discussion on financing tools and mechanisms available to governments.
 - Activity:
 - Moderated panel discussion on the tools and financing mechanism available to governments (identify best practices and limitations of existing mechanisms).
 - Q&A
- **Day 1 Close (5:00 PM - 5:30 PM):**
 - Activity: Emcee summary remarks of Day 1 and preview of Day 2
- **Evening Reception/Cocktail Event (6:00 PM onwards):**
 - Format: Networking Reception
 - Activity: Informal networking and socializing.

Key Outcomes:

- Presentation of findings from landscape analysis and publications.
- In-depth discussions on financing mechanisms and alignment with national commitments.
- Identification of key challenges and opportunities in HGSF financing.
- Networking opportunities to foster collaboration and partnerships.

Day 2: May 22, 2024 – Strengthening the policy and institutional framework and improving quality programming of HGSF initiatives

- **Morning Session: Policy “Moving from policy to laws and national budget allocations” (9:00 AM - 10:00 AM):**
 - Format: Interactive panel discussion
 - Activity:



- Moderated panel discussion with countries and parliamentarians
- Q&A
- **Coffee break (10:00 AM - 10:30 AM):**
 - Format: Informal Networking
 - Activity: Refreshments and networking opportunity.
- **Institutional coordination (10:30 AM - 12:30 PM):**
 - Format: Country working sessions
 - Activity: introduction, working session, report out.
 - Group discussions will be focused on:
 - What are the existing coordination mechanisms for HGSF: Multi sectoral coordination mechanism, coordination between government and partners.
 - What works well in terms of coordination?
 - What are the challenges?
 - Country plans to address coordination challenges.
- **Lunch Break (12:00 PM - 1:00 PM):**
 - Format: Informal Networking
 - Activity: Lunch and networking opportunity.
- **Afternoon Session: Designing nutrition sensitive HGSF programmes (1:00 PM - 2:30 PM):**
 - Format: Brief presentation followed by panel discussion
 - Activity:
 - Brief presentation on guidance for nutrition sensitive HGSF (AUDA-NEPAD tbc)
 - Interactive panel discussion on best practices and innovative models (Senegal, Ghana & Mali).
- **Coffee break (2:30 PM - 3:00 PM):**
 - Format: Informal Networking
 - Activity: Refreshments and networking opportunity.



- **Afternoon Session: Identifying challenges across the HGSF value chain and solutions to address them (3:00 PM - 5:00 PM):**
 - Format: panel discussion and working groups
 - Activity: Countries present in a panel their experience on challenges they face across the value chain. Countries working sessions to reflect on their own challenges and on solutions. Recommendations from AUDA-NEPAD.
- **Day 2 Close (5:00 PM - 5:30 PM):**
 - Activity: Emcee summary remarks of Day 2 and preview of Day 3
- **Evening: Free (6:00 PM onwards):**

Key Outcomes:

- Active involvement of children in HGSF initiatives.
- Sharing of best practices and institutional models.
- Identification of success factors and strategies for overcoming implementation barriers.

Day 3: May 23, 2024 - Knowledge Exchange and Support Offerings to governments

- **Morning Session: Knowledge Exchange Platforms (9:00 AM - 10:30 AM):**
 - Format: Presentation and workshop
 - Activity:
 - Presentation by GCNF on global survey
 - Workshop on establishing knowledge-sharing platforms.
 - Discussion on monitoring mechanisms.
- **Coffee break (10:30 AM - 11:00 AM):**
 - Format: Informal Networking
 - Activity: Refreshments and networking opportunity.
- **Morning Session: Support Offerings to Governments (11:00 AM - 12:30 PM):**
 - Format: Roundtable Discussion
 - Activity:
 - Roundtable discussion on support offerings to governments.



- **Lunch Break (12:30 PM – 2:00 PM):**
 - Format: Informal Networking
 - Activity: Lunch and networking opportunity.
- **Afternoon Session: Closing session (2:00 PM – 4:00 PM):**
 - Format: Closing Speeches followed by Interactive Discussions
 - Activity:
 - Summary of conference proceedings.
 - Interactive discussions and reflections on key takeaways.
 - Opportunities for attendees to share commitments or action plans.
 - Adoption of conference declaration.
 - Vote of thanks.

Key Outcomes:

- Establishment of knowledge-sharing platforms and monitoring mechanisms.
- Development of advocacy strategies and strengthened partnerships.
- Adoption of conference declaration and commitment to action plans.
- Reflection on conference proceedings and key takeaways for future action.